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[Treasure Valley State of the Region Report: A Preliminary View of Performance Indicators \(1.9mb PDF document\)](#)

The rapid increase of growth in the Treasure Valley warrants a comprehensive look at the region. The *Treasure Valley State of the Region Report*, while preliminary, gives a broad description of the Boise-Nampa Metropolitan Statistical Area (MPA), using 49 social, economic, fiscal and environmental indicators, and comparing this region with similar regions in the Western United States.

News Release: Report Looks at

2007-08 Activities

- **Mobile Home Study**
 - [Mobile Home Living in Boise](#) its uncertain future and alarming decline.

2006-07 Activities

- **Canada Week 2007**
Planning presentations delivered during Canada Week: April 2-6
 - [VANCOUVER: a city on the edge \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Planning for Sustainable Growth - Calgary, Alberta \(PDF\)](#)
- February 24, 2007: Putting Communities in Motion into Action - The Changing Face of the Treasure Valley Panel Presentation
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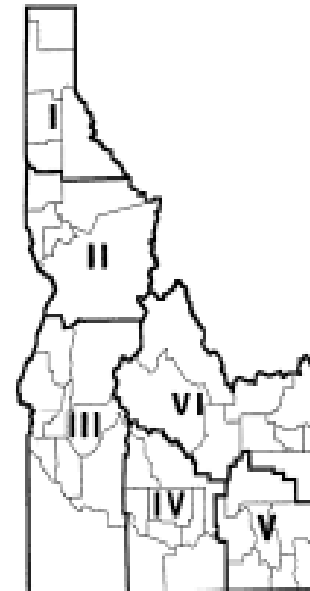
PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS ABOUT LOCAL OPTION TAXES and ISSUES RELATED TO MASS TRANSIT.

*A Boise State University
Public Policy Center "Briefing Report"*

SUMMARY

Public opinion surveys indicate that Idaho citizens are supportive of local option taxes when subject to local voter approval for funding mass transportation. Mass transit is viewed favorably where it is feasible, especially in the urban areas. A cohort of citizens currently use mass transit, and at current gasoline prices of \$2 - \$3 per gallon, 16% of Idaho citizens would consider public transportation.

- Eighty-five percent of Idaho citizens surveyed agreed that the legislature should allow the expansion of public transportation through voter approved local option taxes.
 - All areas of the state agree overwhelmingly, although the highest level of agreement occurs in Southwest Idaho.
- Currently, a majority of Idaho citizens (54%) surveyed support mass transit development where they live.
- Should gasoline reach \$4 - \$5 per gallon, a majority of citizens surveyed say they would consider public transportation.



State of the Region Report 2008

TRAVEL TIME

Percent of workers whose commute is 30 minutes or less, 2000

1 Reno, NV	84.4
2 Yakima, WA	81.2
3 Eugene, OR	80.9
4 Boise City, ID	79.0
5 Spokane, WA	76.5
6 Fort Collins, CO	76.4
7 Colorado Springs, CO	75.3
8 Coeur d'Alene, ID	74.6
9 Salt Lake City, UT	72.8
10 Boulder, CO	72.1
11 Albuquerque, NM	72.0
12 Salem, OR	71.5
Average	70.0
13 Portland, OR	66.3
14 Sacramento, CA	65.7
15 San Jose, CA	61.9

Source: U.S. Census

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TRANSIT SERVICE AREA

In square miles, 2004

1 Salt Lake City, UT	1,412
2 Portland, OR*	825
3 Sacramento, CA*	388
Average	331
4 San Jose, CA	326
5 Eugene, OR	241
6 Fort Collins, CO*	177
7 Spokane, WA	142
8 Albuquerque, NM	124
9 Reno, NV	102
10 Colorado Springs, CO	100
11 Boise-Nampa, ID	66
12 Salem, Or	65

Source: NTD

TRANSIT SERVICE

Annual vehicle revenue miles
per 100,000 miles, 2004

1 Portland, OR*	416
2 Salt Lake City, UT	285
3 San Jose, CA	239
4 Sacramento, CA*	164
Average	118
5 Spokane, WA	76
6 Albuquerque, NM	50
7 Reno, NV	45
8 Eugene, OR	42
9 Colorado Springs, CO	37
10 Salem, OR	34
11 Fort Collins, CO*	13
12 Boise-Nampa, ID	13

Source: NTD

TRANSIT USE

Annual passenger miles
per 100,000 miles, 2004

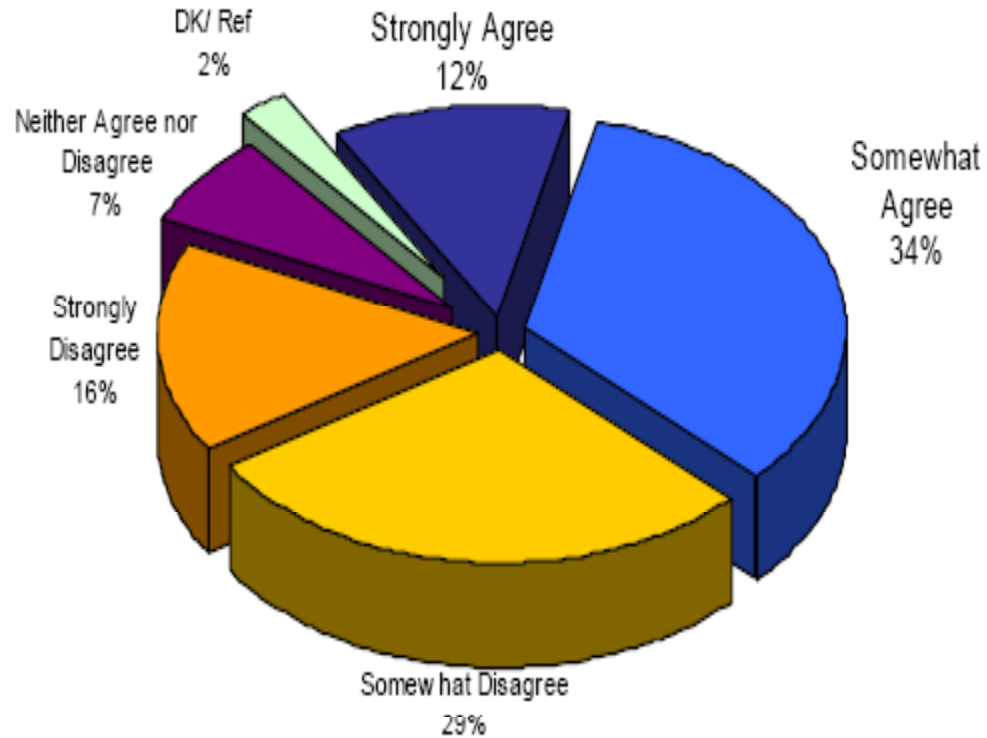
1 Portland, OR*	4,736
2 Salt Lake City, UT	1,711
3 San Jose, CA	1,695
4 Sacramento, CA*	1,416
Average	927
5 Spokane, WA	407
6 Eugene, OR	331
7 Reno, NV	257
8 Albuquerque, NM	215
9 Salem, Or	170
10 Colorado Springs, CO	105
11 Boise-Nampa, ID	46
12 Fort Collins, CO**	43

Source: NTD

* More than 1 public transportation system provider

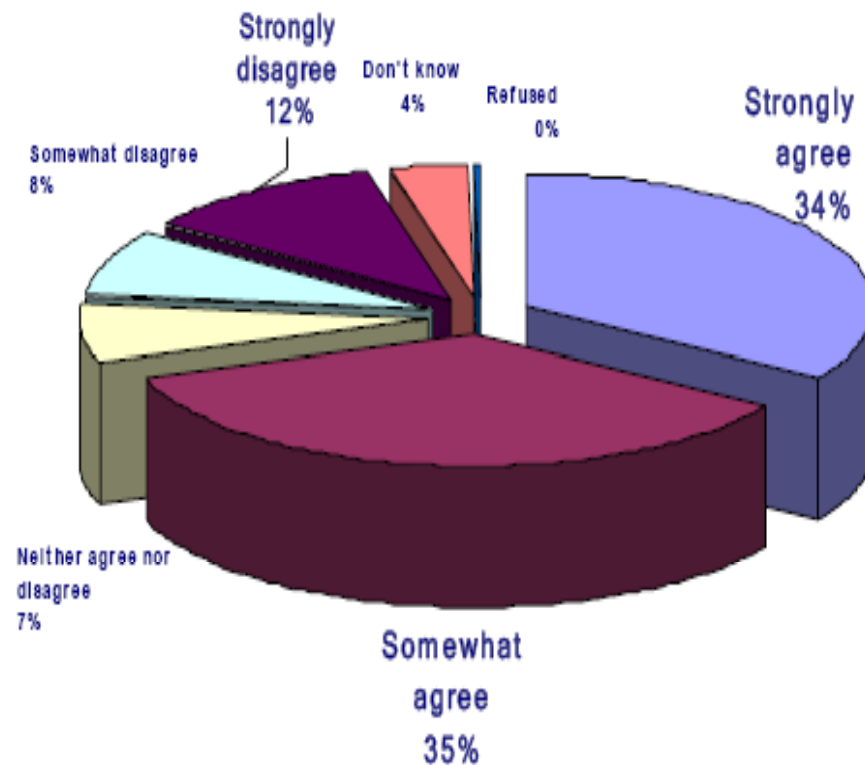
GROWTH

Services provided by the city and county are keeping up with the growth where I live?



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Level of agreement that Idaho encourage land use planning and policies that reduce the amount of driving required by Idahoans

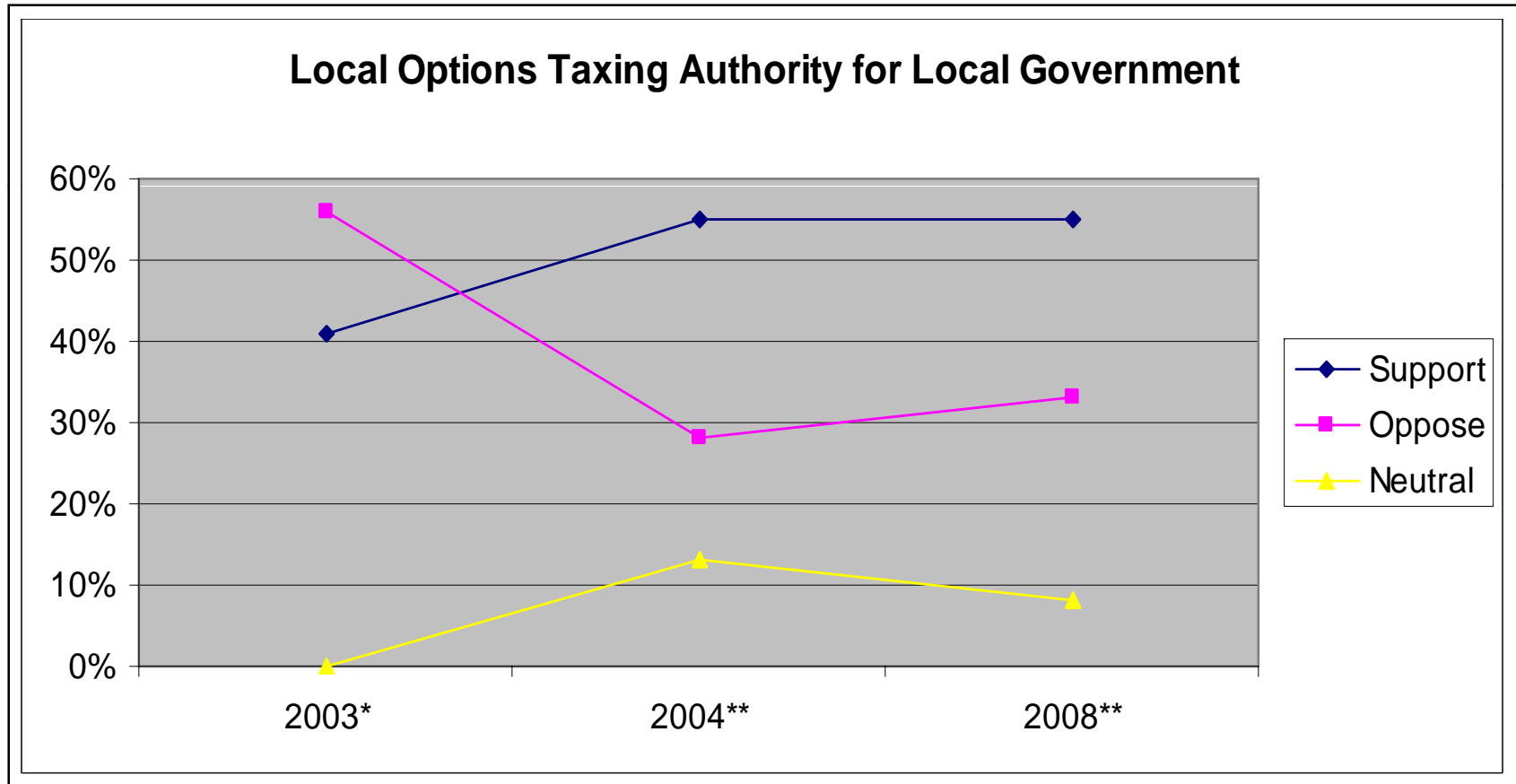


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Source: Idaho Energy Policy Survey, 2007

Local Option Tax Trends

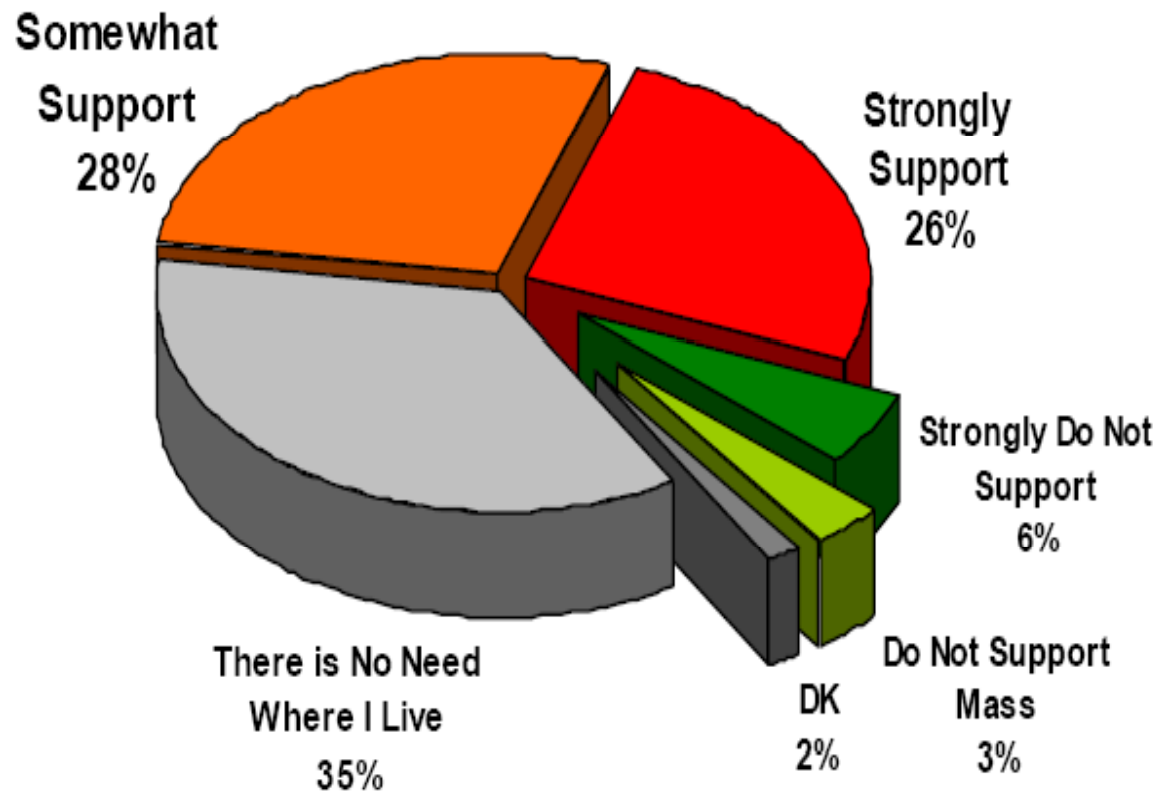
Figure 1: Idaho support for granting local governments local options taxing authority, 2003-2008.



*Local option taxing authorized for transit only.

**Local option taxing authorized for any purpose.

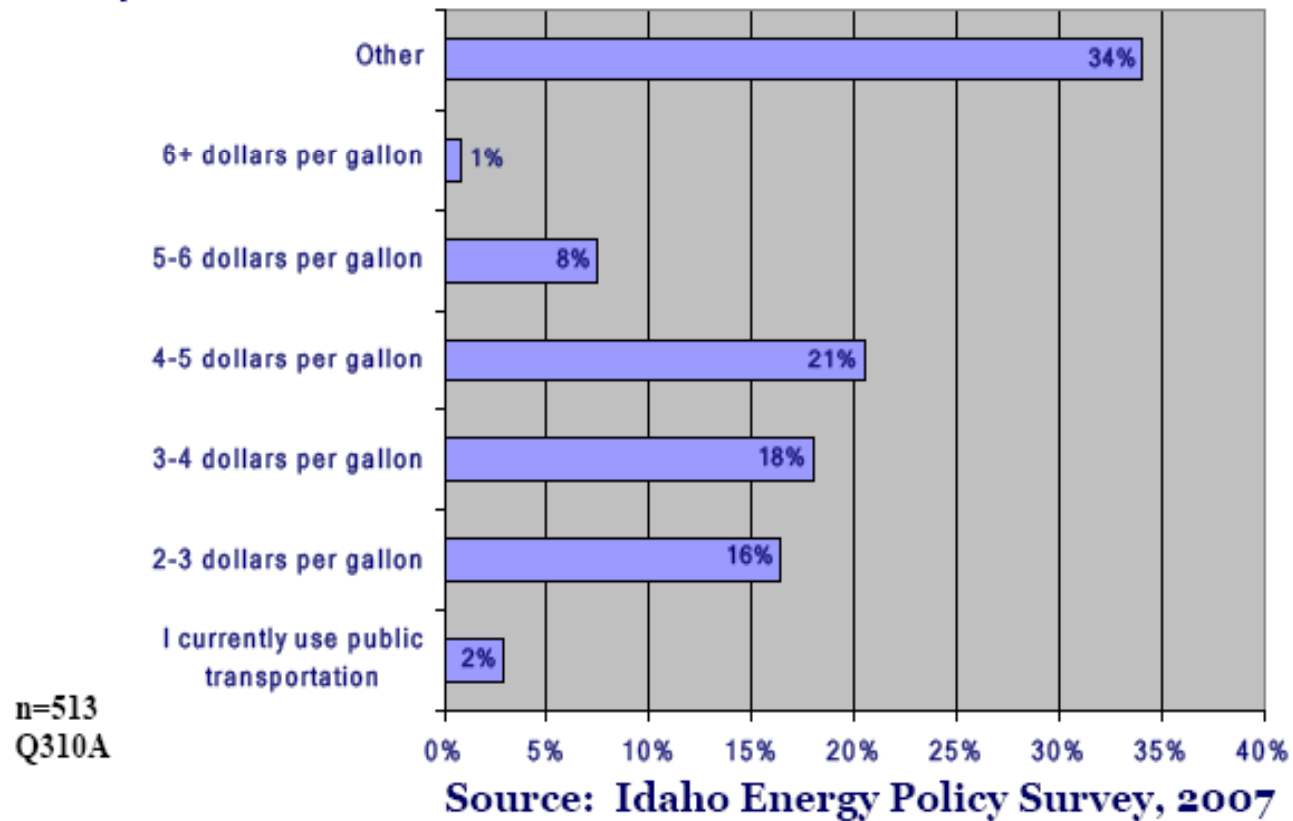
How strongly would you support the development of mass transit where you live?



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Source: 18th Annual Idaho Public Policy Survey, 2007

Price of gasoline before Idahoans would consider public transportation for commute.



Note: 'Other' responses included volunteered answers such as 'public transport not available/feasible' and 'I don't commute'.

