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Over the past five years, would you say that _____ in the area where you currently live has gotten better, worse or stayed the same?

1. Traffic

1%	Much better	Net better 3%
2%	Somewhat better	
23%	Somewhat worse	Net worse 87%
64%	Much worse	
8%	Stayed the same	
2%	Don't know/refused	

2. Commuting time to work

10%	Much better	Net better 16%
6%	Somewhat better	
19%	Somewhat worse	Net worse 50%
31%	Much worse	
21%	Stayed the same	
13%	Don't know/refused	

3. Access to public transportation

9%	Much better	Net better 24%
15%	Somewhat better	
2%	Somewhat worse	Net worse 9%
7%	Much worse	
40%	Stayed the same	
27%	Don't know/refused	

4. Do you favor or oppose high-speed trains, traveling at speeds of 110 miles per hour and higher, serving your area and connecting major population centers to provide an alternative to airports and highways.

39%	Strongly favor	Net favor 66%
27%	Somewhat favor	
12%	Somewhat oppose	Net oppose 31%
19%	Strongly oppose	
3%	Don't know/refused	

5. Would you be interested in riding the new Acela service?
- | | | |
|-----|--------------------|--|
| 58% | Yes | |
| 36% | No | |
| 6% | Don't know/refused | |
6. How much impact do you think that the availability of an attractive and convenient rail service have in reducing traffic?
- | | | |
|-----|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 21% | A very large impact | Net impact 56% |
| 35% | A somewhat large impact | |
| 32% | A minor impact | Net no impact 42% |
| 10% | No impact | |
| 2% | Don't know/refused | |
7. Assuming that no new transportation alternatives will be offered during the next five to ten years, would you expect traffic congestion to improve, worsen, or stay the same?
- | | | |
|-----|----------------------|-----------------|
| 4% | Improve a great deal | Net improve 20% |
| 16% | Somewhat improve | |
| 26% | Somewhat worsen | Net worsen 70% |
| 44% | Worsen a great deal | |
| 10% | Stay the same | |
| *% | Don't know/refused | |
8. Would you want your community to build new light rail or commuter rail systems so that people would have the option of travel without the use of their cars?
- | | |
|-----|--------------------|
| 81% | Yes |
| 16% | No |
| 3% | Don't know/refused |

Please tell me whether you consider each a very convincing reason, somewhat convincing reason, slightly convincing reason, or a not convincing reason at all to use public money for rail systems

9. A new rail system would reduce traffic congestion. Is this a...
- | | | |
|-----|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 32% | Very convincing | Net convincing 71% |
| 39% | Somewhat convincing | |
| 15% | Slightly convincing | Net not convincing 28% |
| 13% | Not convincing at all | |
| 1% | Don't know/refused | |
10. A new rail system would improve travel options for your neighborhood or local area. Is this a...
- | | | |
|-----|---------------------|------------------------|
| 33% | Very convincing | Net convincing 72% |
| 39% | Somewhat convincing | |
| 10% | Slightly convincing | Net not convincing 25% |

15%	Not convincing at all
3%	Don't know/refused