

# Public Policy Polling: Broad support from the Wisconsin voters for Evers transportation provisions

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that Wisconsin voters support Governor Evers' 2019-2021 budget provisions. The majority (60%) of voters believe that ensuring more Wisconsinites have access to affordable healthcare and prescription drugs, fixing Wisconsin's roads, and investing in Wisconsin's schools to improve education is more important than preventing tax increases.

Voters also believe that Republican leaders in the Legislature should work with Governor Evers to find middle ground on his policy proposals. The majority (62%) of statewide voters think Republican leaders should work with Governor Evers, while only 27% think they should continue to block the Governor's proposals.

Support for working with Gov. Evers is even higher in Wisconsin's Senate District 13, represented by Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, and Assembly District 63, represented by Speaker of the Wisconsin State Assembly Robin Vos. 65% of voters in AD 63 and 63% in SD 13 believe that Republican leaders in the Legislature should work with Governor Evers, while only 31% and 32% respectively believe they should continue to block Governor Evers' proposals.

Statewide voters hold a favorable opinion of Governor Evers at 53%, while only 38% have a favorable opinion of Wisconsin Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, and 32% of voters have a favorable opinion of Speaker of the Wisconsin State Assembly Robin Vos. In Vos' district, Fitzgerald is also underwater in favorability, 40-43. Evers' favorability remains high even in these Republican legislative leaders' districts,

where he maintains a 54% favorability in SD 13 and a 53% favorability in AD 63.

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation provisions are widely supported, with 75% of voters believing the Governor and state Legislature should act now to develop a long-term solution to repair Wisconsin's roads and bridges. Voters also believe that Wisconsin's minimum markup law should be eliminated and the gas tax increased by 8 cents per gallon to fund plans to fix Wisconsin's roads and bridges, rather than dramatically raising registration fees on cars and trucks to fund road and bridge repairs:

- 62% of statewide voters prefer the elimination of minimum markup while raising the gas tax by 8 cents per gallon. Only 10% prefer raising vehicle registration fees.
- In SD 13, another 62% of voters agree more with increasing the gas tax and eliminating the minimum markup. Only 12% prefer raising vehicle registration fees.
- In AD 63, 60% of voters agree more with increasing the gas tax and eliminating the minimum markup, while only 13% agree more with raising vehicle registration fees.

Breaking down into districts, support for Governor Evers' other proposals is also high:

- In Wisconsin's SD 13, 83% of voters believe the Governor and Legislature should act now to develop a long-term solution to repair the state's roads and bridges.
- 75% of voters in Wisconsin's AD 63 also believe the Governor and Legislature should act now on a long-term solution for repairing roads and bridges.
- 69% of voters in Wisconsin's SD 13 and 61% of voters in AD 63 believe the minimum markup law should be eliminated. Only 17% of voters in SD 13 and 23% of voters in AD 63 support keeping the law in place.

PPP surveyed 572 statewide Wisconsin voters from May 31-June 1, 2019; the margin of error is +/- 4.1%. 324 voters were surveyed in Wisconsin SD 13 from May 31-June 1, 2019; the margin of error is 5.4%. 256 voters were surveyed in Wisconsin AD 63 from May 31-June 1, 2019; the margin of error is 6.1%. This poll was conducted by telephone for the Wisconsin Opportunity Coalition.