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Dealing with the Problem of Route 6: A Survey of Andover, Bolton, Columbia and Coventry Residents

The following are the results of a telephone survey conducted by the Center for Survey Research and Analysis (CSRA) at the University of Connecticut. The poll was conducted with a scientific sample of 811 adult residents from the four towns in the 11-mile stretch of the Route 6 footprint: Andover, Bolton, Columbia and Coventry (200+ in each town). Interviews were conducted between February 27 and March 9, 2003.

The survey finds that residents of Andover, Bolton, Columbia and Coventry all agree that something needs to be done about the 11-mile stretch of Route 6 that runs through their towns:

- Four-in-five residents of the four-town area are opposed to doing nothing and keeping Route 6 as it is.
- The construction of a highway bypass receives the most support with 50%, and the option of upgrades to the
 existing Route 6 garners 40% support from residents.
- In terms of residents of the individual towns, Bolton (54% to 35%), Andover (60% to 32%) and Columbia (65% to 23%) all prefer a bypass over additional upgrades by wide margins. However, Coventry residents prefer additional upgrades over a bypass by a margin of 51% to 39%.

The residents of the four-town area prefer a bypass that stays north of the Hop River (Northern Route) rather than a route that crosses the Hop River (Southern Route) by a margin of 41% to 24%. Bolton, Andover and Columbia all support the Northern route by considerable margins, the exception being Coventry, which splits support evenly between the Northern and Southern route.

Regardless of whether or not a bypass is built, a sizeable majority of residents (69%) consider additional upgrades to the existing Route 6 important, with more dedicated turning lanes, more lighting, and wider shoulders being considered the most important additional upgrades.

The survey finds that safety is an overriding concern for residents of all four towns:

- Almost three-quarters of residents say they are very (40%) or somewhat (33%) concerned for their personal safety when driving or riding in a car on Route 6.
- A majority (64%) say that Route 6 is more dangerous than other roads in Connecticut, only 1% consider Route 6 to be safer than other roads they drive on.

Residents are ambivalent about environmental concerns as they consider a Route 6 bypass:

- Fifty-one percent disagree that potential damage to the environment is a good enough argument to not build a bypass and 49% disagree that construction on wetlands is a good enough reason to not build a bypass.
- Fifty-six percent agree with the argument that a bypass should be constructed if there is a 3-1 exchange of
 wetlands for open space. Residents also support (55%) the argument for a bypass if it includes a proposal to
 set aside 1000 acres of open space.

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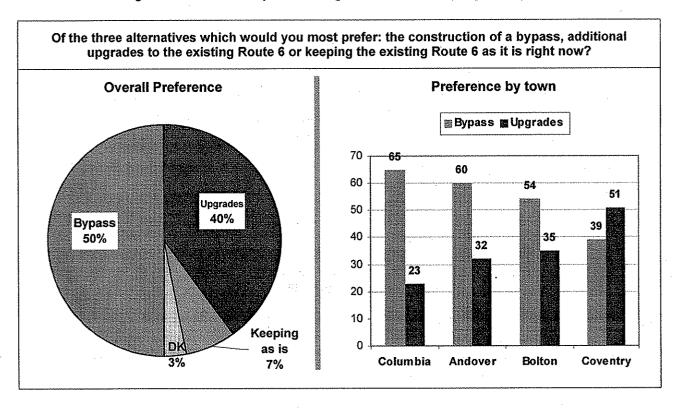
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What to Do? Bypass, Upgrade or Nothing

The survey asked residents of the four towns to choose which of three Route 6 proposals they prefer. Fifty percent opt for construction of an 11-mile, 4-lane bypass highway, 40% prefer that additional upgrades be made to the existing Route 6, and 7% say that nothing should be done, opting to keep Route 6 as it is now.



Residents of Coventry differ significantly from those of the other three towns. In Coventry, 51% prefer the upgrade option while 39% say they want a bypass. In contrast, Columbia residents opt for the bypass over the upgrade by a margin of 65% to 23%; those in Andover prefer the bypass to the upgrade by 60% to 32%; and Bolton residents opt for the bypass over the upgrade by a margin of 54% to 35%.

Also, those who have lived in the area for a longer period of time are more supportive of the bypass construction. Specifically, among those who have lived in their town for over 15 years, 55% support the bypass while 37% support upgrades to Route 6. For those with six to 15 years of residence in their town, 49% support the bypass and 41% opt for the upgrade. Among those who have lived in their town for five years or less, 44% support the bypass, and 42% like the upgrade proposal.

In addition, those who live closer to Route 6 are most supportive of the bypass – 53% of those who say they live within a mile of Route 6 support the bypass option, compared to 51% of those between one and four miles, and 44% of those who say they live four miles or more away from Route 6.

Residents of the four-town area were also asked about their support or opposition to <u>each</u> of the three proposals. On the proposal to build an 11-mile, 4-lane bypass highway, a total of 57% offer support (37% strongly support and 20% somewhat support), while 30% oppose (21% strongly oppose and 9% somewhat

oppose.) Thirteen percent say that they aren't sure. By wide margins, Columbia (69% to 20%), Andover (68% to 22%) and Bolton (63% to 24%) residents are more likely to support than oppose the bypass proposal. Among Coventry residents, 47% support the bypass concept while 38% oppose it.

On the proposal to make additional upgrades to the existing Route 6 as an alternative to building a highway bypass, 52% say they support this proposal (32% strongly and 20% somewhat) and 39% oppose (24% strongly and 15% somewhat.) Eight percent say they do not know. Coventry residents are more likely to support (65%) than oppose (25%) an upgrade, as are Bolton residents (49% to 43%). By contrast, Columbia (59% to 35%) and Andover (55% to 40%) residents are more likely to oppose the upgrade.

On the proposal to keep Route 6 as it currently is, with no new bypass and no additional upgrades, only 16% offer support (7% strongly and 9% somewhat) while 80% oppose (69% strongly and 11% somewhat.) Four percent say they do not know.

Concerns About Safety

Residents of the four towns express high levels of concern for their personal safety when driving or riding in a car on Route 6. About three-quarters are very (40%) or somewhat (33%) concerned. Twenty-four percent of residents say they are not very (15%) or not at all concerned (9%) for their personal safety on Route 6. The level of safety concern is lower in Coventry (66%) than it is in the other three towns: Bolton - 75%, Andover – 80% and Columbia - 83%.

The survey finds that the residents of the four towns consider Route 6 to be considerably more dangerous than other roads in Connecticut. Only 1% of residents of the four-town area consider Route 6 to be safer, while 64% say Route 6 is more dangerous. Thirty-four percent consider Route 6 to be about as safe as other roads they drive on. The residents of Bolton (75%), Andover (64%) and Columbia (72%) all consider Route 6 to be more dangerous than the residents of Coventry (55%.)

The survey found that across the four towns, people avoid driving on Route 6 at comparable rates with 45% of Bolton residents, 41% of Andover residents, 45% of Columbia residents and 42% of Coventry residents avoiding Route 6 often or sometimes.

Attitudes Environmental Impact and Eminent Domain

Residents were presented with arguments that have been made both supporting and opposing the proposed bypass and then asked if they agree or disagree with the argument. One argument: "a bypass SHOULD NOT be built because it will damage the environment. Do you agree or disagree with this argument?" Forty-six percent agree that environmental damage is enough of a reason to not build a bypass, while 51% disagree.

On the argument, "a bypass SHOULD NOT be built because it will require construction on 35 to 40 acres of land that are currently designated as wetlands," 48% agree that damage to wetlands is a sufficient reason to not build a bypass while 49% disagree.

In order to gauge public support for the greenway proposal, residents were asked if the two primary components of the greenway concept would be a factor in their support for or opposition to a bypass. For the argument that "a bypass SHOULD be constructed IF it includes a proposal to set aside three acres of open

space in your community to be protected from development for each acre of wetlands that is used for the construction of a bypass," 56% agreed to 37% opposed. On "a bypass SHOULD be constructed IF it includes a proposal to protect 1000 acres of currently undeveloped land from any type of future development," 55% agreed and 38% disagreed.

One important facet of the Route 6 issue is that of eminent domain. When presented with the argument "a bypass SHOULD NOT be built because it will require that the government purchase 25 to 50 homes whose property will be needed to build the bypass," 53% of residents agree that eminent domain is a good reason to not build a bypass with 44% disagreeing. Residents of Coventry (63%) are significantly more likely to agree with the eminent domain argument.

Another argument is that of the impact a bypass might have on communities that are for the most part rural. When asked, "a bypass SHOULD NOT be built because it will disrupt the character of your town," residents do not seem to be overly concerned. Sixty-three percent disagree that the disruption to the character of their town was sufficient reason to not build a bypass, with 35% agreeing with the argument.

The argument to build a bypass that obtains the highest support is "a bypass would be a safer road to travel on than the current Route 6." Overall, 73% of residents say that they agree with this argument to build a bypass. Residents of Coventry are less likely to agree with this argument (65%.)

Along with safety, a similarly strong argument in support of a bypass is the issue of traffic. Sixty-eight percent of residents of the four towns agree that a bypass should be built because it will reduce traffic. Coventry residents (59%) are less likely to support the reduction in traffic argument.

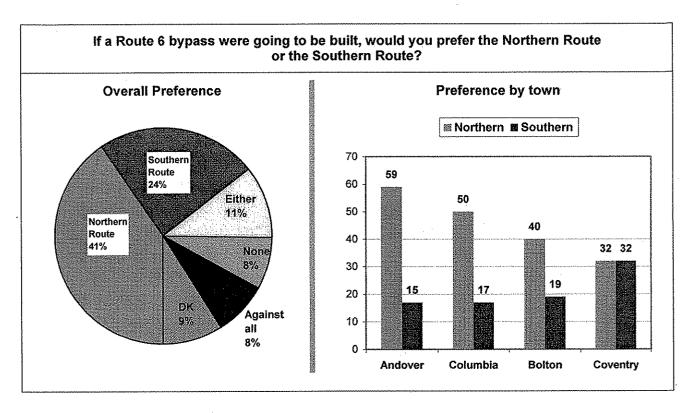
Residents from all four towns express strong support (69%) for exit and entrance ramps in their town if a bypass were going to be built.

Bypass Route Preference

A variety of different routes have been considered for the construction of a bypass. These proposals can be categorized into one of two general routes; described in the survey as the Northern Route and Southern Routes. When asked if they would support or oppose the construction of a Northern Route bypass that would "begin at the end of Route 384, proceed through Bolton, continue into Coventry, cross into Andover and proceed back into Coventry, ending at the intersection of Route 6 and 66," residents from the four towns voice support by a margin of 51% to 37% opposed. Bolton (56%), Andover (64%), and Columbia (63%) all express majority support for the Northern Route; in Coventry however, 41% support the Northern Route with 50% in opposition.

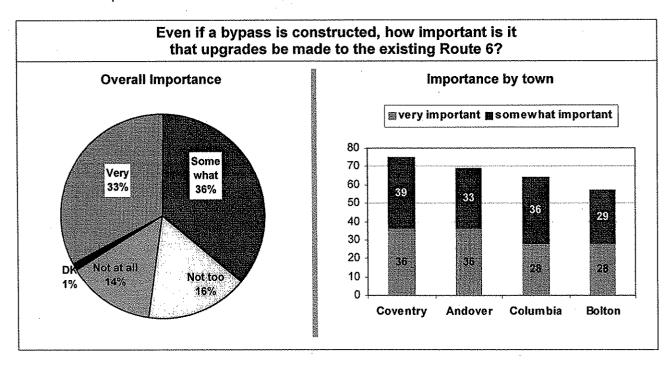
When asked if they would support or oppose the construction of a Southern Route bypass that would "begin at the end of Route 384, proceed through Bolton, continuing into Coventry, then cross the Hop River, proceeding through Andover and Columbia, crossing the Hop River again and ending at the intersection of Routes 6 and 66," residents from the four town area voiced opposition by a margin of 48% opposed to 40% in support.

When asked to choose between the route options, 41% of residents overall choose the Northern Route and 24% choose the Southern Route. Coventry split its preference, 32% for the Northern Route and 32% for the Southern Route. Eleven percent say either option was acceptable.

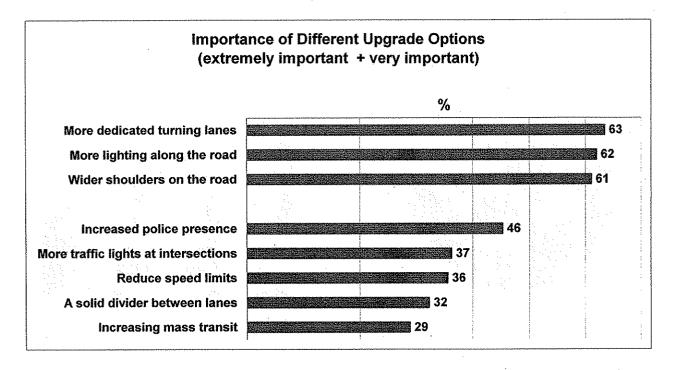


Attitudes About Upgrades to Route 6

Even if a bypass is constructed, a sizable majority (69%) considers that additional upgrades to the existing route 6 are very or somewhat important (33% and 36% respectively). The perceived importance of this issue varies by town: while it is very or somewhat important to three quarters of the residents of Coventry, the number drops to less than 60% in Bolton, with Andover and Columbia in the middle.



Residents also distinguish between the specific upgrades that are relatively more important.



Usage and Proximity to Route 6

The survey found that among the four towns, there are considerable variations in levels of usage of Route 6. They range from a high of 92% of Andover residents using Route 6 at least a couple times a week to a low of 37% of Coventry residents using Route 6 at least a couple times a week. Sixty-five percent of Columbia and 42% of Bolton residents use Route 6 at least a couple of times per week.

Residents of Andover and Bolton differ considerably from Columbia and Coventry in their proximity to Route 6. The survey shows that 55% of Andover residents live less than one mile, 39% of Bolton residents, 26% of Columbia residents and only 7% of residents in Coventry live within one mile from Route 6.

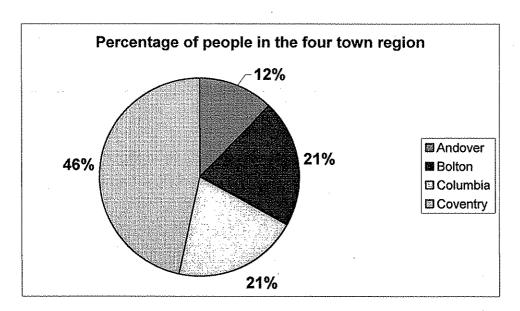
Methodology

This Route 6 survey was requested by Congressman Rob Simmons (R-CT 02) and funded though a grant from SBC SNET and the Master's of Survey Research Program at the University of Connecticut. It was conducted by the Center for Survey Research and Analysis (CSRA) at the University of Connecticut with Dr. Ken Dautrich as the Principal Investigator and Patrick McGloin, Delia Parada and Pablo Paras as Project Managers.

The survey was conducted using a scientific sample of residents from the towns of Bolton, Andover, Columbia and Coventry. These towns were selected to be surveyed due to the fact that they are the towns where the proposed highway bypass would be located. The interviews were conducted via computer-assisted telephone interviewing with randomly selected residents of the four towns over a two-week period beginning February 27th and concluding on March 9, 2003.

About 200 adult residents per town were interviewed for the survey for a total sample size of 811 interviews. The margin of error for the total sample is +/- 3.4% at a 95% confidence level; the margin of error for the individual town samples is +/-6.7% at a 95% confidence level.

The final data from the interviews was weighted to ensure that each town has representation in the sample proportionate to its population. The survey counts the responses from each town in direct proportion to their contribution to the total population of all four towns



CSRA developed the questionnaire and had sole editorial authority. In order to ensure that all perspectives were included in the formulation of the questionnaire, CSRA staff met with Route 6 policy leaders from all four of the footprint towns to discuss their concerns and receive their input. CSRA also invited comments from state elected officials and concerned citizens from the communities to be surveyed.

The questionnaire was drafted and revised, and was thoroughly pre-tested prior to being fielded in the end of February.

Survey Data Tables

Q1. How much have you heard or read about issues concerning the stretch of Route 6 that goes through your town, would you say you've heard or read – a lot, some, only a little, or nothing at all?

		Total _	Town							
		I Otal	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry				
**************************************	A lot	60%	63%	71%	60%	55%				
04	Some	23%	21%	22%	22%	24%				
Q1.	Only a little	14%	12%	6%	14%	17%				
	Nothing at all	4%	4%	1%	4%	4%				

IQ2. As you may know, there have been a number of proposals to address the section of Route 6 that connects Route 384 in Bolton to the intersection of Routes 6 and 66 in Columbia.

Q2. One proposal is for a 4 lane highway separating the East and West bound traffic that would allow drivers to bypass the existing 11-mile section of Route 6 that runs from Bolton to Columbia. This proposal has been referred to as the Route 6 Bypass. Do you support or oppose the construction of this bypass?

		Total -	Town						
		10tai -	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry			
	Support strongly	37%	40%	52%	50%	26%			
	Support somewhat	20%	23%	16%	19%	21%			
Q2.	Oppose somewhat	9%	7%	6%	5%	11%			
	Oppose strongly	21%	17%	16%	15%	27%			
	Don't Know	13%	13%	11%	11%	15%			

Q3. Another proposal involves additional upgrades to the existing Route 6 INSTEAD OF building a highway bypass. Do you support or oppose additional upgrades to the existing Route 6 INSTEAD OF building a bypass?

		Total	Town						
		IUlai	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry			
فقور زنديا وتحايا فلسند زواه وزس	Support strongly	32%	29%	28%	19%	40%			
	Support somewhat	20%	20%	12%	16%	. 25%			
Q3.	Oppose somewhat	15%	17%	13%	22%	11%			
	Oppose strongly	24%	26%	42%	37%	14%			
	Don't Know	8%	7%	4%	6%	11%			

Q4. Another proposal involves keeping Route 6 as it is today, constructing neither a bypass nor additional upgrades. Do you support or oppose keeping Route 6 as it is?

		Total	Town						
a to (a domina la statuturia da d			Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry			
	Support strongly	7%	6%	5%	7%	9%			
	Support somewhat	9%	9%	5%	8%	10%			
Q4.	Oppose somewhat	11%	11%	11%	7%	13%			
G(T)	Oppose strongly	69%	70%	78%	75%	62%			
	Don't Know	4%	4%	2%	3%	6%			
- track and a second second	Refused	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%			

Q5. Of the three alternatives I just read, which would you most prefer: the construction of a bypass, additional upgrades to the existing Route 6 or keeping the existing Route 6 as it is right now?

		Total	Town					
		iotai	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry		
-	Construction of a bypass	50%	54%	60%	65%	39%		
	Additional upgrades to the existing Route 6	40%	35%	32%	23%	51%		
Q5.	Keeping the existing Route 6 as it is right now	7%	7%	5%	9%	6%		
	Other	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%		
	Don't Know	3%	3%	2%	3%	5%		

		Total	Town				
haranta /r. comple		lotai		Andover	Columbia	Coventry	
Q6a.	Route 6 is not safe/It is dangerous	21%	19%	22%	25%	18%	
	Safety/Safer to drive	22%	17%	19%	26%	23%	
	Reduce traffic/Better traffic flow/Trucks away from Route 6	31%	29%	55%	27%	25%	
	Reduce accidents and fatalities	24%	34%	17%	25%	21%	
	Better for the community	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	
	Upgrades are not sufficient	4%	5%	7%	5%	3%	
	Convenience/Better commutes/Easier access	11%	3%	3%	14%	. 17%	
	Increase economic growth/More business	2%	1%	1%	5%	2%	
	If nothing done it would get worse	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%	
	I know somebody who was killed or injured	2%	2%	1%	0%	4%	

(Q6a continu	(Q6a continued)									
Is the best ti	hing to do/Better alternative/Necessary	12%	12%	6%	11%	14%				
Other		19%	20%	13%	21%	20%				
Don't know		1%	0%	1%	0%	3%				
Refused		1%	1%	0%	1%	1%				

	Q6b. Why do you support additional upgra	des to	the exis	ting Route	€ 6?	and the state of t
		Total		1	own .	
		1 Otal	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry
	Safety reasons	19%	21%	8%	20%	20%
	Reduce accidents and fatalities	9%	10%	8%	8%	9%
	Needs improvements/More upgrades	27%	29%	38%	20%	27%
	Don't want a bypass/Not necessary	13%	9%	8%	9%	16%
	Protect environment/Less environmental destruction	13%	15%	15%	11%	13%
	Less disturbance for residents/Impact on properties/Town	13%	14%	9%	12%	13%
0.01	To ease the traffic	5%	5%	10%	6%	5%
Q6b.	Cheaper and less time consuming	11%	9%	4%	7%	14%
	Better alternative	6%	4%	12%	8%	6%
	Better for business on Route 6	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
	l know somebody who was killed or injured	2%	0%	1%	0%	2%
	Is not the road is the drivers	6%	5%	6%	10%	5%
	Other	13%	14%	27%	17%	10%
	Don't know	0%	0%	-0%	2%	0%
	Refused	3%	7%	1%	0%	2%

Q7. How concerned are you about your own personal safety when you drive or ride in a car on Route 6? Would you say you're very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned?

		Total	Town					
		i Otai	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry		
queciament (III list list)	Very concerned	40%	41%	51%	52%	32%		
And the second s	Somewhat concerned	33%	34%	29%	31%	34%		
Q7.	Not very concerned	15%	15%	12%	8%	18%		
Gi.	Not at all concerned	9%	9%	8%	9%	9%		
	Don't know	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%		
	Never drive on Route 6 (vol.)	3%	1%	0%	0%	6%		

Q8. Compared to other roads you drive on, would you say Route 6 is safer, more dangerous, or about the same?

		Total	Town					
		Total	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry		
	Safer	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%		
	More dangerous	64%	75%	64%	72%	55%		
Q8.	About the same	34%	25%	35%	27%	41%		
	Never drive on Route 6 (vol.)	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%		
v	Don't Know	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%		

Q9. How often do you avoid driving or riding in a car on Route 6 because of safety concerns, often, sometimes, rarely, or never?

		Total	Town					
	The state of the s	l Otal	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry		
	Often	24%	23%	28%	27%	23%		
	Sometimes	19%	22%	13%	18%	19%		
Q9.	Rarely	13%	16%	13%	12%	12%		
αJ.	Never	42%	37%	45%	42%	43%		
	Never drive on Route 6 (vol.)	2%	1%	0%	0%	3%		
	Depends	0%	0%	1%	0%			

IQ10. I'm going to read you a list of arguments that some people give as to why a bypass SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUCTED. As I read each of the following arguments, please tell me if you agree or disagree with each.

Q10. A bypass SHOULD NOT be built because it will require construction on 35 to 40 acres of land that are currently designated as wetlands. Do you agree or disagree with this argument?

		Total	Town						
		I Otal	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry			
	Strongly agree	34%	27%	24%	23%	44%			
	Somewhat Agree	14%	12%	10%	14%	17%			
Q10.	Somewhat disagree	21%	21%	24%	28%	17%			
	Strongly disagree	28%	34%	39%	33%	20%			
	Don't Know	3%	6%	4%	1%	2%			

Q11. A bypass SHOULD NOT be built because it will require that the government purchase 25 to 50 homes whose property will be needed to build the bypass. Do you agree or disagree with this argument?

		Total		Town				
	***************************************	, ota,	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry		
	Strongly agree	37%	34%	26%	23%	47%		
	Somewhat Agree	16%	15%	9%	18%	16%		
Q11.	Somewhat disagree	18%	15%	24%	23%	16%		
	Strongly disagree	26%	30%	35%	33%	18%		
	Don't Know	4%	5%	6%	4%	3%		

Q12. A bypass SHOULD NOT be built because it will damage the environment. Do you agree or disagree with this argument?

		Total		Town					
	THE COURT OF THE C	i Otai	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry			
	Strongly agree	32%	22%	21%	21%	45%			
	Somewhat Agree	14%	12%	10%	16%	14%			
Q12.	Somewhat disagree	20%	22%	19%	23%	18%			
	Strongly disagree	31%	38%	47%	39%	21%			
	Don't Know	3%	5%	2%	1%	3%			

Q13. A bypass SHOULD NOT be built because it will disrupt the character of your town. Do you agree or disagree with this argument?

		Total	Town					
		i Otai	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry		
de retting deliktrensjume	Strongly agree	25%	20%	19%	15%	33%		
	Somewhat Agree	10%	6%	8%	13%	11%		
Q13.	Somewhat disagree	26%	21%	20%	30%	28%		
	Strongly disagree	37%	49%	50%	41%	26%		
	Don't Know	2%	4%	3%	1%	2%		

IQ14. Now I'm going to read you a list of arguments that some people give as to why a bypass SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED. As I read each of the following arguments, please tell me if you agree or disagree.

Q14. A bypass SHOULD be built because it will be a safer road to travel on than the existing Route 6. Do you agree or disagree with this argument?

		Total		Town					
		IOIAI	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry			
aria di in ikiak di pangenarikana ba	Strongly agree	55%	60%	63%	67%	45%			
	Somewhat Agree	18%	19%	18%	. 13%	20%			
Q14.	Somewhat disagree	12%	10%	10%	8%	15%			
	Strongly disagree	13%	9%	8%	10%	17%			
	Don't Know	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%			

Q15. A bypass SHOULD be built because it will reduce the traffic on the existing Route 6. Do you agree or disagree with this argument?

		Total		Town					
	10 mg 12 mg	Tota:	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry			
	Strongly agree	49%	56%	66%	57%	38%			
	Somewhat Agree	19%	19%	16%	19%	21%			
Q15.	Somewhat disagree	14%	14%	8%	12%	17%			
name to company of the company of th	Strongly disagree	15%	9%	9%	8%	22%			
	Don't Know	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%			

Q16. A bypass SHOULD be constructed IF it includes a proposal to set aside three acres of open space in your community to be protected from development for each acre of wetlands that is used for the construction of a bypass. Do you agree or disagree with this argument?

L	277777	Total		Town				
T		lotai	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry		
tancon and the second	Strongly agree	30%	30%	34%	32%	29%		
	Somewhat Agree	26%	27%	26%	34%	22%		
Q16.	Somewhat disagree	15%	19%	11%	13%	15%		
	Strongly disagree	22%	15%	17%	15%	29%		
	Don't Know	6%	10%	11%	5%	4%		

Q17. A bypass SHOULD be constructed IF it includes a proposal to protect 1000 acres of currently undeveloped land from any type of future development. Do you agree or disagree with this argument?

		Total		7	Town	Andrew Control of the
		, Otal	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry
<u>era sumiramen ferteren istan .</u>	Strongly agree	33%	28%	34%	28%	37%
	Somewhat Agree	22%	20%	19%	30%	19%
Q17.	Somewhat disagree	16%	22%	17%	17%	13%
	Strongly disagree	22%	20%	18%	17%	26%
	Don't Know	7%	10%	12%	8%	5%

IQ18. There are generally two proposed routes for a Route 6 Bypass connecting Route 384 in Bolton to the intersection of Routes 6 and 66 in Columbia. Both options are of comparable length.

Q18. The Northern Route would begin at the end of Route 384, proceed through Bolton, continue into Coventry, cross into Andover and proceed back into Coventry, ending at the intersection of Routes 6 and 66. This is called the Northern Route because it stays North of the Hop River. Would you support or oppose the construction of a bypass that follows this route?

		Total		Town					
		, otal	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry			
elitioene säästäässe käännämisestamise	Support strongly	31%	34%	49%	41%	21%			
	Support somewhat	20%	22%	15%	22%	20%			
Q18.	Oppose somewhat	10%	9%	7%	11%	. 10%			
	Oppose strongly	27%	17%	18%	13%	40%			
	Don't Know	12%	17%	11%	12%	9%			

Q19. The Southern Route would begin at the end of Route 384, proceed through Bolton, continuing into Coventry, then cross the Hop River, proceeding through Andover and Columbia, crossing the Hop River again and ending at the intersection of Routes 6 and 66. This is called the Southern Route because it crosses the Hop River to the South. Would you support or oppose the construction of a bypass that follows this route?

		Total		Town					
		l Juan	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry			
	Support strongly	18%	19%	12%	16%	21%			
	Support somewhat	22%	25%	15%	25%	20%			
Q19.	Oppose somewhat	13%	13%	18%	8%	14%			
G(15.	Oppose strongly	35%	26%	40%	38%	36%			
	Don't Know	12%	15%	15%	13%	9%			
	Refused	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%			

Q20. If a Route 6 bypass were going to be built, would you prefer the Northern Route or the Southern
Route?

		Total	Town					
- Variation to the source		lotai	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry		
	Northern Route	41%	40%	59%	50%	32%		
	Southern Route	24%	19%	15%	17%	32%		
	Either one (vol.)	11%	15%	5%	14%	9%		
Q20.	None of the above (vol.)	8%	4%	4%	6%	11%		
	Against ALL bypass options (vol.)	8%	8%	11%	4%	8%		
	Don't Know	9%	13%	6%	8%	8%		
	Refused	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%		

Q21. If a Route 6 bypass is built, would you support or oppose an exit and entrance ramp in your town?

		Total	Town					
		IOtal	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry		
	Support strongly	44%	52%	39%	46%	40%		
	Support somewhat	25%	23%	24%	26%	25%		
Q21.	Oppose somewhat	7%	6%	10%	8%	7%		
	Oppose strongly	19%	11%	18%	15%	24%		
	Don't Know	5%	8%	8%	5%	3%		

Q22. Even if a bypass is constructed, how important is it that additional upgrades be made to the existing Route 6, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

		Total	Town					
			Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry		
	Very important	33%	28%	36%	28%	36%		
	Somewhat important	36%	29%	33%	36%	39%		
Q22.	Not too important	16%	27%	19%	16%	11%		
	Not at all important	14%	12%	11%	19%	13%		
	Don't Know	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%		

IQ23. I'm going to read you a list of additional upgrades that some people have suggested be made to the existing Route 6 WHETHER OR NOT A BYPASS IS BUILT. After I read each proposed upgrade, please tell me if you consider it extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all.

Q23	Q23. More lighting along the road to improve visibility?							
		Total	Town					
			Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry		
-dosennes de la constante	Extremely important	32%	26%	30%	27%	37%		
	Very important	30%	36%	31%	28%	28%		
Q23.	Somewhat important	25%	23%	25%	27%	24%		
QZJ.	Not too important	8%	7%	8%	8%	. 8%		
	Not at all important	5%	7%	6%	7%	3%		
	Don't Know	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%		

		Total			own .	
			Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry
	Extremely important	13%	14%	10%	.10%	15%
	Very important	19%	19%	11%	21%	21%
Q24.	Somewhat important	26%	25%	21%	21%	30%
WZ4.	Not too important	17%	16%	24%	16%	17%
	Not at all important	22%	22%	32%	29%	16%
	Don't Know	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%

	Q25. More	traffic	lights at	intersecti	ons?		
		Total	Town				
		lotai	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry	
	Extremely important	15%	14%	17%	8%	17%	
	Very important	22%	25%	19%	17%	23%	
Q25.	Somewhat important	29%	27%	26%	28%	32%	
WAU.	Not too important	16%	15%	17%	19%	14%	
	Not at all important	16%	16%	20%	26%	12%	
	Don't Know	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	

angang gang Ingang land lan	Q26. Mor	e dedi	cated tu	rning lane	s?	ampuruhun cubunsan saalintees lintera	
		Total	Total				
		· Otal	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry	
************	Extremely important	25%	19%	35%	21%	28%	
	Very important	38%	36%	35%	33%	42%	
Q26.	Somewhat important	24%	26%	19%	30%	22%	
WZU.	Not too important	7%	9%	7%	7%	6%	
	Not at all important	4%	8%	2%	6%	2%	
	Don't Know	1%	1%	2%	3%	0%	

pp	Q27. Inc	crease	d police	presence	?	n nasan	
		Total	Town				
	Consequence of the Professionary Spiriture Adjournment Associated Associated Consequence of Cons		Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry	
	Extremely important	21%	13%	24%	16%	25%	
	Very important	25%	26%	26%	23%	25%	
Q27.	Somewhat important	27%	28%	28%	26%	28%	
QLI.	Not too important	13%	16%	14%	14%	12%	
	Not at all important	13%	15%	8%	18%	11%	
	Don't Know	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	

	Q28. Reduced speed limits?								
		Total	Town						
		Total	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry			
	Extremely important	16%	13%	13%	6%	22%			
	Very important	20%	26%	19%	19%	17%			
	Somewhat important	23%	22%	27%	20%	23%			
Q28.	Not too important	19%	16%	22%	21%	19%			
	Not at all important	22%	21%	19%	32%	18%			
	Don't Know	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%			
	Refused	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%			

	Q29. Wid	ler sho	ulders o	n the road	1?	
		Total		7	own	
			Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry
n éprépakaityke kajawektbé	Extremely important	24%	19%	31%	20%	27%
	Very important	37%	36%	34%	33%	40%
000	Somewhat important	25%	31%	23%	25%	23%
Q29.	Not too important	7%	6%	7%	9%	6%
	Not at all important	6%	6%	5%	10%	4%
	Don't Know	1%	0%	1%	3%	0%

16.1114 (1866-1861 Blood 18 80/911	Q30. Increasing	mass	transit o	ptions on	Route 6?		
		Total	Town				
			Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry	
	Extremely important	11%	5%	10%	9%	14%	
	Very important	18%	20%	18%	19%	17%	
020	Somewhat important	27%	30%	26%	31%	25%	
Q30.	Not too important	21%	21%	20%	19%	22%	
	Not at all important	20%	21%	25%	19%	19%	
	Don't Know	3%	3%	1%	3%	3%	

Q31. I	f you had to choose, which of the following upgrade that could be	options made to	would you the existin	u say is the s ig Route 6?	ingle MOST II	WPORTANT
		Total		Ť	own	
		10tai	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry
ent an element des enemies processions	More lighting along the road to improve visibility	18%	21%	15%	18%	18%
	Solid divider between East and West bound lanes	16%	20%	7%	15%	17%
	More traffic lights at intersections	8%	5%	12%	5%	9%
	More dedicated turning lanes	18%	15%	22%	20%	17%
Q31.	Increased police presence	11%	12%	11%	11%	10%
	Reduce speed limits	9%	10%	8%	6%	9%
	Wider shoulders on the roads	15%	12%	19%	17%	14%
	Increasing mass transit options on Route 6	3%	1%	2%	7%	3%
	Don't Know	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%
	Refused	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%

Q32. H	low many adults	at least 18 y	ears or olde	r, including yo	urself live in you	ır household?			
		Total							
		Total	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry			
	1	15%	17%	14%	12%	16%			
	2	65%	60%	73%	65%	65%			
Q32.	3	14%	18%	8%	17%	13%			
ωσz.	4	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%			
	5	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%			
	6 or more	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%			

Q33. How often do you drive or ride in a car on Route 6? Daily, a couple times a week, onc	e a week, less
than once a week, or never?	

		Total -	Town					
			Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry		
	Daily	31%	20%	75%	42%	20%		
	Couple times a week	20%	22%	17%	23%	17%		
Q33.	Once a week	15%	18%	3%	18%	16%		
Q 00.	Less than once a week	30%	38%	4%	15%	41%		
	Never	4%	2%	0%	2%	6%		
	Don't Know	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%		

Q34. How often do other adults in your household drive or ride in a car on Route 6? Daily, a couple times a week, once a week, less than once a week, or never?

		Total	Town					
		, o.a.	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry		
	Daily	26%	13%	74%	41%	12%		
	Couple times a week	21%	24%	18%	27%	18%		
Q34.	Once a week	14%	14%	2%	13%	18%		
QUT.	Less than once a week	31%	39%	4%	16%	42%		
	Never	8%	9%	2%	4%	10%		
	Don't Know	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%		

Q35. How often do you use Route 6 to go shopping? Daily, a couple times a week, once a week, less than once a week, or never?

		Total	Town					
		1044	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry		
	Daily	9%	4%	31%	11%	5%		
	Couple times a week	19%	9%	43%	24%	15%		
Q35.	Once a week	13%	7%	13%	26%	10%		
aoo.	Less than once a week	25%	31%	5%	29%	26%		
	Never	33%	49%	8%	11%	44%		
	Don't Know	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%		

Q36. How often do you use Route 6 to get to or from work? Daily, a couple times a week, once a week, less than once a week, or never?

		Total	Town					
			Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry		
<u>America compose escapatar Asonita</u>	Daily	28%	14%	66%	39%	18%		
	Couple times a week	7%	5%	4%	8%	8%		
Q36.	Once a week	2%	1%	1%	4%	2%		
QUU.	Less than once a week	7%	5%	0%	5%	11%		
	Never	56%	75%	28%	44%	60%		
	Don't Know	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%		

		Total		7	'own	
	,	1 Otal	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry
	0/None	52%	55%	49%	54%	51%
	1	16%	14%	18%	18%	16%
	2	23%	21%	24%	22%	23%
Q37.	3	7%	7%	7%	4%	7%
QUI.	4	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%
	5	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
	7 or more	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	Refused	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%

Q38. How often do your children get to or from school using Route 6 either in a car or on a bus? Daily, a couple times a week, once a week, less than once a week, or never?

		Total	Town					
		Total	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry		
	Daily	13%	11%	39%	29%	1%		
	Couple times a week	3%	1%	5%	5%	2%		
Q38.	Less than once a week	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%		
	Never	83%	87%	56%	. 65%	97%		
	Don't Know	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%		

IQD1. I just have a few more questions for classification purposes only

QD1. How many phone numbers do you have in your household that are connected to phones that can be answered by a person, excluding cell phones?

		Total		Town					
	SANCE CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRA	i iotai	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry			
	1	76%	78%	81%	73%	74%			
	2	19%	18%	16%	23%	18%			
QD1.	3	4%	3%	2%	2%	6%			
	4	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%			
	Refused	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%			

QD2. And, is the telephone number that we reached	you at today a published or unpublished telephone
num	ber?

		Total	N	Town						
		, viu	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry				
	Published	87%	97%	94%	83%	83%				
QD2.	Unpublished	11%	1%	5%	16%	15%				
Qu'a.	Don't Know	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%				
	Refused	0%	1%	0%	. 1%	0%				

QD3	QD3. Do you currently rent or own your home?									
		Total	Town							
			Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry				
	Rent	8%	5%	15%	8%	7%				
	Own	89%	91%	84%	89%	89%				
QD3.	Other (vol.)	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%				
	Don't Know	0%	1%	0%	0%	. 0%				
	Refused	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%				

a a mana a de comunidade que a mana a de	QD4. How m	any ye	ears hav	e you live	d in your to	wn?				
, , ,		Total		Town						
		Total	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry				
	5 or less	30%	22%	30%	28%	34%				
QD4.	6 to 15	29%	31%	29%	31%	28%				
	16 or more	41%	47%	41%	41%	38%				

	QD5. How close d	lo you	live to th	ne existing	Route 6?	alacana Adminintrative de la marce (fa didamini de de primi de de sel finado	
		Total	Town				
		Total	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry	
	Within a mile	32%	39%	55%	26%	7%	
QD5.	1 to less than 4 miles	49%	50%	45%	54%	47%	
	4 or more miles	19%	10%	0%	20%	46%	

i ij sanapiti manapapitini h	QD6. What is the highest	grade	of schoo	l you con	pleted?	The state of the s		
		Total	Town					
		i Otai	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry		
	Grade school or less (0-8)	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%		
	Some high school (9-11)	1%	2%	4%	1%	1%		
	High School (12)	26%	28%	25%	24%	27%		
QD6.	Some college (1-3 years)	21%	20%	24%	28%	18%		
QD6.	College graduate (4 years)	34%	32%	34%	27%	39%		
	Post-graduate (beyond 4 years)	16%	17%	13%	18%	14%		
	Don't Know	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%		
	Refused	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%		

QD7. What is the total yearly income of all the members of your family now living at home?									
		Total	Town						
NAME OF THE PARTY		. Otu	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry			
QD7.	Less than\$40,000	15%	14%	9%	14%	17%			
	\$40,000 to less than \$75,000	41%	39%	54%	40%	39%			
	\$75,000 or more	44%	47%	37%	46%	44%			

		QD9	. Respor	ndents Ag	е.					
		Total		Town						
		Otai	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry				
	18-34	.24%	19%	25%	21%	28%				
QD9.	35-44	27%	27%	27%	27%	27%				
QDJ.	45-64	36%	38%	38%	38%	34%				
	65 or older	13%	16%	10%	15%	12%				

QD10. G	enerally speaking, do	you consider	yourself a R	epublican, Dem	ocrat, an Indeper	ndent or what?			
		Total	Town						
			Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry			
	Republican	22%	26%	29%	22%	18%			
	Democrat	27%	27%	21%	32%	26%			
QD10.	Independent	41%	36%	45%	38%	43%			
QD IV.	Other	6%	5%	3%	4%	7%			
	Don't Know	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%			
	Refused	3%	4%	1%	2%	4%			

	C	D11. V	Vhat is y	our Zip Co	ode?					
		Total		Town						
		1000	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry				
	Bolton	21%	100%	0%	0%	0%				
QD11.	Andover	12%	0%	100%	0%	0%				
QD i i.	Columbia	21%	0%	0%	100%	0%				
	Coventry	46%	0%	0%	0%	100%				

QD12. Respondents Gender										
		Total		Town						
		, ota,	Bolton	Andover	Columbia	Coventry				
QD12.	Male	49%	46%	49%	48%	51%				
QLF I Z	Female	51%	54%	51%	52%	49%				

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