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Close to Half Find Construction Downtown an Inconvenience

Continuous construction difficult to get around, weekend closures seen

In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 757 Toronto voters, close to half say “continuous construction downtown makes it difficult to get around” (45%), whereas fewer than a quarter take the position that “continuous construction downtown is a sign the city is thriving” (23%). One quarter say construction downtown doesn’t affect them (26%).

Three quarters disagree with long term traffic and sidewalk closures

Three quarters of Toronto voters disagree contractors and developers should be able to close off traffic lanes and sidewalks for long term projects (76%), while only about one sixth agree they should be allowed to do this (15%).

One half say closures should not exceed a weekend at most

One half of voters (51%) say traffic and sidewalk closures should be allowed to last for a day or less (16%) or a weekend (35%). A further 3-in-10 think a week or two is appropriate (29%).

“Torontonians are as fed up as Mayor Tory is with these constant lane closures and sidewalk diversions. One has to ask, will Toronto ever be finished?” said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Close to half say “continuous construction downtown makes it difficult to get around” (45%)
- Three quarters of Toronto voters disagree contractors and developers should be able to close off traffic lanes and sidewalks for long term projects (76%)
- One half of voters (51%) say traffic and sidewalk closures should be allowed to last for a day or less (16%) or a weekend (35%)

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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 757 randomly selected Toronto voters. The poll was conducted on October 24th, 2016.

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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Opinions of Downtown Construction

Which of the following statements best reflects your opinion?

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	757	127	105	152	180	193	381	351
Continuous construction downtown makes getting around difficult	45	51	43	41	39	45	43	46
Continuous construction downtown is a sign the city is thriving	23	26	25	23	22	15	28	18
Construction downtown doesn't affect you	26	17	27	26	33	35	22	29
Don't know	6	6	5	10	6	5	6	7

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	757	89	97	105	95	74	156
Continuous construction downtown makes getting around difficult	45	46	33	45	51	43	48
Continuous construction downtown is a sign the city is thriving	23	14	23	21	19	32	24
Construction downtown doesn't affect you	26	32	30	33	23	22	20
Don't know	6	8	13	1	7	2	8

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Region

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	757	232	81	138	114	48	144
Continuous construction downtown makes getting around difficult	45	53	45	50	50	37	29
Continuous construction downtown is a sign the city is thriving	23	26	29	24	26	24	13
Construction downtown doesn't affect you	26	16	18	20	18	27	52
Don't know	6	5	8	7	6	12	6

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Mode of Transportation

%	Total	Private vehicle	Public transit	Bicycle	Walking	Some other way	Don't travel to work or school
Sample	757	275	203	36	45	26	172
Continuous construction downtown makes getting around difficult	45	47	47	38	45	51	35
Continuous construction downtown is a sign the city is thriving	23	24	22	38	30	13	17
Construction downtown doesn't affect you	26	23	25	15	12	27	44
Don't know	6	6	6	8	14	8	3

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	%	Total	Approve	Disapprove
Sample		757	541	216
Continuous construction downtown makes getting around difficult		45	45	45
Continuous construction downtown is a sign the city is thriving		23	23	23
Construction downtown doesn't affect you		26	27	24
Don't know		6	5	9

Past Mayoral Vote Preference

	%	Total	Doug Ford	John Tory	Olivia Chow	Someone else
Sample		757	118	342	117	45
Continuous construction downtown makes getting around difficult		45	43	46	46	44
Continuous construction downtown is a sign the city is thriving		23	24	25	25	16
Construction downtown doesn't affect you		26	28	24	26	33
Don't know		6	6	5	4	7

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Developers/Contractors Closing off traffic lanes and sidewalks

Do you agree or disagree developers and contractors should be allowed to close off traffic lanes and sidewalks for long-term construction projects

[All Respondents]

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Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	757	127	105	152	180	193	381	351
Agree	15	16	15	16	16	12	20	11
Disagree	76	74	76	77	79	76	74	79
Don't know	8	9	8	6	5	11	6	10

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	757	89	97	105	95	74	156
Agree	15	13	19	11	15	17	16
Disagree	76	80	70	82	76	76	77
Don't know	8	7	11	8	9	7	8

Region

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	757	232	81	138	114	48	144
Agree	15	13	24	12	20	25	13
Disagree	76	77	69	81	75	67	76
Don't know	8	10	7	7	6	8	11

Mode of Transportation

%	Total	Private vehicle	Public transit	Bicycle	Walking	Some other way	Don't travel to work or school
Sample	757	275	203	36	45	26	172
Agree	15	17	12	20	18	23	15
Disagree	76	76	81	62	72	61	76
Don't know	8	7	6	17	10	16	9

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Past Mayoral Vote Preference

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Sample	757	118	342	117	45
Agree	15	13	15	13	24
Disagree	76	80	79	76	63
Don't know	8	7	6	11	12

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Time Allotted to Developers to Close Traffic Lanes/Sidewalks

For how long should a developer or contractor be allowed to close a traffic lane or a sidewalk in total?

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	757	127	105	152	180	193	381	351
Day or less	16	8	21	19	17	19	15	15
Weekend	35	36	33	36	36	32	35	36
Week or two	29	32	29	28	24	29	28	31
Month to a year	6	10	4	2	8	5	8	5
Year or more	1	0	2	2	2	2	2	0
Never	6	9	7	5	5	3	7	5
Don't know	7	4	5	8	10	10	6	7

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	757	89	97	105	95	74	156
Day or less	16	16	21	18	11	9	15
Weekend	35	35	36	42	38	30	30
Week or two	29	21	21	21	29	46	38
Month to a year	6	10	7	9	6	3	6
Year or more	1	0	1	2	2	1	2
Never	6	12	1	5	10	8	5
Don't know	7	7	13	4	4	3	4

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Day or less	16	16	8	22	13	15	14
Weekend	35	28	32	42	33	38	36
Week or two	29	40	31	18	31	29	30
Month to a year	6	5	8	6	7	11	4
Year or more	1	2	3	1	2	0	0
Never	6	5	7	6	8	1	6
Don't know	7	5	11	5	6	6	10

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Day or less	16	20	14	4	7	22	14
Weekend	35	39	37	22	22	34	30
Week or two	29	26	29	47	35	24	31
Month to a year	6	3	7	10	8	7	9
Year or more	1	2	0	0	1	0	2
Never	6	5	9	4	11	0	2
Don't know	7	4	4	13	16	13	12

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Weekend	35	32	40
Week or two	29	33	20
Month to a year	6	6	6
Year or more	1	1	2
Never	6	5	8
Don't know	7	8	4

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Day or less	16	20	14	15	16
Weekend	35	40	32	32	36
Week or two	29	19	36	34	26
Month to a year	6	4	7	3	2
Year or more	1	1	2	2	0
Never	6	9	6	8	8
Don't know	7	7	4	7	13

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