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4-in-10 want to see SRT turned into a park

Interest high among provincial NDP voters

TORONTO, March 15th, 2015 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 520 Toronto voters, 4-in-10 would like to see the aging Scarborough Rapid Transit line turned into an elevated urban park (like New York City's High Line Park - 39%), while one quarter do not approve of this idea (25%). Fully one third have no opinion (36%).

Provincial NDP voters most enthusiastic

Interest in this idea is highest among provincial NDP supporters (50%), and also among those in mid to higher income groups (\$ 60K to \$80K - 49%), in East York (46% - caution: small base size). In Scarborough itself, interest is the same as in the general population (41%).

"It is curious to see enthusiasm for taking a transit mode out of operation just when the city need transit so urgently, but it should be noted enthusiasm is highest among those with an ideological bent, rather than those who live and work near the SRT," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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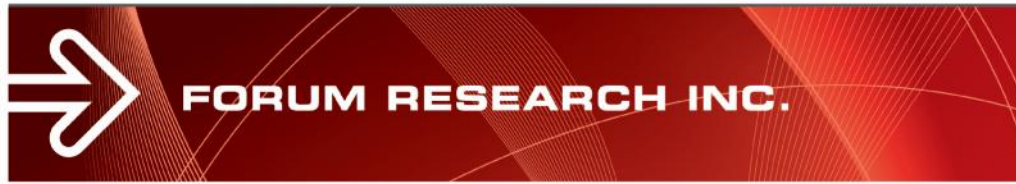
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HIGHLIGHTS:

- 4-in-10 would like to see the aging Scarborough Rapid Transit line turned into an elevated urban park (like New York City's High Line Park - 39%).
- Interest in this idea is highest among provincial NDP supporters (50%).
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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 520 randomly selected voters in Toronto, Ontario. The poll was conducted on March 10th, 2015.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 4%, 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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Scarborough Rapid Transit Conversion to Greenway or Park

'Would you approve or disapprove of converting the Scarborough Rapid Transit line into an elevated greenway or park?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	520	122	100	114	97	87	267	253
Approve	39	48	38	33	40	31	43	35
Disapprove	25	19	23	34	31	22	26	24
Don't know	36	33	39	33	29	47	30	41

Region

%	Total	Toronto or East York	North York	Etobicoke or York	Scarborough
Sample	520	206	96	117	101
Approve	39	42	38	35	41
Disapprove	25	24	23	24	30
Don't know	36	34	38	41	29

Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K	\$250K+
Sample	520	64	69	64	62	53	99	20
Approve	39	42	30	39	49	29	37	53
Disapprove	25	17	23	24	21	30	31	21
Don't know	36	40	47	38	30	40	31	26

Last Mayoral Vote

%	Total	Doug Ford	John Tory	Olivia Chow	Someone else
Sample	520	89	203	92	29
Approve	39	33	40	43	44
Disapprove	25	36	24	18	37
Don't know	36	31	37	38	19

Last Provincial Vote

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other parties
Sample	520	104	199	87	21	20
Approve	39	30	41	50	42	19
Disapprove	25	34	23	19	19	51
Don't know	36	36	36	32	38	30

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