

Survey of Likely November 2026 Voters 9-County Bay Area, CA Hybrid Email-/Text-to-Web/Live Telephone Survey Conducted October 16 – 31, 2023 n=2,700; Overall Margin of Error <u>+</u>1.89 percentage points EMC Research #23-9067

All numbers in this document represent percentage (%) values, unless otherwise noted. Please note that due to rounding, percentages may not add up to exactly 100%.

Where applicable, results are compared with: *Survey of Registered Voters* 9-County Bay Area, CA March 14 – 23, 2023 n=1800; MoE: <u>+</u>2.31 *EMC* #23-8832

SPLIT SAMPLE FOR BALLOT QUESTIONS: (sample size per split = 900n; MoE: <u>+</u>3.27)

- 1. A: [Half-cent Sales Tax]
- 2. B: [Income Tax]
- 3. C: [Payroll Tax]

GREETING: Hello, my name is _____, may I speak with (NAME ON LIST)?

INTERVIEWER: NOL ONLY

INTRO: Hello, my name is _____, and I'm conducting a survey for _____ to find out how people feel about issues in the Bay Area. We are not trying to sell anything and are collecting this information on a scientific and completely confidential basis.

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1.	Are you registered to vote in (INSERT COUNTY FROM SAMPLE)?		
	Yes	100	100
	No → TERMINATE	-	-
	(Don't know/Refused) → TERMINATE	-	-

2. Do you feel that things in the Bay Area are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

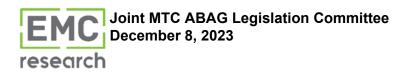
Right direction	39	33
Wrong track	54	62
(Don't know/Refused)	8	5

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3. What do you think is the most important problem facing the Bay Area today? **(OPEN ENDED QUESTION; VERBATIMS CODED INTO CATEGORIES BELOW)**

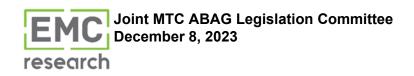
Crime/Drugs	16	27
Homelessness	24	25
Affordable housing	10	18
Cost of living	9	10
Partisanship/Government	4	4
Jobs/Economy	5	3
Traffic/Congestion	3	2
Road repairs/Infrastructure	2	1
Public transit	0	1
Climate change/Environment	3	0
Other	12	9
None/Don't know/No opinion	2	1



4INT. On a scale from 1 to 7 where 1 is not at all concerned and 7 is extremely concerned, how concerned are you about each of the following in the Bay Area?

	Not at all	concerned				Extremely	concerned	(Don't	
SCALE:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	know)	Mean
RANDOMIZ	E)								
4. Traff	ic								
Oct. '23	4	5	12	18	21	15	24	0	4.88
Mar. '23	4	6	10	18	22	14	25	0	4.92
5. The l	ocal econ	omy							
Oct. '23	3	6	10	16	21	16	28	0	5.05
Mar. '23	3	5	8	17	21	14	30	1	5.13
5. The	overall qua	ality of publ	ic transit						
Oct. '23	8	7	13	18	21	13	17	2	4.48
Mar. '23	8	8	12	18	20	13	19	3	4.51
7. The	condition	of streets a	nd roads						
Oct. '23	2	7	10	17	23	17	24	0	4.97
Mar. '23	2	5	10	15	22	15	32	0	5.21
3. Gree	nhouse ga	as emissions	s and climat	e change					
Oct. '23	14	7	8	11	15	14	30	1	4.70
Mar. '23	13	6	7	13	17	12	31	1	4.77
). Hom	elessness								
Oct. '23	1	1	2	5	10	17	63	0	6.25
Mar. '23	2	1	3	6	12	17	60	0	6.14
10. Publ	ic safety								
Oct. '23	1	3	7	11	17	15	45	0	5.64
Mar. '23	2	4	7	13	18	15	41	0	5.48
L1. The a	affordabili	ty of housir	ng						
Oct. '23	4	2	5	8	11	14	55	0	5.83
Mar. '23	4	2	4	7	13	14	55	0	5.86

(END RANDOMIZE)



12. Do you feel there is a need for additional money to address transportation in the Bay Area? Please tell me if you think there is a great need for more money, some need for more money, little need for more money, or no real need for more money to improve transportation.

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Great need	29	27
Some need	35	38
Little need	13	15
No real need	20	18
(Don't know/Refused)	3	1

13. There may be a measure on a future ballot in the Bay Area that reads:

To improve safety and cleanliness on BART and other local public transit; reduce Bay Area traffic; expand and improve bus, BART, light rail, ferry and train service reliability and convenience; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; repair potholes; make transit easier and more affordable to use and make streets safer for walking and biking,

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(ASK IF SPLIT = C) [Payroll Tax] ... shall the measure enacting a payroll tax of 0.36% for 30 years generating approximately \$1 billion annually, subject to oversight and audits, be adopted?

If the election were held today, would you vote yes to approve or no to reject this measure?

	<u>Sales</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Payroll</u>
	Tax	Tax	<u>Tax</u>
Yes	54	50	54
(Lean Yes)	1	1	1
No	44	47	44
(Lean No)	0	1	1
(Undecided/Don't know/Not sure)	1	1	1
Total Yes	55	51	55
Total No	44	48	44

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- 14INT. Now I'd like to ask you some more questions about public transit in the Bay Area meaning BART, buses, light rail, Caltrain, SMART train, and ferries.
- 14. How important would you say public transit is for the Bay Area? Please use a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 means not at all important and 7 means very important.

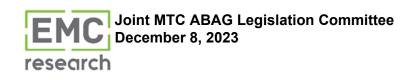
Mean	5.83	5.68
(Don't know/Refused)	1	0
7 – Very important	51	47
6	15	15
5	15	16
4	9	12
3	4	4
2	2	3
1 – Not at all important	3	3

15. In general, would you say you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of public transit in the Bay Area?

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Strongly favorable		17	13
Somewhat favorable		38	40
Somewhat unfavorable		27	30
Strongly unfavorable		16	16
(Don't know)		2	1

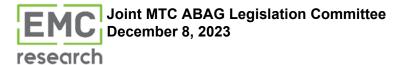
16. Thinking about public transit in the Bay Area, please indicate which of the following statements is closer to your opinion.

We need to reduce public transit service now that that fewer people		
are using it by cutting routes, reducing frequency, and shortening	10	14
service hours.		
We need to maintain the public transit service we have in order to make sure it is there for people who depend on it.	87	83
(Both)	1	1
(Neither)	1	1
(No response/Refused)	1	1



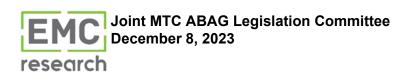
17INT. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following statements.

SCAL	Strongly .E: agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	(Don't know)	Total Agree	Total Disagree
RAND	OMIZE)						
L7.	We need stable, lo	ong-term funding	for public transi	t in the Bay Are	a, even if it me	eans raising t	taxes
	28	29	17	25	1	57	43
.8.	We need significa	nt improvements	to public transit	in the Bay Area	, even if it me	ans raising ta	axes
	24	30	18	27	1	54	45
.9.	We need to addre	ss climate change	e in our transport	tation future, e	ven if it means	s raising taxe	S
	31	25	15	29	1	56	43
END R	ANDOMIZE)						
ranspo	I'm going to read y ortation measure. A 7, where 1 means r Not at all a p	After each one, pl not at all a priorit	ease rate how m	uch of a priorit [,] very high prior	y that item is t	o you, using	a scale
SCAL	.E: 1	2 3	4	5 6	7	know)	Mea
RAND 0.	OMIZE) Expanding BART, t	train, ferry, light r	ail, and bus servi	ce to better co	nnect commut	ers and	
	communities acro	•					
	8	4 7	10	16 13		0	5.27
1.	Making BART, trai 4	ns, ferries, light r 3 4	ail, and buses saf 9	er, more reliab 16 1		and connect 0	ted 5.66
2					5 45	0	5.0
2.	Improving safety a 3	and cleanliness of 2 4	1 BART and other	17 1 [°]	7 45	0	5.6
3.	Expanding access					Ū	
5.	15	5 8	14	18 14	4 25	1	4.56
24.	Avoiding cuts to c including low-inco	-				who rely on	it,
	6	3 5	10	14 1 [°]		0	5.52
	Creating a seamle	ss Bav Area trans	it network. with	coordinated fai	es. routes. sch	nedules. and	signage
25.	0	-		17 19		1	5.35
25.	6	3 5	12	1/ 1.		—	1
	6 Repairing pothole easier and safer fo	s, repaving roads	, and improving s	idewalks and b			
	Repairing pothole	s, repaving roads	, and improving s	idewalks and b	ike lanes to m		
25. 26. 27.	Repairing pothole easier and safer for	s, repaving roads or drivers, bicyclis 2 4	, and improving s its, and pedestria 10	sidewalks and b ins 19 1!	ike lanes to m Ə 43	ake getting a 0	around



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	Not at all a	priority				Very hi	gh priority	(Don't	
SCAL	E: 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	know)	Mean
28.	Prioritizing trar equitable and s	•	•		rically disac	dvantaged c	ommunities	to ensure r	nore
	11	4	7	11	16	17	33	0	5.01
29.	Only allowing p	orojects that	will reduc	e greenhou:	se gas emis	sions			
	22	7	8	14	16	12	21	1	4.15
30.	Protecting air q freeway expans		reventing	additional g	reenhouse	gas emissio	ns by avoidi	ng road and	1
	20	7	9	14	13	12	25	1	4.30
31.	Requiring the ten needs change	ransportatic	on plan has	clear goals,	, along with	the flexibili	ity to adjust	as transpor	tation
	5	2	6	15	21	20	29	1	5.23
32.	Requiring overs	sight and acc	countabilit	y to ensure	effective ar	nd efficient	managemen	t of public t	ransit
	4	2	5	9	16	19	45	1	5.71
33.	Requiring Bay A	Area employ	ers to imp	lement prog	grams that e	encourage a	lternatives t	o driving	
	16	5	7	13	18	14	27	1	4.61
34.	Merging BART	and Caltrain	into one i	ntegrated ra	ail system				
	13	5	7	17	19	14	22	2	4.56
35.	Combining the service and sav			itors into on	e bus opera	ator per cou	inty to bette	r coordinat	е
	10	3	5	16	20	19	25	1	4.96
36.	Having one reg different servic				•		-	res, coordir	nating
	11	5	7	16	20	16	25	1	4.78
(END R	ANDOMIZE)								



37. Now that you have heard more about the potential measure, I'd like to ask you about the measure again:

To improve safety and cleanliness on BART and other local public transit; reduce Bay Area traffic; expand and improve bus, BART, light rail, ferry and train service reliability and convenience; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; repair potholes; make transit easier and more affordable to use and make streets safer for walking and biking,

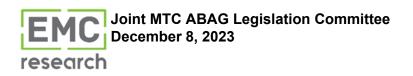
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	<u>Sales</u> <u>Tax</u>	<u>Income</u> <u>Tax</u>	<u>Payroll</u> <u>Tax</u>
Yes	58	53	58
(Lean Yes)	1	0	0
No	40	46	41
(Lean No)	0	1	0
(Undecided/Don't know/Not sure)	1	0	1
Total Yes	59	53	58
Total No	40	46	41



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(RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q38-Q39)

38.	Which of the following statements is closer to your opinion:	
	A transportation measure for the Bay Area should have clear goals for	
	how money will be spent while also allowing flexibility based on	70
	changing circumstances and transportation demand.	
	A transportation measure for the Bay Area should have a detailed	25
	expenditure plan with limited ability to make changes.	25
	(Both)	2
	(Neither)	2
	(No response/Refused)	2
39.	Which of the following statements is closer to your opinion:	
	A transportation measure for the Bay Area should be developed at	70
	the local level with direct input from Bay Area residents.	70
	A transportation measure for the Bay Area should be developed at	
	the state level to ensure accountability and coordination with the	24
	state.	
	(Both)	4
	(Neither)	1
	(No response/Refused)	1
(END	RANDOMIZE)	

40INT. **SAMPLE A:** Some say a sales tax is the right way to pay for transportation improvements because people who can afford to buy more will pay more, it ensures tourists are paying their fair share, and basic life expenses like groceries and rent aren't taxed.

Others say sales taxes are unfair, hurt low-income residents the most, and will just drive up the cost of everything in the Bay Area even more.

40INT. **SAMPLE B:** Some say an income tax is the right way to pay for transportation improvements because people who earn the most will pay the most, while low-income residents and seniors who can't afford it won't pay anything.

Others say income taxes in California are already high enough. An income tax increase will simply drive more people and jobs out of the Bay Area.

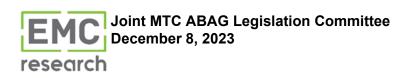
40INT. **SAMPLE C:** Some say a payroll tax is the right way to pay for transportation improvements because it forces local companies to pay for the roads and transit systems their workers and customers rely on.

Others say a payroll tax will simply drive up the cost of everything and push more companies out of the Bay Area.

(RESUME)

40. Given what you've heard, would you vote yes to approve or no to reject the proposed transportation measure?

	<u>Sales</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Payroll</u>
	<u>Tax</u>	Tax	<u>Tax</u>
Yes	51	50	54
(Lean Yes)	1	0	1
No	45	48	44
(Lean No)	0	0	1
(Undecided/Don't know/Not sure)	2	1	1
Total Yes	53	50	54
Total No	46	48	44



DEMOS. My last questions are for statistical purposes only.

41. Do you own or have access to a motor vehicle that you are able to use regularly, such as a car, truck, or motorcycle?

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Yes	91	90
No	8	9
(Refused)	1	2

42INT. Please tell me how often you do each of the following, on average.

SCA	LE:	5 days or more	3 – 4 days a week	1 – 2 days a week	At least monthly	Less than monthly	Rarely or never	(DK/ Refused)
42.		e a commute	e trip to work, se	chool, or anothe				
Oct.		41	21	16	5	3	11	2
Mar.		33	21	17	9	4	16	1
43.	(ASH purp	oose	≠ SAN FRANCIS	CO; n = 2,398) N				
		5	4	8	19	23	38	2
44.	Driv	e alone 36	20	19	7	2	14	2
45.	Ride in a car with others (Carpool, Uber, Lyft, Taxi)							
		5	7	12	16	13	45	2
46.	Walk for transportation							
		14	10	13	10	7	45	3
47.	Bike for transportation							
		2	3	5	5	5	76	3
48.	Ride	BART						
		2	2	4	11	17	62	3
49.	Take a public bus, light rail, or ferry							
		3	4	5	10	14	62	2
50.	Take	e a train (e.g.	Caltrain, Amtra	k, ACE)				
		1	1	1	7	14	74	3

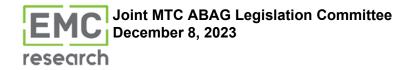
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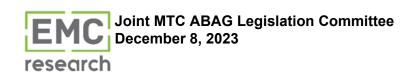
51.	Do you currently own the home or apartment where you live, do you rent, do you live with family, or do you not have stable housing?						
	Own/buying	55	54				
	Rent/lease	31	33				
	Live with family	10	11				
	No stable housing	1	1				
	(Refused)	2	2				
52.	Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latinx, white or Caucasian, Afr Chinese, Filipino or Pacific Islander, another Asian identity, or something RESPONSES ACCEPTED)						
	Hispanic or Latinx	17	16				
	White or Caucasian	52	54				
	African American or Black	6	6				
	Chinese	8	7				
	Filipino or Pacific Islander	5	6				
	Another Asian identity	7	8				
	Something else	3	8				
	(Refused)	7	6				
53.	In what year were you born? (YEARS CODED INTO AGE CATEGORIES)						
	18-29	13	12				
	30-39	16	15				
	40-49	16	16				
	50-64	27	27				
	65 or over	28	30				
	(Refused)	1	0				
54.	What is the last grade you completed in school?						
	Some grade school	1	1				
	Some high school	2	1				
	Graduated High School	9	8				
	Technical/Vocational	5	4				
	Some College/Less than 4 year degree	21	22				
	Graduated College/4 year degree (BA, BS, Bachelor)	32	35				
	Graduate/Professional (MA, MS, Master, PhD, MBA, Doctorate)	28	27				
	(Refused)	2	2				



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		<u>Mar. '23</u>	<u>Oct. '23</u>		
55.	Do you identify as male, female, non-binary, or another gender identity?				
	Male	49	49		
	Female	51	51		
	Non-binary	0	0		
	Another gender identity	0	0		
	(Refused)	0	0		
56.	What was your total household income before taxes for 2022? Was it				
	Less than \$25,000	8	6		
	\$25,000 to less than 50,000	9	10		
	\$50,000 to less than 75,000	10	11		
	\$75,000 to less than 100,000	10	13		
	\$100,000 to less than 150,000	15	17		
	\$150,000 and over	29	32		
	(Refused)	19	12		
	THANK YOU!				
LANG	JAGE OF INTERVIEW				
	English	91	93		
	Spanish	6	4		
	Chinese	3	3		
PARTY	REGISTRATION				
	Democrat	58	59		
	Republican	15	15		
	NPP/Other	27	26		
COUN	тү				
	Alameda	21	20		
	Contra Costa	16	16		
	Marin/Sonoma	11	12		
	Napa/Solano	8	8		
	San Francisco	11	12		
	San Mateo	10	10		
	Santa Clara	23	22		
VOTE HISTORY (G18 P20 G20 S21 P22 G22)					
	Infrequent Voter (0-3/6)	40	33		
	Frequent Voter (4-5/6)	30	34		
	Perfect Voter (6/6)	30	33		



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