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## ReNew North Carolina Foundation Releases New Poll showing strong support for Road, Education and Infrastructure Bonds.

Responsible borrowing for critical investments that will not require tax increases popular with voters.

By wide margins voters across North Carolina support two bond proposals that would make critical investments in roads, education, and other infrastructure projects according to a new poll released by the ReNew North Carolina Foundation.

The results were presented to a joint caucus of the General Assembly late last week. The bonds would not require tax increases nor jeopardize recent tax relief and reform efforts, including a planned cut in corporate tax rates this year. The McCrory Administration has proposed putting the bonds before voters this fall to take advantage of record low interest rates, which are expected to rise next year.

“North Carolina can only make these kinds of critical investments because of the joint work of the General Assembly and Gov. McCrory to prioritize our spending, pay down our debt, and shrink our unemployment rate faster than almost any other state,” said Ron Joyce, President of ReNew North Carolina Foundation. “These poll results show strong support from voters for smart borrowing for critical investments that will not raise taxes.”

According to the poll voters support:

- 1.4 billion dollar Education & Infrastructure bond to improve public universities, community colleges and health & safety facilities, 69% to 23%.
- 1.4 billion dollar road bond 65% to 21%
- 63% of voters support both proposals.

### **KEY FINDINGS:**

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY/GOVERNOR ARE CONSIDERING A “INFRASTRUCTURE/EDUCATION”\$1.4 BILLION BOND REFERENDUM FOR A NOVEMBER, 2015 SPECIAL ELECTION, FOR REPAIRS/IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE THE PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, PUBLIC SAFETY, COURTS, HEALTH FACILITIES, STATE PARKS, HISTORIC SITES, STATE RAILROAD/PORTS. IF THE NOVEMBER ELECTION WAS HELD TODAY, WOULD YOU VOTE FOR/AGAINST THIS \$1.45 BILLION BOND.**

**69% Support**  
**23% Against**  
**9% Unsure**

**THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND GOVERNOR ARE CONSIDERING A \$1.4 BILLION TRANSPORTATION BOND REFERENDUM FOR A NOVEMBER, 2015 SPECIAL ELECTION, FOR HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND RURAL SECONDARY ROADS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. IF THE NOVEMBER ELECTION WAS HELD TODAY, WOULD YOU VOTE FOR OR AGAINST A \$1.4 BILLION TRANSPORTATION BOND?**

**65 % Support**  
**21 % Against**  
**12% Unsure**

**KNOWING THAT YOU COULD PASS BOTH THE TRANSPORTATION BOND AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND EDUCATION BOND REFERENDUM WITH NO TAX INCREASE FOR NORTH CAROLINA TAXPAYERS AS WELL AS MAINTAINING THE STATE'S AAA CREDIT RATING, WOULD YOU VOTE FOR OR AGAINST BOTH OF THE TWO BOND REFERENDUMS COSTING A COMBINED TOTAL OF \$2.85 BILLION?**

**63 % Support**  
**25 % Against**  
**12% Unsure**

Poll conducted by Tel Opinion Research. The study of 1000 voters was conducted May 14-19, 2015. All respondents were part of a fully representative sample of voters in North Carolina who voted in either the 2012 or 2014 general elections. The confidence interval associated with a sample of this size is such that: 95% of the time, results from 1000 interviews will be within +/-3.2% of the True Values. A True Value refers to the results obtained if it were possible to interview every voter in North Carolina who had voted in either the 2012 or 2014 general elections. All demographic groups such as age, gender, ethnicity, affiliation and geographic distribution were found to be within the margin of error associated with a survey of this sample size.

The poll was presented to a joint caucus of the General Assembly along with the accompanying PowerPoint with key information on borrowing capacity and debt service.

[See the Full Poll](#)

[See further information presented to the General Assembly](#)