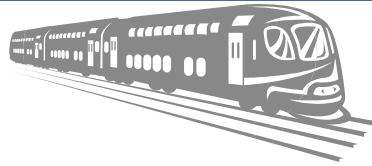


Support for Extending Rail Service into NH

University of New Hampshire Survey Results

In February 2007, the UNH Survey Center included a series of questions in its Granite State Poll for the Nashua Regional Planning Commission. These questions were designed to gauge the attitude of NH residents regarding the possibility of expanding passenger rail service into NH. Interviews were conducted over the phone with 538 randomly selected NH adults (sampling error +/-4.2%). The following data highlights the results of this survey and demonstrates the strong support that exists for passenger rail in NH.



Question:

“There is a proposal to expand rail service into NH through Nashua to Manchester, including the Manchester airport and possibly to Wilton and Portsmouth. Would you favor or oppose extending rail service into NH?”

Overall Results

- ◆ **Strongly Favor** = 64%
- ◆ **Somewhat Favor** = 23%
- ◆ **Neutral** = 5%
- ◆ **Somewhat Oppose** = 2%
- ◆ **Strongly Oppose** = 3%
- ◆ **Don't Know** = 3%

Highlights

Support for passenger rail is strong

- ◆ 87% of NH residents favor expanding rail service into NH
- ◆ 64% strongly favor expanding rail service into NH

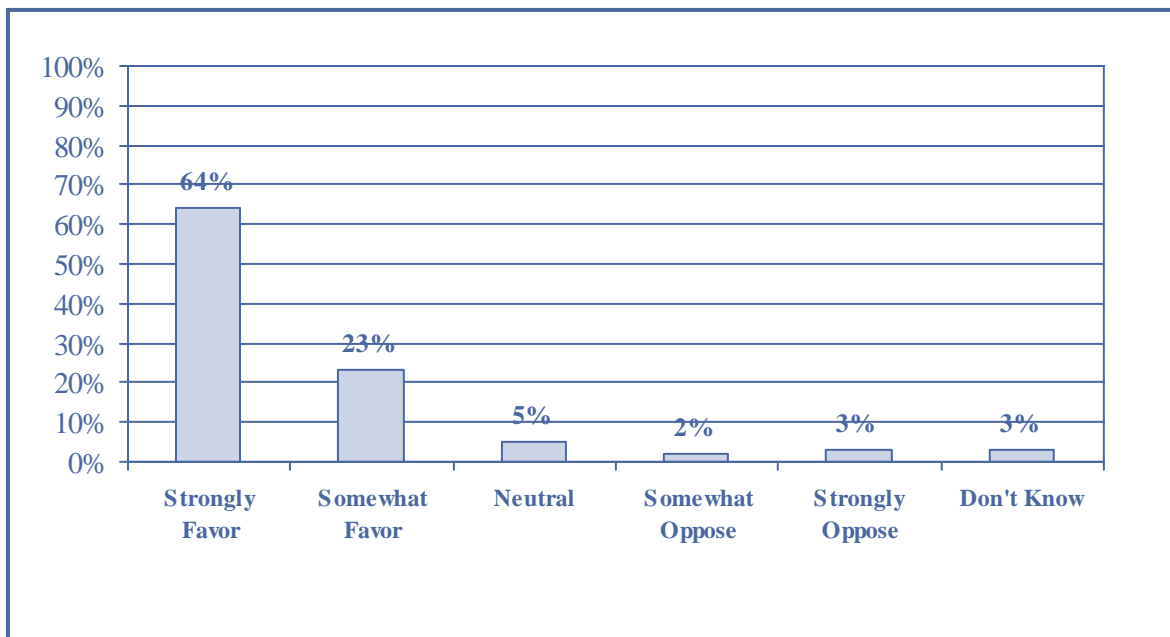
Support is not limited to southern NH residents

- ◆ 64% of residents in northern NH strongly favor expanding rail service into NH
- ◆ 65% in the Central/Lakes region strongly favor it

Support for rail is strongest among the middle income bracket

- ◆ 74% of those with an income of \$45,000-\$59,000 strongly favor the expansion of rail service into NH

Would you favor or oppose extending rail service into NH?



**Would you favor or oppose extending rail service into NH?
Results by Category**

	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Neutral	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know/Not Sure
All NH Adults	64%	23%	5%	2%	3%	3%
Age						
18-29	47%	36%	5%	4%	3%	6%
30-39	53%	28%	10%	1%	3%	6%
40-49	77%	18%	1%	2%	2%	0%
50-59	68%	23%	3%	1%	3%	2%
60-69	74%	16%	5%	1%	3%	2%
70+	52%	19%	18%	4%	2%	4%
Education						
High school or less	60%	24%	4%	1%	5%	5%
Technical school/some college	66%	25%	3%	2%	1%	3%
College graduate	64%	25%	6%	2%	1%	2%
Post graduate	68%	16%	10%	2%	3%	1%
Income						
<\$30,000	52%	27%	14%	5%	0%	2%
\$30,000-\$44,999	59%	28%	8%	0%	0%	4%
\$45,000-\$59,999	74%	16%	5%	0%	5%	0%
\$60,000-\$74,999	67%	27%	2%	1%	0%	3%
\$75,000-\$99,999	72%	19%	1%	2%	5%	2%
\$100,000 +	64%	25%	8%	0%	2%	0%
Manchester/Nashua Rail Corridor*						
Live in corridor	78%	13%	3%	3%	2%	1%
Rest of State	60%	27%	6%	1%	3%	3%
Years lived in NH						
2 years or less	74%	18%	5%	0%	0%	4%
3-5 years	74%	16%	6%	0%	5%	0%
6-10 years	68%	22%	2%	5%	0%	3%
11-20 years	59%	26%	6%	2%	3%	4%
20+ years	64%	24%	6%	2%	3%	3%
Region						
Northern NH	64%	17%	11%	1%	1%	7%
Western NH	49%	35%	2%	4%	8%	1%
Central/Lakes	65%	23%	2%	2%	5%	4%
Hillsborough County	74%	15%	4%	2%	3%	1%
Seacoast	59%	30%	7%	1%	0%	2%

*For the purposes of this study, the Manchester/Nashua Rail Corridor is defined as the communities of Bedford, Goffstown, Hooksett, Hudson, Litchfield, Londonderry, Manchester, Merrimack, and Nashua.