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Projected Cost of Scarborough Subway Extension Unreasonable Say Almost Half of Voters

More than six-in-ten say the extension will cost more than projected

Toronto, April 6th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 840 Toronto voters, close to half (48%), disagree that the projected \$3.34 billion cost of the Scarborough subway extension and stacked bus garage is reasonable. A third (33%) agree that the cost is reasonable, and (19%) say they don't know.

Respondents most likely to say the cost is unreasonable include those aged 45-54 (54%) or 55-64 (53%), males (52%), earning \$80,000-\$100,000 (56%), with a college/university degree (51%) or post-graduate degree (52%), supporting Doug Ford for mayor (48%), and supporting the NDP (59%) or Green Party (61%).

Respondents most likely to agree the cost is reasonable include those aged 34 or younger (36%) or 35-44 (38%), earning \$40,000-\$60,000 (49%), with some college or university (43%), living in Scarborough (44%), and supporting the Liberals (37%) or Progressive Conservatives (38%).

Overruns a given

More than six-in-ten (63%) believe the one-stop Scarborough subway extension and stacked bus garage will cost more than the projected \$3.34 billion. Only (12%) think it will come in on budget, with (8%) saying that the project will finish under budget. (17%) don't know how much the final costs will be.

Respondents most likely to say the extension project will cost more include those aged 45-54 (67%) or 55-64 (67%), males (66%), the most wealthy (73%), with a college/university degree (66%) or post-graduate degree (65%), living in Etobicoke (69%) or the Former City of Toronto (68%), and supporting the NDP (68%) or Progressive Conservatives (65%).

Respondents most likely to say it will come in on budget include the least wealthy (19%) or earning \$20,000-\$40,000 (22%), and supporting the Liberal Party (15%).

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Methodology

The Forum Poll™ was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 840 randomly selected Toronto Voters. The poll was conducted on April 4-5, 2017.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 3%, 19 times out of 20. Subsample results will be less accurate. Margins of error for subsample (such as age, gender) results are available at www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp

Where appropriate, the data has been statistically weighted by age, region, and other variables to ensure that the sample reflects the actual population according to the latest Census data.

This research is not necessarily predictive of future outcomes, but rather, captures opinion at one point in time. Forum Research conducted this poll as a public service and to demonstrate our survey research capabilities. Forum houses its poll results in the Data Library of the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto.

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Subway Cost

Do you agree or disagree that the projected 3.34 Billion dollar cost of Scarborough subway extension and stacked bus garage is reasonable?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	840	149	129	178	171	213	431	385
Agree	33	36	38	29	28	32	35	32
Disagree	48	48	42	54	53	43	52	44
Don't know	19	16	20	18	19	24	13	23

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	840	68	100	105	83	101	210
Agree	33	36	31	49	30	28	31
Disagree	48	39	47	35	50	56	52
Don't know	19	25	22	16	20	17	17

Region

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	840	285	74	130	140	58	153
Agree	33	29	24	29	37	30	44
Disagree	48	52	59	51	42	55	36
Don't know	19	18	17	19	20	15	20

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate degree
Sample	840	90	203	347	200
Agree	33	30	43	32	29
Disagree	48	41	41	51	52
Don't know	19	29	16	18	19



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Method of Travel to Work/School

%	Total	Private vehicle	Public transit	Bicycle	Walking	Some other way	Don't travel to work or school
Sample	840	350	242	34	45	22	147
Agree	33	36	33	24	28	26	28
Disagree	48	46	53	65	37	49	41
Don't know	19	18	14	11	35	25	31

Current Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Liberal	Progressive Conservative	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	840	232	311	167	49	17
Agree	33	37	38	31	17	22
Disagree	48	42	45	59	61	35
Don't know	19	20	17	10	22	43

Municipal Vote Preference

%	Total	MAYOR VOTE - John Tory	MAYOR VOTE - Doug Ford	MAYOR VOTE - Someone else
Sample	840	370	230	164
Agree	33	39	36	22
Disagree	48	39	48	66
Don't know	19	21	16	12



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Subway Cost Overruns

In your opinion, will the one-stop Scarborough subway extension and stacked bus garage cost more or less than the current projection of 3.34 Billion dollars?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	840	149	129	178	171	213	431	385
It will cost more	63	60	61	67	67	63	66	61
It will cost the same as the projection	12	12	14	12	11	10	15	9
It will cost less	8	11	8	6	6	5	5	9
Don't know	17	17	17	15	16	22	14	20

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	840	68	100	105	83	101	210
It will cost more	63	46	49	60	69	66	73
It will cost the same as the projection	12	19	22	10	10	10	10
It will cost less	8	11	5	16	5	0	7
Don't know	17	24	24	14	16	24	9

Region

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	840	285	74	130	140	58	153
It will cost more	63	68	56	57	69	61	63
It will cost the same as the projection	12	7	15	15	11	16	12
It will cost less	8	7	5	10	9	4	7
Don't know	17	18	23	18	10	19	18



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%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	EDU - Post graduate degree
Sample	840	90	203	347	200
It will cost more	63	51	62	66	65
It will cost the same as the projection	12	12	14	11	11
It will cost less	8	11	9	7	7
Don't know	17	27	15	16	18

Method of Travel to Work/School

%	Total	Private vehicle	Public transit	Bicycle	Walking	Some other way	Don't travel to work or school
Sample	840	350	242	34	45	22	147
It will cost more	63	65	60	73	61	79	60
It will cost the same as the projection	12	14	11	16	11	3	9
It will cost less	8	6	10	0	16	0	8
Don't know	17	15	20	11	12	18	23



Current Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Liberal	Progressive Conservative	New Democratic	Green	Another Party
Sample	840	232	311	167	49	17
It will cost more	63	61	65	68	52	47
It will cost the same as the projection	12	15	11	11	4	4
It will cost less	8	5	10	6	16	22
Don't know	17	19	15	15	27	27

Municipal Vote Preference

%	Total	MAYOR VOTE - John Tory	MAYOR VOTE - Doug Ford	MAYOR VOTE - Someone else
Sample	840	370	230	164
It will cost more	63	64	63	67
It will cost the same as the projection	12	14	10	11
It will cost less	8	5	9	10
Don't know	17	17	18	13

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