

Public opinion poll conducted on behalf of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

The following results are based on an online survey of 1,003 Canadians in the Metro Vancouver region conducted between August 9-28, 2023. The data was weighted to be reflective of the Canadian population by age, gender, and region based on Census data. Since this survey was conducted using an online panel, no margin of error may be calculated.

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1. In your opinion, what is the most important issue facing Metro Vancouver today? In other words, what is the issue or problem that concerns you most? [Open-End]

COVID-19	0%
Infrastructure	1%
Cost of living/Affordability	35%
Housing	13%
Crime/Public safety	10%
Poverty	0%
Economy/Jobs	2%
Healthcare	4%
Unhoused/Homelessness	8%
Racism/Cultural inequality	1%
Environment/Climate Change	4%
Mental health	2%
Addiction/Opioid crisis	5%
Public transit	1%
Taxes	2%
Education	0%
Population growth	2%
Reconciliation	0%
Basic public services (e.g., road clearing, garbage collection)	0%
Roads/Congestion/Traffic	5%
Other	3%
Don't know/prefer not to say	2%

2. Now thinking specifically of access to and development of public transit in Metro Vancouver, would you say it is...?

The most important issue facing Metro Vancouver	9%
An important issue but not the most important issue facing Metro Vancouver	65%
Not really an important issue facing Metro Vancouver	18%
Not an issue facing Metro Vancouver at all	5%

- Don't know/prefer not to say 4%
3. Based on your knowledge, experience, or the definition we have provided, would you say you support or oppose the Access for Everyone Plan?
- Strongly support 33%
 - Somewhat support 40%
 - Neutral 21%
 - Somewhat oppose 2%
 - Strongly oppose 1%
 - Don't know/prefer not to say 3%
4. The Access for Everyone plan will make public transit accessible to more people throughout the region and improve infrastructure for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. If all of these objectives were met, what impact, if any, would that have on you personally?
- Very positive 24%
 - Positive 48%
 - No impact 22%
 - Negative 2%
 - Very negative 1%
 - Don't know/prefer not to say 3%
5. Which emotion best describes how you feel if these objectives were **NOT** met?
- Content 4%
 - Angry 47%
 - Happy 37%
 - Neutral or ambivalent 5%
 - Disappointed 3%
 - Don't know/prefer not to say 3%

As far as you are concerned, should each of the following have a major responsibility, a minor responsibility, or no responsibility to provide the resources to fund public transit in Metro Vancouver? [rotate order]

6. Municipal governments (TransLink)
- Major responsibility 62%
 - Minor responsibility 27%
 - No responsibility 5%
 - Don't know/prefer not to say 6%
7. The provincial government
- Major responsibility 73%

Minor responsibility	18%
No responsibility	3%
Don't know/prefer not to say	6%

8. The federal government

Major responsibility	55%
Minor responsibility	33%
No responsibility	5%
Don't know/prefer not to say	7%

9. [Unless no responsibility to Q8] The federal government is set to bring more than 1.3 million newcomers to Canada over the next three years – almost double the targets from a decade ago – many of which are expected to settle in major Canadian urban areas such as Metro Vancouver.

Given the new immigration targets set by the federal government, do you think they should increase or decrease the amount of funding available for public transit systems?

Greatly increase	39%
Somewhat increase	35%
Neither increase nor decrease	16%
Somewhat decrease	3%
Greatly decrease	1%
Don't know/prefer not to say	5%

10. [Unless no responsibility to Q8] Currently, federal funding for public transit in Metro Vancouver has already run out and will not be resumed until 2026. This will delay the Access for Everyone plan. Some people may feel this is preferable and others may prefer to see the funding continue without interruption. Which of these two is your preference, if any, and how strongly do you prefer that happen?

Strongly prefer federal funding continue without interruption	35%
Somewhat prefer federal funding continue without interruption	28%
Have no preference between these two options	22%
Somewhat prefer federal funding not resume until 2026	6%
Strongly prefer federal funding not resume until 2026	2%
Don't know/prefer not to say	7%

11. It is projected that without additional funding beginning in 2024, transit service will need to be reduced below current levels across Metro Vancouver. Which emotion best describes how you would feel if a lack of funding forced cuts in transit services across Metro Vancouver?

Angry	18%
Disappointed	45%
Neutral or ambivalent	28%
Content	4%

Happy	2%
Don't know/prefer not to say	3%

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? [rotate order]

12. Investing in public transit is key to reducing our communities' impact on the environment, especially in relation to climate change.

Strongly agree	32%
Somewhat agree	40%
Neither agree nor disagree	16%
Somewhat disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	4%
Don't know/prefer not to say	4%

13. Improving public transit and active transportation (e.g., walking, biking, etc.) are the kinds of things that will make Metro Vancouver a better place to live.

Strongly agree	32%
Somewhat agree	39%
Neither agree nor disagree	18%
Somewhat disagree	5%
Strongly disagree	2%
Don't know/prefer not to say	3%

14. It's time to see concrete action on improving transit in Metro Vancouver.

Strongly agree	34%
Somewhat agree	37%
Neither agree nor disagree	20%
Somewhat disagree	5%
Strongly disagree	2%
Don't know/prefer not to say	3%

15. The federal government needs to step up and invest in transit in Metro Vancouver.

Strongly agree	37%
Somewhat agree	34%
Neither agree nor disagree	18%
Somewhat disagree	5%
Strongly disagree	3%
Don't know/prefer not to say	3%

16. As Metro Vancouver's population grows, it is crucial that we are proactive with building out our transit system.

Strongly agree	45%
Somewhat agree	34%

Neither agree nor disagree	14%
Somewhat disagree	3%
Strongly disagree	2%
Don't know/prefer not to say	3%
17. I want to see action from governments on making life more affordable, and improving transit is one way to do this quickly.	
Strongly agree	34%
Somewhat agree	38%
Neither agree nor disagree	15%
Somewhat disagree	6%
Strongly disagree	3%
Don't know/prefer not to say	3%
18. There are already enough public and active transit options in Metro Vancouver.	
Strongly agree	9%
Somewhat agree	17%
Neither agree nor disagree	26%
Somewhat disagree	27%
Strongly disagree	19%
Don't know/prefer not to say	3%
19. Delays in improving Metro Vancouver transit are infuriating to me.	
Strongly agree	16%
Somewhat agree	29%
Neither agree nor disagree	33%
Somewhat disagree	10%
Strongly disagree	8%
Don't know/prefer not to say	3%
20. I'm sick and tired of hearing about governments arguing over or delaying funding to improve Metro Vancouver transit.	
Strongly agree	28%
Somewhat agree	32%
Neither agree nor disagree	28%
Somewhat disagree	5%
Strongly disagree	3%
Don't know/prefer not to say	5%