

I. Executive Summary

Across the board, a strong majority of the 2,406 people surveyed throughout New York State favor wide scope in transportation planning, voicing support for a spectrum of goals that influence planning policy and project selection.

Though showing high satisfaction with available transportation options and with their commuting arrangements, respondents display an appetite for more, better, quicker, easier and safer in citing their transportation needs and preferences.

Throughout the report, findings are presented first at statewide level, then for each of eight regions of special interest to the state's Metropolitan Planning Organizations. In each region, 300 or more respondents were surveyed, distributed by population within the region. State-level numbers result from a weighting of each region according to population statewide.

Key findings from the telephone survey which Zogby International carried out in early through mid-March, 2000, are shown under six major headings below:

1. Scope in transportation planning
2. Overall satisfaction / dissatisfaction
3. Commuting patterns and concerns
4. Public transportation options and needs
5. Transportation's impacts on quality of life
6. Willingness to cover costs and preferred ways

(Please note: All charts show percentage rates of response. Percentages will not always total 100% because of Not Sure/No Answer responses and rounding off. In cases where a question invited more than one response from each respondent, percentages may total more than 100%.)