



**2026 Street and
Highway Funding
Advisory Question**

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How Roads Are Funded Today

RTC's voter-approved fuel tax (RTC-5) generated \$110 Million in 2025 which was invested in local roadways. **EV owners do not pay this tax.**

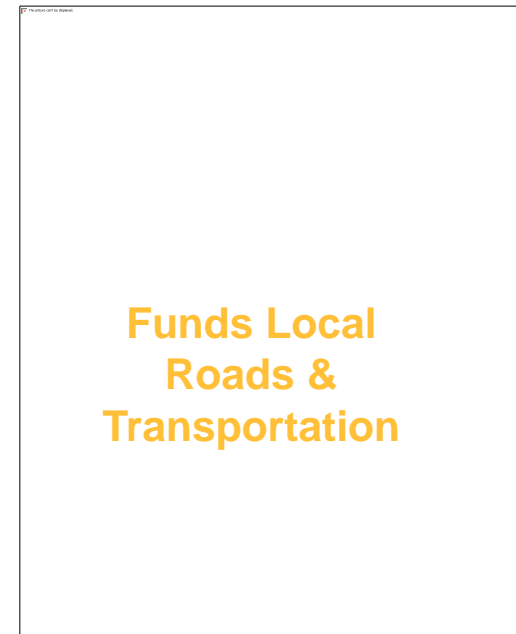
This is the primary funding source for regional roads.

\$420+ Million Invested

In local road projects over 5 Years

\$4.6 Billion Needed

107 Non-freeway projects funded through 2050



Major Road Construction



Pavement Preservation



Safety Improvements

Local Fuel Tax Investments

Arlington Avenue Bridges

- Construction: 2025 - 2026
- Project Investment \$41,211,307



SouthEast Connector

- Construction: 2014-2017
- Project Investment \$ 276,015,353



Mill Street Capacity & Safety

- Construction: Early 2025 - Summer 2026
- Project Investment \$33,800,000



Sparks Boulevard Capacity Improvement

- Construction: 2025- 2028
- Project Investment \$72,913,938

Meadowood Mall Rehabilitation

- Construction: Summer 2025
- Project Investment \$1,712,463



2026 Pavement Preservation Program

Treated Annually

- 150 – 200 lane miles
- 2.2 – 4.9 million square yards



(That would cover 1,000 football fields!)

Annual Investment

- ~ \$51,000 per lane mile
- ~\$2.80 per square yard

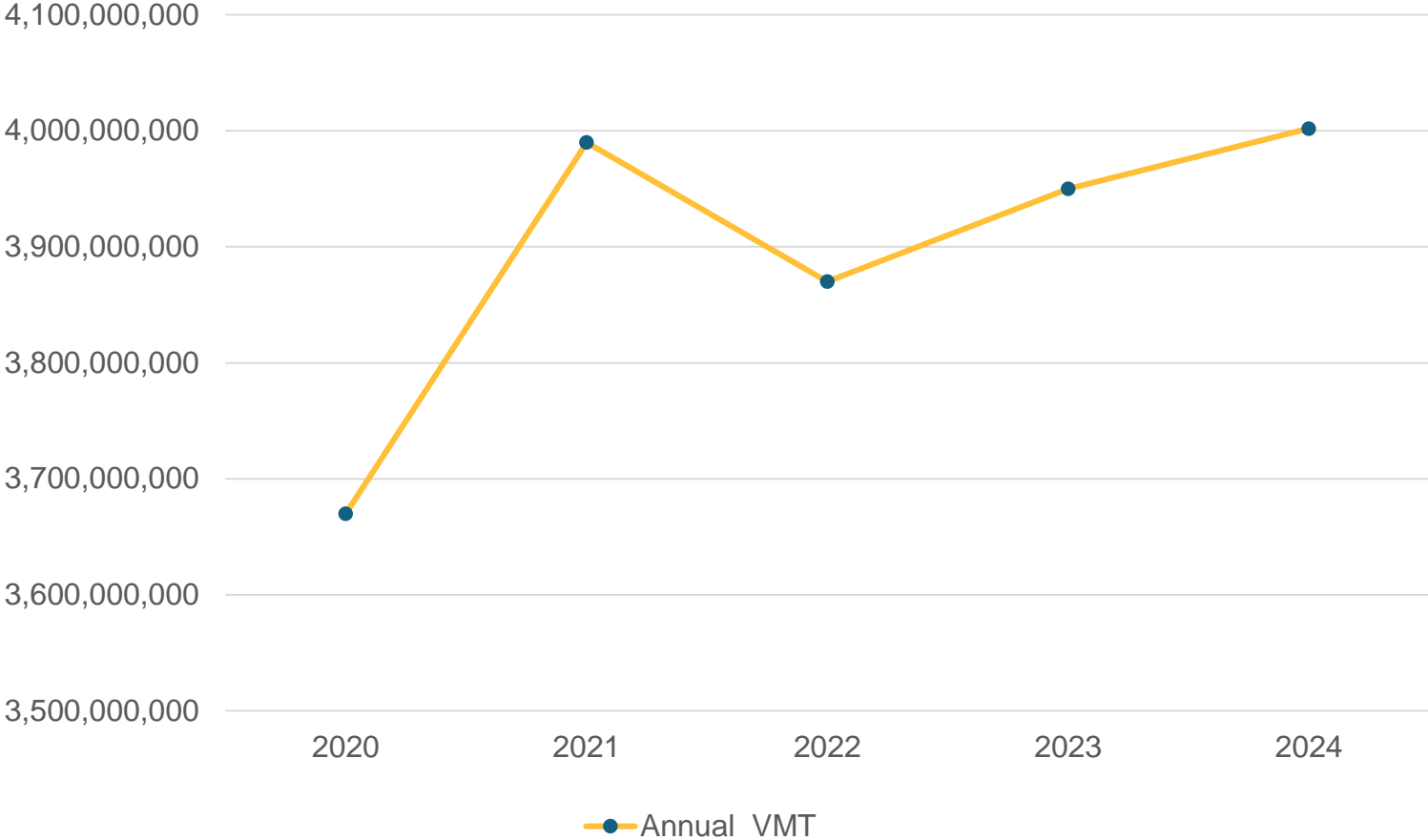


\$23 Million / Yr

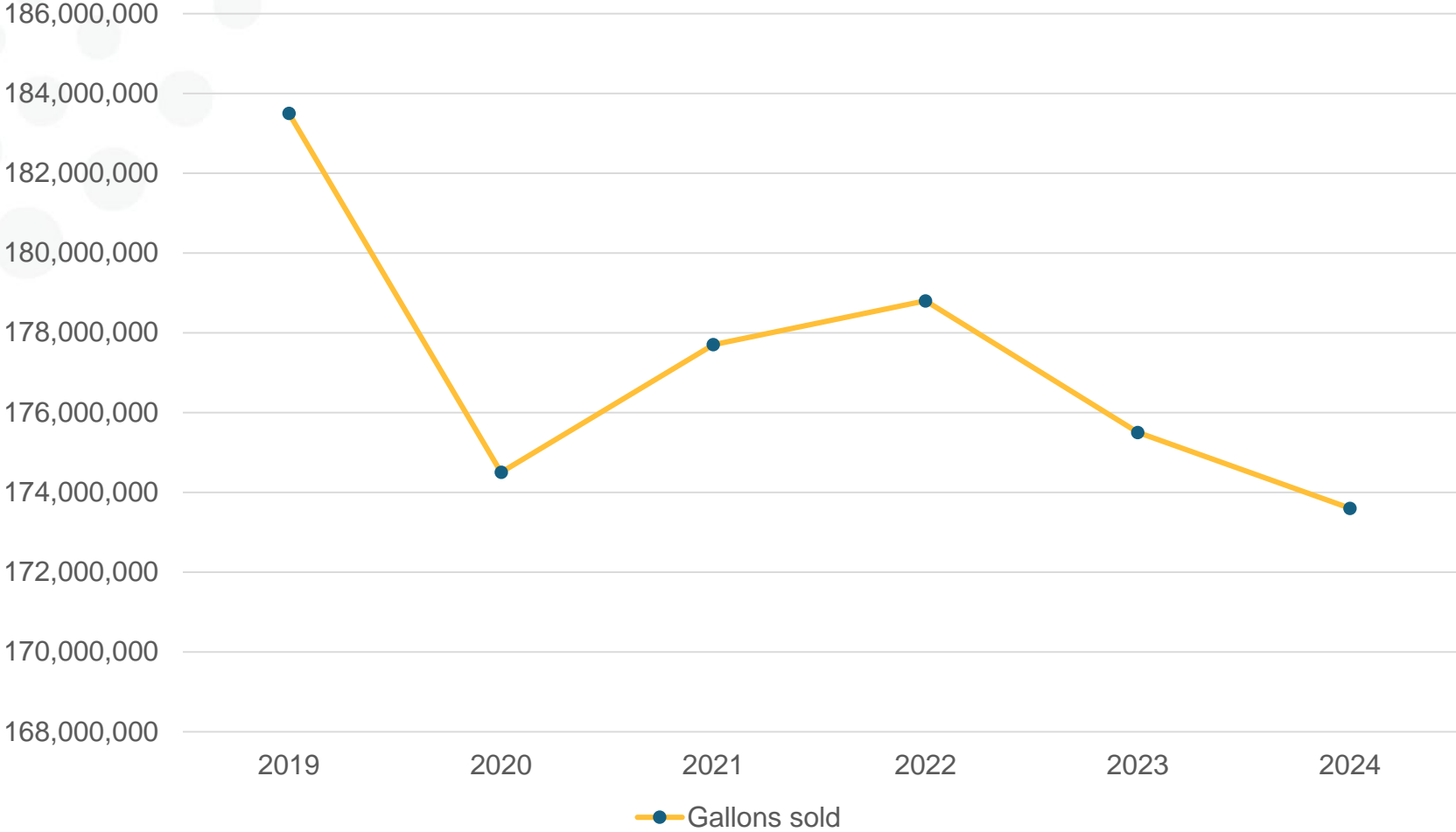


Challenge:
**Revenue is no longer keeping
pace with system needs**

Vehicle Miles Traveled



Taxable Gallons Sold



Changing Vehicle Fleet

More residents are choosing vehicles that use less or no gas.

EV REGISTRATIONS

562

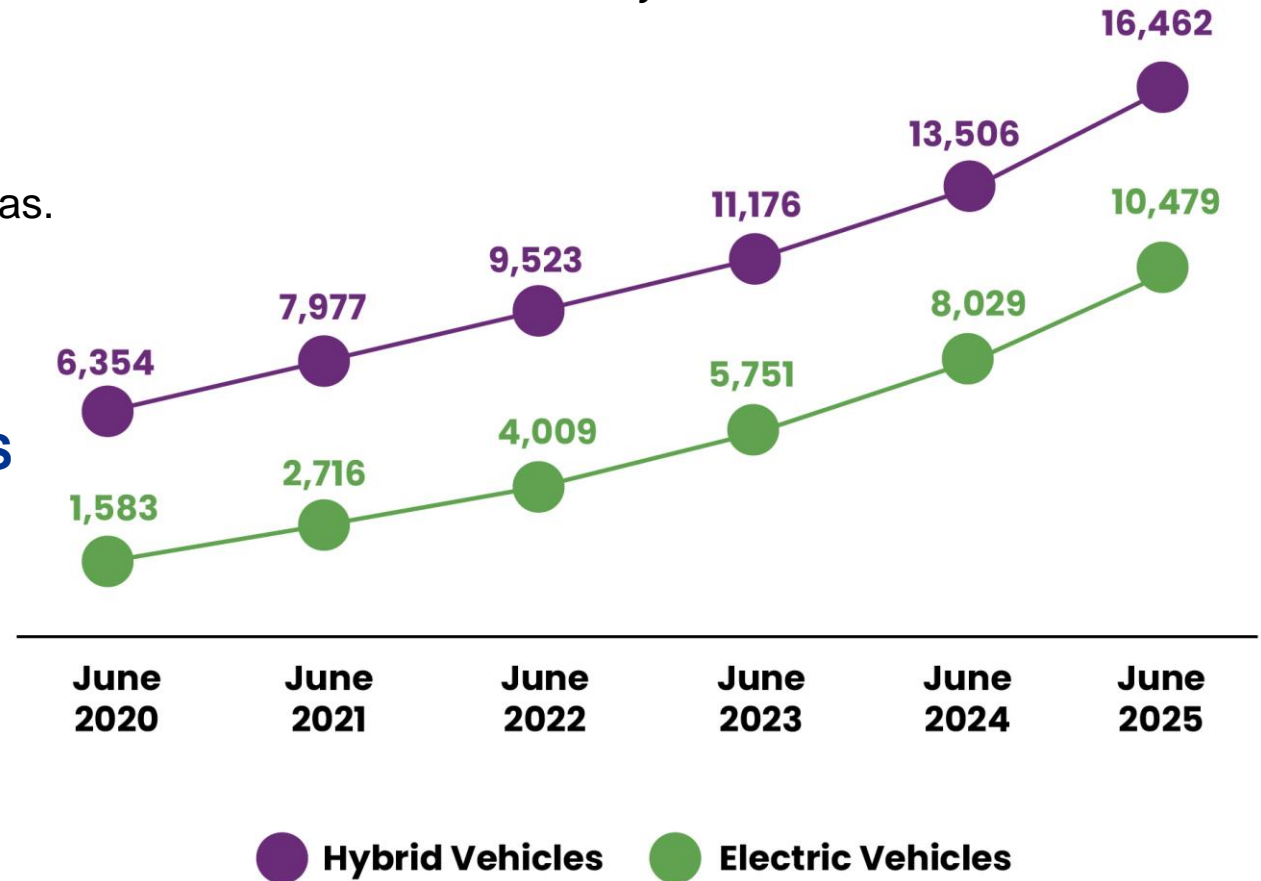
INCREASE
2020-2025
%

HYBRID REGISTRATIONS

159

INCREASE
2020-2025
%

EV and HEV Registrations in Washoe County



Fuel Taxes Lost

2020–2025

EV

\$10,358,810

Hybrid

\$5,179,405

Total:
\$15,538,215



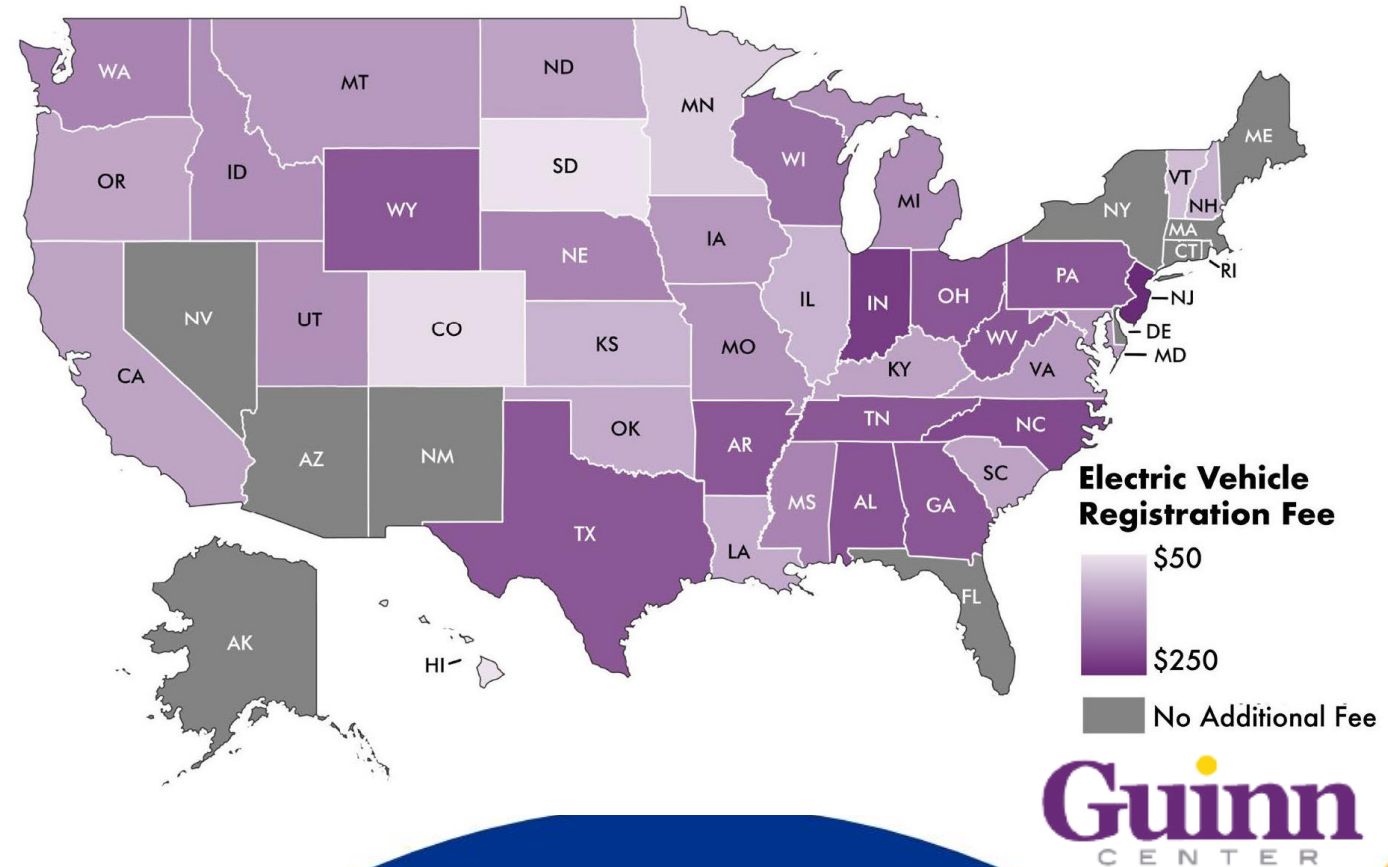
Options Explored

	VMT	Enhanced Registration Fee	KwH
<i>Speed of Implementation</i>		X	
<i>Revenue Generation</i>	X		
<i>Environmental Effects</i>	X		X
<i>Equity</i>		X	
<i>Cost of Implementation</i>		X	
RANK	2	1	3

**Top Ranked:
Registration Fee**

Electric Vehicle Fees and Taxes by State

Nevada is **one of 10 states** that do not have EV fees or taxes. The majority of states have implemented a registration fee.

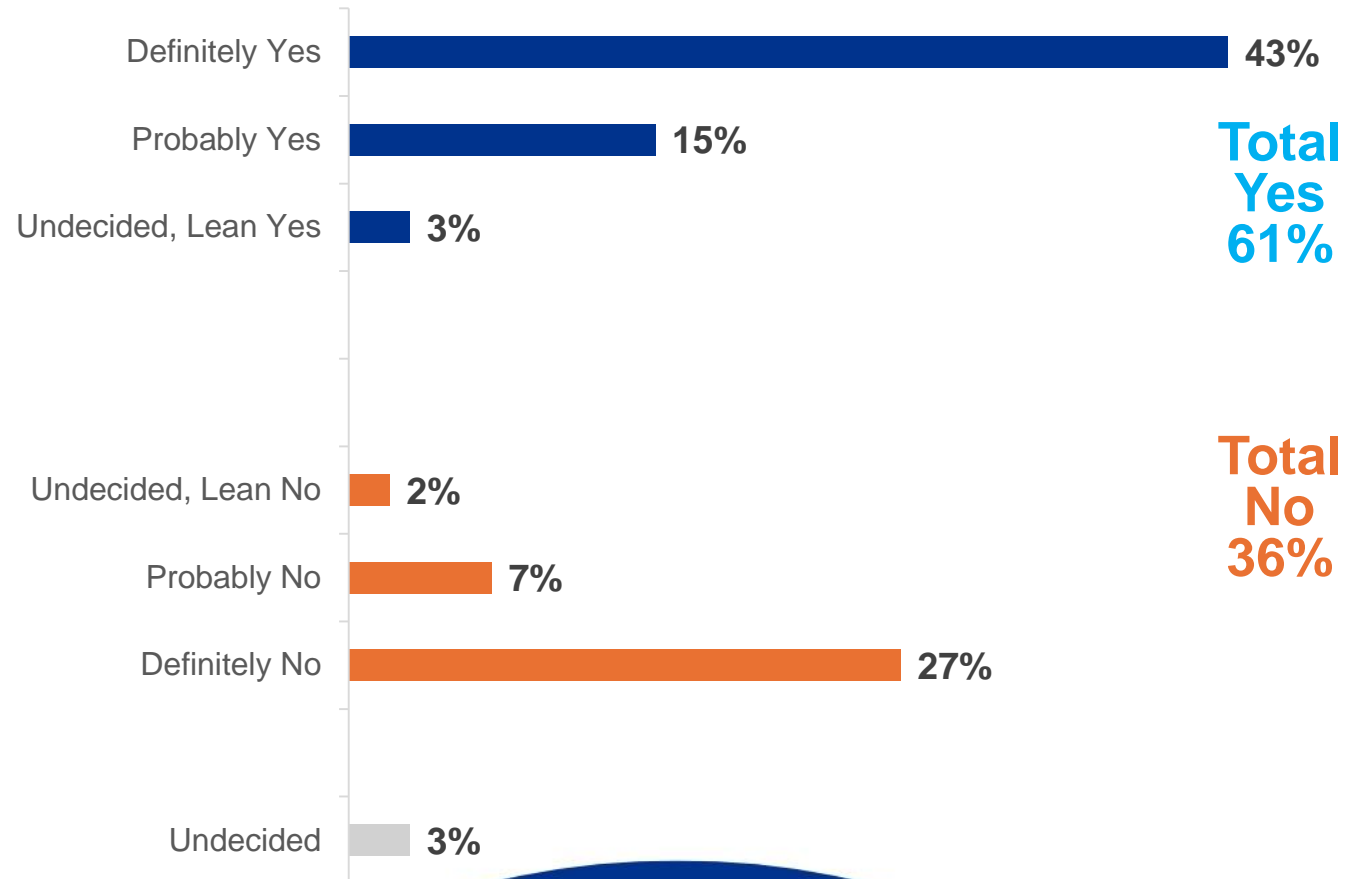


Polling: Supports Registration Fees

Six in 10 vote "yes" to approve an advisory measure to establish an annual Washoe County fee on:

- Electric Vehicles (\$250)
- Hybrid Vehicles ($\frac{1}{2}$ of EV fee)

To provide funding for transportation projects.

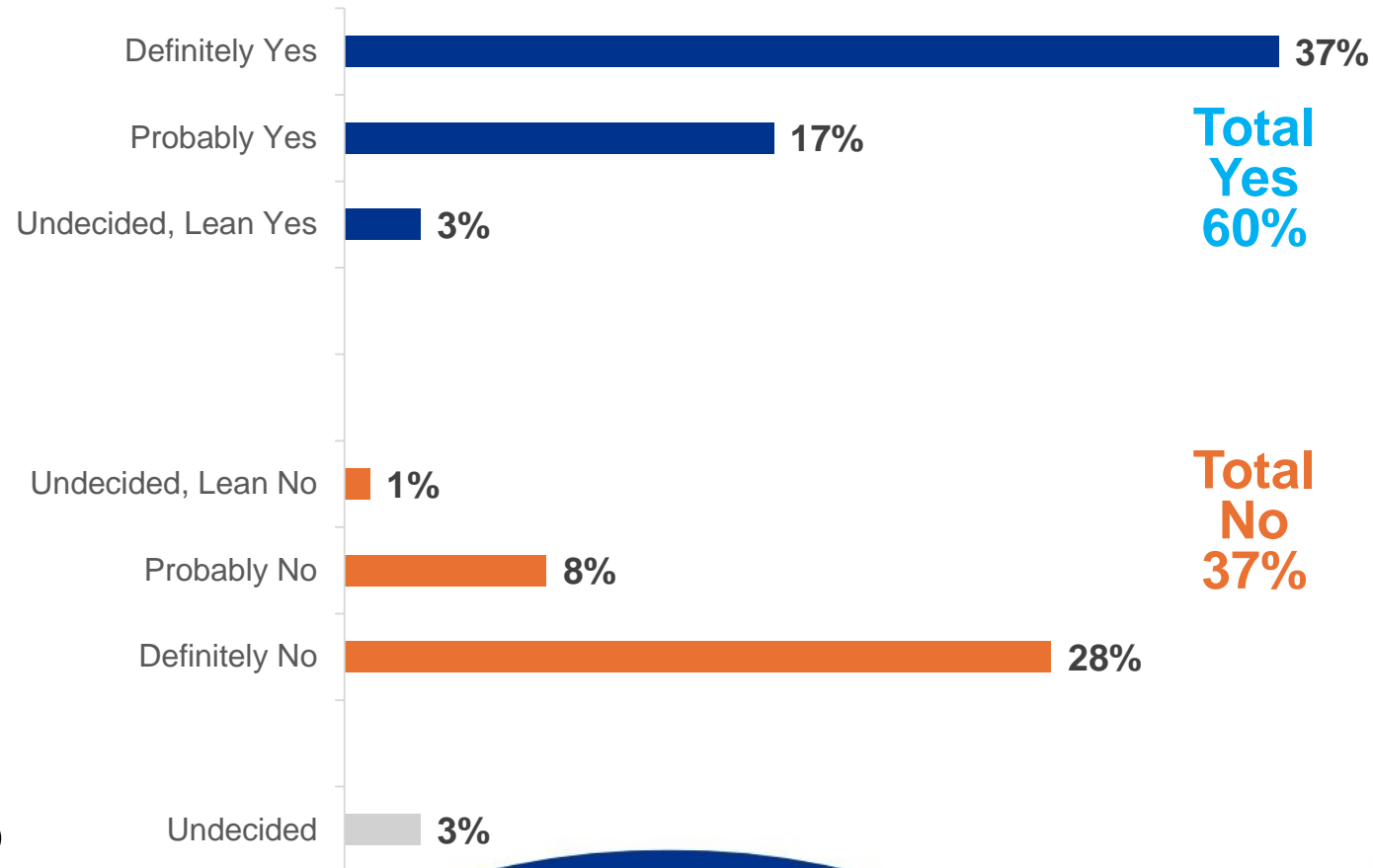


**Supporters cite
the need to invest in local
infrastructure &
requiring EV owners contribute
or
“pay their fair share”
as the primary reason for voting yes.**

Poll #2: Support Continues

- Second survey conducted
- Confirms that support for the EV and hybrid vehicle registration fee has held steady

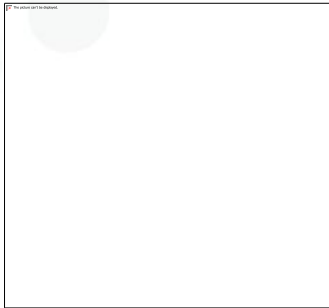
Six in ten likely Washoe County voters continue to vote "yes" to approve the advisory measure



Why This Matters to Washoe County

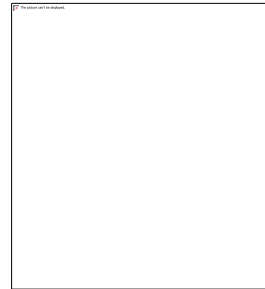
Stable funding supports the infrastructure and services we all rely on everyday.

Pavement Preservation



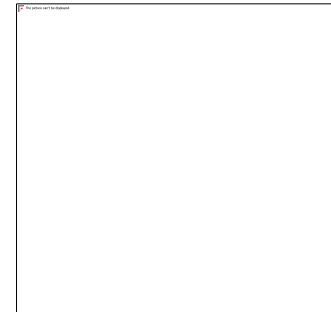
**KEEP GOOD ROADS
GOOD**

Reduce Crashes



**SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS
AT KEY LOCATIONS**

Address Congestion



**LESS DELAY,
BETTER MOBILITY**

Thank You!

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Building A Better Community Through Quality Transportation