

EPIC•MRA STATEWIDE POLL OF ACTIVE GENERAL ELECTION VOTERS – APRIL 2015
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Polling Dates: April 25th through April 28th, 2015

Conducted by live callers -- 20% cell phones

**__02. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rick Snyder? [IF FAVORABLE/
UNFAVORABLE, ASK: “Would that be very or generally?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

21%	Very favorable
27%	Somewhat favorable
48%	TOTAL FAVORABLE
36%	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE
16%	Somewhat unfavorable
20%	Very unfavorable
16%	Undecided/Refused

__03. Overall, how would you rate the job being done by Rick Snyder as Michigan’s Governor – would you give him a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

12%	Excellent
40%	Pretty good
52%	TOTAL POSITIVE
47%	TOTAL NEGATIVE
30%	Just fair
17%	Poor
1%	Undecided/Refused

__04. How would you rate the job being done by the Michigan Legislature, including both the Michigan House of Representatives and Michigan Senate – would you offer a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

1%	Excellent
26%	Pretty good
27%	TOTAL POSITIVE
67%	TOTAL NEGATIVE
34%	Just fair
33%	Poor
7%	Undecided/Refused

__10. Overall, how would you rate the condition of roads and bridges in Michigan – are they in excellent condition, pretty good condition, only fair condition or poor condition?

- 1% Excellent condition
- 4% Good condition
- 29% Only fair condition
- 67% Poor condition
- 0% Undecided/Refused

__11. If Proposal 1 is rejected by voters, should Governor Snyder and the Michigan Legislature begin to work immediately on an alternative plan to provide the funding needed to fix the roads, or, should they work on addressing other issues instead and do nothing on a road funding plan at this time?

- 87% Immediately begin working on an alternative road funding plan
- 11% Should work on other issues instead/do nothing on road funding at this time – **GO TO Q.13**
- 2% Undecided/Refused

__12. How important is it for Governor Snyder and the Michigan Legislature to develop an alternative road funding plan as soon as possible -- is it essential, very important but not essential, somewhat important or not important at all?

- 47% Essential
- 34% Very important but not essential
- 7% Somewhat important
- 1% Not important at all
- 11% Undecided/Refused

__13. Because it is required by state law, Michigan uses about one of every 10 gasoline tax dollars to help pay for mass transit, local dial-a-ride services, maintenance of harbors, improving rail service and to pay for bike and hiking trails. Should Michigan continue using gas taxes to pay for these other transportation infrastructures, or should they not be paid for and allowed to deteriorate?

- 64% Yes, gasoline taxes should continue to be used to pay for all transportation infrastructure
- 21% No, Michigan cannot afford to spend gas tax dollars on these services
- 5% Combination (**VOLUNTEERED**)
- 0% Undecided/Refused

__14. Governor Snyder, the Michigan Legislature, and experts in the field of road improvement planning estimate that Michigan needs to invest at least \$1.2 to \$1.3 billion dollars more per year to make needed repairs to Michigan's roads and bridges. To come up with that amount of additional funding for roads, do you think it will be necessary to raise state taxes, fees, or both as part of any road funding plan, or, do you think Governor Snyder and Michigan Legislature can raise the needed funding just by cutting existing state programs and services?

- 35% It will be necessary to raise state taxes, fees or both
- 37% Funding can be raised just by cutting existing state programs and services
- 10% Combination of both cuts and new taxes (**VOLUNTEERED**)
- 18% Undecided/Refused

Now I would like to describe several specific ideas and proposals that have been discussed as ways to raise the \$1.2 to \$1.3 billion dollars per year to fund transportation improvements. For each proposal I describe, please tell me if you favor or oppose each one. The **(First/Next)** proposal is...

[ROTATE (Q.17/Q.18) AND (Q.19 TO Q.22)]

__17. [One/Another] possibility would be to increase the state sales tax by one penny (the first sales tax increase in 21 years) and specify in the constitution that all new revenues from the penny increase must go to roads, bridges and transportation. **IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK:** "Would that be strongly or somewhat?" **AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

- 37% Strongly favor
- 27% Somewhat favor
- 64% TOTAL FAVOR**
- 32% TOTAL OPPOSE**
- 9% Somewhat oppose
- 23% Strongly oppose
- 4% Undecided/Refused

__18. [One/Another] way to fund transportation improvements would be to raise the 19-cents per gallon state gas tax for the first time in 18 years. Raise it by 11 cents a year for each of the next 3 years, and then tie its growth to inflation, and also raise annual vehicle registration fees for passenger and commercial vehicles, including heavy trucks. Would you favor or oppose this proposal? **[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK:** "Would that be strongly or somewhat?" **AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

- 12% Strongly favor
- 15% Somewhat favor
- 27% TOTAL FAVOR**
- 66% TOTAL OPPOSE**
- 15% Somewhat oppose
- 51% Strongly oppose
- 7% Undecided/Refused

INTRO TO Q.19 THROUGH Q.22 [One/Another] proposal to raise \$1.3 billion dollars more per year for Michigan’s roads and bridges would be for Governor Snyder and the Legislature to make deep spending cuts in other state programs and services. To raise that much revenue, deep cuts would have to be made to Michigan’s budget and there only a few areas where enough money can be found to make a difference. Would you favor or oppose . . . [IF FAVOR/OPPPOSE, ASK: “Would that be strongly or somewhat?” **AND CODE BEST RESPONSE**]

	[ROTATE Q.19 THROUGH Q.22]	STRG FAVOR	TOTAL FAVOR	TOTAL OPPOSE	STRG OPPOSE	UND D/K
19.	Major cuts in K-12 education and schools to pay for roads?	3%	9%	88%	74%	3%
20.	Major cuts in support for health care for low-income women, children, the disabled and senior citizens to pay for roads?	3%	11%	86%	74%	3%
21.	Major cuts in support for Michigan’s universities and community colleges to pay for roads?	11%	31%	63%	47%	6%
22.	Major cuts in state support for revenue sharing that local governments use to pay for local police and firefighters to pay for roads?	6%	20%	76%	59%	4%

__23. Thinking about the four potential alternatives to funding road and bridge repair in Michigan that I just read to you, which one would you prefer the *most*? [**READ AND ROTATE 1 THROUGH 4**]

37%	Increasing the state sales tax by 1 penny, from 6 to 7 cents on the dollar, and guarantee in the constitution that all of the funding must go to transportation, roads and bridges
10%	Raising the gasoline tax by 11 cents a gallon per year for the next three years and limit future increases to the rate of inflation or 5%, whichever is less.
12%	Making deep budget cuts in other state programs, including funding for public schools, universities and community colleges, healthcare, and local police and firefighters
0%	A combination of the alternatives -- VOLUNTEERED [ASK: “But if you could only choose just one of the alternatives I just read, which one would you choose?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]
17%	Undecided/Refused

__24. The state Legislature generally takes a summer recess and does not meet during most of the summer months. The Governor has the power to call a “special session” of the Legislature, keeping lawmakers at work and in session for a specified period of time to address a specific issue. If Governor Snyder called a special summer session of the Legislature to keep lawmakers at work until they pass a proposal to approve of a plan to fund road improvements, would you favor or oppose that action by the Governor? **[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK: “Would that be strongly or somewhat?” AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

70%	Strongly favor
15%	Somewhat favor
85%	TOTAL FAVOR
12%	TOTAL OPPOSE
5%	Somewhat oppose
7%	Strongly oppose
3%	Undecided/Refused

__30. Based on your personal experience or what you know or have heard or read, do you support or oppose the efforts of the Tea Party movement? **[IF SUPPORT OR OPPOSE, ASK: ‘Do you strongly or somewhat (SUPPORT/OPPOSE) the Tea Party movement?’ AND CODE BEST RESPONSE]**

12%	Strongly supports Tea Party movement
18%	Somewhat supports Tea Party movement
30%	SUPPORTS TEA PARTY MOVEMENT
45%	OPPOSES TEA PARTY MOVEMENT
11%	Somewhat opposes Tea Party movement
34%	Strongly opposes Tea Party movement
25%	Undecided/Refused

__37. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a Republican or a Democrat?

(IF DEM) Do you consider yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat?

(IF INDEP) Do you consider yourself closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?

(IF REP) Do you consider yourself a strong Republican or not a very strong Republican?

20%	Strong Democrat	
8%	Not Strong Democrat	
12%	Independent-Lean Democrat	40% DEMOCRAT
20%	Independent	
12%	Independent-Lean Republican	
8%	Not Strong Republican	
18%	Strong Republican	38% REPUBLICAN
0%	Other	
2%	Undecided/Refused	22% INDEPENDENT & OTHER