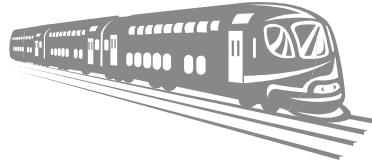


# Support for Creating a Rail Authority in NH

## 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 for creating a Rail Authority in NH to oversee the passenger rail project.



### Question:

“Should the state of NH create a Rail Authority to oversee the potential expansion of passenger rail into New Hampshire?”

### Overall Results

- ◆ YES = 73%
- ◆ NO = 13%
- ◆ Don't Know = 14%

### Highlights

#### Support for the creation of a Rail Authority is strong

- ◆ 73% of NH residents say the state should create a Rail Authority

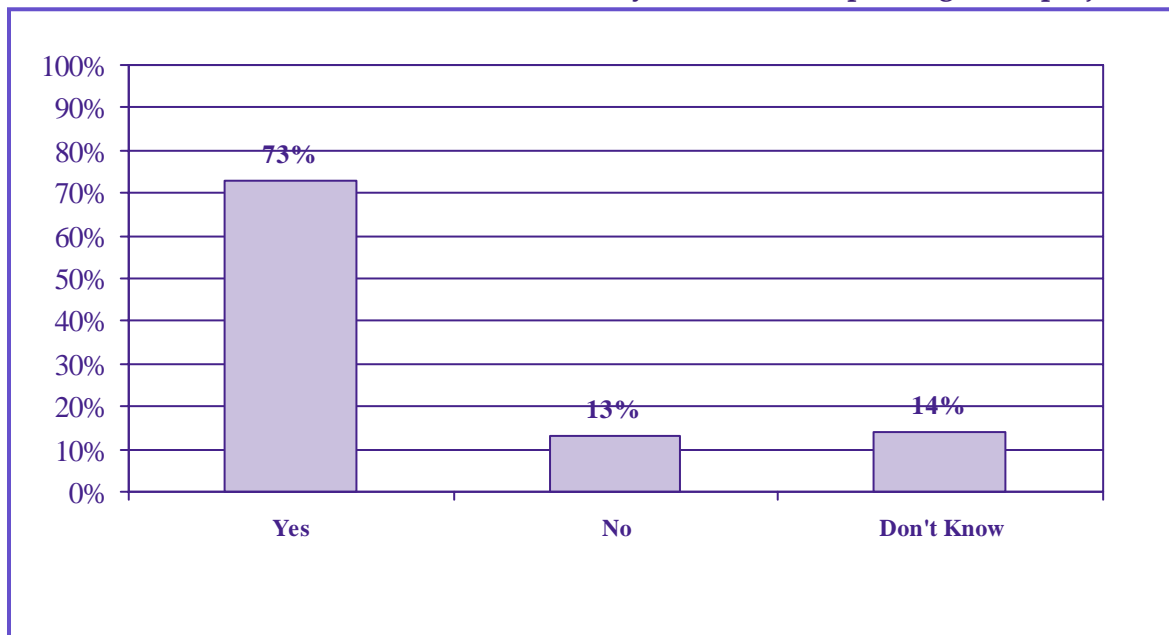
#### Support for a Rail Authority is not limited to southern NH residents

- ◆ 70% of residents in northern NH say the state should create a Rail Authority
- ◆ 75% in the Central/Lakes region say the state should create a Rail Authority
- ◆ 73% in the Seacoast region say the state should create a Rail Authority

#### Support for a Rail Authority is strong among all income brackets

- ◆ 75% of those with an income under \$30,000 say the state should create a Rail Authority
- ◆ 84% between \$45,000-\$59,000 say the state should create a Rail Authority
- ◆ 74% between \$75,000-\$99,000 say the state should create a Rail Authority

Should the state of NH create a Rail Authority to oversee the passenger rail project?



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Results by Category**

	YES	NO	Don't Know/ Not Sure
<b>All NH Adults</b>	73%	13%	14%
<b>Age</b>			
18-29	81%	4%	15%
30-39	71%	11%	17%
40-49	75%	15%	10%
50-59	68%	17%	15%
60-69	72%	18%	9%
70+	68%	13%	19%
<b>Education</b>			
High school or less	83%	8%	9%
Technical school/some college	72%	16%	12%
College graduate	71%	13%	15%
Post graduate	61%	18%	22%
<b>Income</b>			
<\$30,000	75%	14%	11%
\$30,000-\$44,999	73%	5%	22%
\$45,000-\$59,999	84%	11%	5%
\$60,000-\$74,999	80%	7%	13%
\$75,000-\$99,999	74%	16%	9%
\$100,000 or more	69%	15%	17%
<b>Manchester/Nashua Rail Corridor*</b>			
Live in corridor	77%	12%	12%
Rest of State	71%	14%	15%
<b>Years lived in NH</b>			
2 years or less	68%	13%	20%
3-5 years	74%	7%	18%
6-10 years	84%	7%	9%
11-20 years	77%	11%	12%
20+ years	70%	16%	15%
<b>Region</b>			
Northern NH	70%	13%	17%
Western NH	57%	25%	18%
Central/Lakes	75%	14%	10%
Hillsborough County	77%	11%	12%
Seacoast	73%	12%	16%

\*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.