

**Orange County Voter Survey
Survey Questionnaire
Draft v6**

Field Dates: TBD
 Universe: Among all Orange County Voters
 Language: English, Spanish and Vietnamese
 N = 400
 Margin of Error = +/-5%

Hello, may I speak with _____? [IF NOT AVAILABLE—SCHEDULE CALLBACK]
 This is _____ with the Probolsky Research a regional opinion research organization. We are conducting a survey about issues facing your community. Your opinion is important.

1. What would you say is the most important issue facing Orange County?
 [PROBE HEAVILY, CAPTURE AND CODE]: _____

Now I have a list of names of several individuals and organizations that I am going to read. For each name, please tell me if you have heard of them and if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of them. If you have no opinion or have never heard of them, just say so. The first name is [READ NAME]. Have you heard of [READ NAME]? Would you say that you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of [READ NAME]? [RECORD] [IF FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE>>>]
 [RANDOMIZE Q2 – 17]

		AWARE		UNAWARE			
Favorable		No Opinion	Unfavorable		Never Heard Of	Unsure	Refus

2. Orange County
Transportation Authority
(OCTA)
3. Transportation Corridors Authority (TCA)
4. Senator Patricia Bates
5. Assemblyman Bill Brough [BRO]
6. Congressman Daryl Issa
7. Congressman Ken Calvert



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[ASK IN DISTRICT 5 ONLY]

- 8. Orange County Supervisor Lisa Bartlett

[ASK IN DISTRICT 2 ONLY]

- 9. Orange County Supervisor Michelle Steel

[ASK IN DISTRICT 4 ONLY]

- 10. Orange County Supervisor Shawn Nelson

[ASK IN DISTRICT 1 ONLY]

- 11. Orange County Supervisor Andrew Do

[ASK IN DISTRICT 3 ONLY]

- 12. Orange County Supervisor Todd Spitzer

- 13. Orange County Business Council

- 14. Orange County Association of Realtors

- 15. South Orange County Economic Coalition

- 16. Rancho Mission Viejo Company

- 17. California Transportation Commissioner Lucy Dunn

- 18. What are your top two sources for news and information about local government and transportation in Orange County? Pick two.

[RANDOMIZE]

Newspaper [PROBE, CAPTURE AND CODE_____]

Local radio [PROBE, CAPTURE AND CODE_____]

Local television [PROBE, CAPTURE AND CODE_____]

A website or blog [PROBE, CAPTURE AND CODE_____]

Social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter [PROBE, CAPTURE AND CODE_____]

Something else: _____ **[DO NOT READ. CAPTURE AND CODE]**

Nothing [DO NOT READ]

Unsure [DO NOT READ]

Refused [DO NOT READ]

- 19. How often do you ride or drive on a toll road in Orange County?

Daily

Weekly

Monthly

Almost never



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Never

Unsure [DO NOT READ]

Refused [DO NOT READ]

20. If you oversaw decision-making about where to spend transportation dollars in Orange County, which of the following would you choose to prioritize? Choose as many as you want.

[RANDOMIZE]

Bus service

Rail service

Freeway/highway widening

Street widening

Street repairs

Bridge repairs

Toll roads

Something else: [PROBE HEAVILY, CAPTURE AND CODE]: _____ [DO NOT READ]

Unsure [DO NOT READ]

Refused [DO NOT READ]

Now I am going to read to you some background information about two public transportation agencies in Orange County.

[ROTATE PREAMBLES]

Since 1991 the Orange County Transportation Authority (know as O-C-T-A) has been responsible for the continuous improvement of Orange County's transportation network and overall transportation planning including bike lanes, buses, highways, Metrolink, major roadways and the 91 Expressway, for residents and commuters moving throughout the 34 cities and unincorporated areas of Orange County. Funding for OCTA comes from tax dollars, including from Measure M2, which was approved by Orange County voters. OCTA has a board of directors made up of elected and appointed officials.

Since 1987, the Transportation Corridor Agencies (known as T-C-A) has developed and operated toll roads, including State Routes 73, 133, 241 and 261. Funding for the construction of the toll roads comes through the sale of bonds to both private individuals and institutional investors and repaid by people paying tolls. The toll roads TCA builds are supposed be turned over to the state and become free for the public to use once the debt has been paid off. TCA has two boards of directors made up of elected and appointed officials.

21. The Transportation Corridor Agencies or TCA is in the planning stages to build a new toll road connecting the south-eastern part of Mission Viejo in South Orange County to the 5 Freeway. In general, would you support or oppose building this new toll road in South Orange County? [RECORD] [IF SUPPORT OR OPPOSE>>>] And would you say that you [strongly or somewhat] support/oppose?

Support [NET]

Strongly support

Somewhat support



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Makes no difference [DO NOT READ]

Oppose [NET]

Strongly oppose

Somewhat oppose

Unsure [DO NOT READ]

Refused [DO NOT READ]

[ROTATE Q22 - 29]

[RANDOMIZE]

22. The toll road that the TCA is planning to build would likely divide communities in South Orange County in half. Does knowing this make you more likely to support or more likely to oppose the new toll road? [RECORD] [IF MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT OR MORE LIKELY TO OPPOSE>>>] And would you say that you are much [more likely to support/more likely to oppose] or somewhat [more likely to support/more likely to oppose]?

More likely support [NET]

Much more likely to support

Somewhat more likely to support

Makes no difference [DO NOT READ]

More likely to oppose [NET]

Much more likely to oppose

Somewhat more likely to oppose

Unsure [DO NOT READ]

Refused [DO NOT READ]

23. The toll road that TCA is planning to build would require them to take open space and disrupt hiking and biking trails in established communities in South Orange County. Does knowing this make you more likely to support or more likely to oppose the new toll road? [RECORD] [IF MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT OR MORE LIKELY TO OPPOSE>>>] And would you say that you are much [more likely to support/more likely to oppose] or somewhat [more likely to support/more likely to oppose]?

More likely support [NET]

Much more likely to support

Somewhat more likely to support

Makes no difference [DO NOT READ]

More likely to oppose [NET]

Much more likely to oppose

Somewhat more likely to oppose

Unsure [DO NOT READ]

Refused [DO NOT READ]

[SPLIT SAMPLE A]

24. The TCA has billions of dollars in debt and its bonds have been downgraded multiple times by Wall Street rating agencies. It is questionable whether the TCA has the financial stability to build a new toll road. Does knowing this make you more likely to support or more likely to oppose the new toll road? [RECORD] [IF MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT OR MORE



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LIKELY TO OPPOSE>>>] And would you say that you are much [more likely to support/more likely to oppose] or somewhat [more likely to support/more likely to oppose]?

More likely support [NET]

Much more likely to support

Somewhat more likely to support

Makes no difference [DO NOT READ]

More likely to oppose [NET]

Much more likely to oppose

Somewhat more likely to oppose

Unsure [DO NOT READ]

Refused [DO NOT READ]

[SPLIT SAMPLE B]

25. The TCA has extended the repayment of their debt by 25 years. This cost the TCA millions in additional interest payments and delayed the time frame for when the toll roads will eventually become free to ride. Does knowing this make you more likely to support or more likely to oppose the new toll road? [RECORD] [IF MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT OR MORE LIKELY TO OPPOSE>>>] And would you say that you are much [more likely to support/more likely to oppose] or somewhat [more likely to support/more likely to oppose]?

More likely support [NET]

Much more likely to support

Somewhat more likely to support

Makes no difference [DO NOT READ]

More likely to oppose [NET]

Much more likely to oppose

Somewhat more likely to oppose

Unsure [DO NOT READ]

Refused [DO NOT READ]

26. A new toll road connecting the south-eastern part of Mission Viejo in South Orange County to the 5 Freeway would benefit very few Orange County residents and mostly motorists traveling to and from San Diego, but would cost over one billion dollars to build. Does knowing this make you more likely to support or more likely to oppose the new toll road? [RECORD] [IF MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT OR MORE LIKELY TO OPPOSE>>>] And would you say that you are much [more likely to support/more likely to oppose] or somewhat [more likely to support/more likely to oppose]?

More likely support [NET]

Much more likely to support

Somewhat more likely to support

Makes no difference [DO NOT READ]

More likely to oppose [NET]

Much more likely to oppose

Somewhat more likely to oppose

Unsure [DO NOT READ]

Refused [DO NOT READ]



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27. The location of the proposed toll road has been severally restricted by a settlement agreement hashed out in private, without public input, between the TCA and select environmental organizations. The agreement forces the toll road to pass directly through established communities, disrupting proper city and transportation planning. Does knowing this make you more likely to support or more likely to oppose the new toll road? [RECORD] [IF MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT OR MORE LIKELY TO OPPOSE>>>] And would you say that you are much [more likely to support/more likely to oppose] or somewhat [more likely to support/more likely to oppose]?

More likely support [NET]

Much more likely to support

Somewhat more likely to support

Makes no difference [DO NOT READ]

More likely to oppose [NET]

Much more likely to oppose

Somewhat more likely to oppose

Unsure [DO NOT READ]

Refused [DO NOT READ]

28. It would cost over \$6 to drive, each way, on a new toll road connecting the south-eastern part of Mission Viejo in South Orange County to the 5 Freeway. Does knowing this make you more likely to support or more likely to oppose the new toll road? [RECORD] [IF MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT OR MORE LIKELY TO OPPOSE>>>] And would you say that you are much [more likely to support/more likely to oppose] or somewhat [more likely to support/more likely to oppose]?

More likely support [NET]

Much more likely to support

Somewhat more likely to support

Makes no difference [DO NOT READ]

More likely to oppose [NET]

Much more likely to oppose

Somewhat more likely to oppose

Unsure [DO NOT READ]

Refused [DO NOT READ]

29. One potential alignment of the toll road that the TCA is planning to build would require turning a road that people can travel on now for free, Los Patrones Parkway, into the toll road. Does knowing this make you more likely to support or more likely to oppose the new toll road? [RECORD] [IF MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT OR MORE LIKELY TO OPPOSE>>>] And would you say that you are much [more likely to support/more likely to oppose] or somewhat [more likely to support/more likely to oppose]?

More likely support [NET]

Much more likely to support

Somewhat more likely to support

Makes no difference [DO NOT READ]

More likely to oppose [NET]



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Much more likely to oppose
Somewhat more likely to oppose
Unsure [DO NOT READ]
Refused [DO NOT READ]

Now I am going to read you the statements of some Orange County residents. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with them.
[RANDOMIZE Q30 – 33]

30. “The traffic on the 5 Freeways in South Orange County is mainly caused by people driving to and from San Diego County. San Diego should be required to fund a solution to the traffic problem they’ve created.” Do you agree or disagree?

Agree
Disagree
Unsure [DO NOT READ]
Refused [DO NOT READ]

[SPLIT SAMPLE A]

31. “The legislation that created the TCA says it can only build and manage toll roads. The Orange County Transportation Authority has a broader countywide perspective and can operate toll and non-toll projects. The Orange County Transportation Authority should take over the Transportation Corridor Agencies – we don’t need both agencies.” Do you agree or disagree?

Agree
Disagree
Unsure [DO NOT READ]
Refused [DO NOT READ]

[SPLIT SAMPLE B]

32. “The legislation that created the TCA says it can only build and manage toll roads. The Orange County Transportation Authority has a broader countywide perspective and can operate toll and non-toll projects. The Orange County Transportation Authority and the Transportation Corridor Agencies should merge – we don’t need both agencies.” Do you agree or disagree?

Agree
Disagree
Unsure [DO NOT READ]
Refused [DO NOT READ]

33. “While the TCA can build new toll roads to improve traffic in Orange County, they have not built a new toll road in over 20 years. It’s time for TCA to close up shop.” Do you agree or disagree?

Agree
Disagree
Unsure [DO NOT READ]



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Refused [DO NOT READ]

Now I am going to read you some statements by two Orange County residents. Please listen to each statement and tell me with whom you agree more.

[RANDOMIZE Q34 – 35]

34. SMITH says: “A new toll road will only benefit those who can afford to pay a toll to avoid traffic. I would rather see transportation dollars spent on projects that benefit everyone in the county.”

JONES: “I like having more options for avoiding traffic, even if it means I will have to spend a money on the toll, a new toll road is worth the investment.”

With whom do you agree more, SMITH or JONES?

[ROTATE WITH QUESTION AND ANSWERS]

SMITH who opposes the new toll road

JONES who supports the new toll road

Unsure [DO NOT READ]

Refused [DO NOT READ]

35. LARA says: “The City of San Clemente is behind this attempt to stop the planned toll road because they don’t want to deal with the construction, noise and it would go right through their city. But that shouldn’t stop the rest of Orange County from getting the benefit of better traffic flow. I support the new toll road.”

DURAN: “Everyone in Orange County should thank the City of San Clemente for trying to block the new toll road. It’s a bad deal for us all. Our transportation dollars are better spent elsewhere. I oppose the new toll road.”

With whom do you agree more, LARA or DURAN?

[ROTATE WITH QUESTION AND ANSWERS]

LARA who supports the new toll road

DURAN who opposes the new toll road

Unsure [DO NOT READ]

Refused [DO NOT READ]

36. Knowing what you know now, would you support or oppose the toll road TCA is planning to build connecting the south-eastern part of Mission Viejo in South Orange County to the 5 Freeway? [RECORD] [IF SUPPORT OR OPPOSE>>>] And would you say that you [strongly or somewhat] support/oppose?

Support [NET]

Strongly support

Somewhat support

Makes no difference [DO NOT READ]

Oppose [NET]

Strongly oppose

Somewhat oppose

Unsure [DO NOT READ]



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Refused [DO NOT READ]

[ASK OF THOSE WHO ANSWERED "SUPPORT" TO Q36]

37. Please tell me why do you support the toll road the TCA is planning to build?
[PROBE HEAVILY, CAPTURE AND CODE]: _____

[ASK OF THOSE WHO ANSWERED "OPPOSE" TO Q36]

38. Please tell me why do you oppose the toll road the TCA is planning to build?
[PROBE HEAVILY, CAPTURE AND CODE]: _____

Now, the following questions are for statistical purposes only...

39. And finally, which of the following best describes your ethnic background?

- Latino/Hispanic**
- White/Caucasian**
- Black/African American**
- Asian**
- Other**
- Refused [DO NOT READ]

Thank you for your time. Have a great (day/evening).

CROSS TABULATIONS:

Gender (from sample)

- Male
- Female

Party (from sample)

- Republican
- Democratic
- DTS

Household Party (from sample)

- Pure Republican household
- Pure Democratic household
- Mixed party household

Born in US (from sample)

- US born
- Foreign born
- Birthplace unknown

Age group (from sample)

- 18-29
- 30-39
- 40-54
- 55-64
- 65+



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Gender/Age (from sample)

Men 18-54
Men 55+
Women 18-54
Women 55+

Party/Gender (from sample)

GOP Men
GOP Women
DTS Men
DTS Women
Dem Men
Dem Women

Party/Age (from sample)

GOP 18-54
GOP 55+
DTS 18-54
DTS 55+
Dem 18-54
Dem 55+

Vote propensity (from sample)

5 out of 5
4 out of 5
3 out of 5
2 out of 5
1 out of 5
Newer Perfect Voter
New Registrant

Type of voter (from sample)

Permanent Vote by Mail voter
Previous Vote by Mail
Election Day voter

Registration date? (from sample)

Less than one year
Up to 5 years
Up to 10 years
Up to 20 years
More than 20 years

Geographic

Supervisorial District 1
Supervisorial District 2
Supervisorial District 3
Supervisorial District 4
Supervisorial District 5



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Ethnicity

Latino/Hispanic
White/Caucasian
Black/African American
Asian
Other

Language

English
Spanish
Vietnamese

Phone type

Landline
Mobile

Survey type

Online
Telephone

Initial Support

Support
Oppose
Unsure/Refused



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