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“Great Deal” of Traffic Congestion Due to Gardiner Closure

Close to half drove the city while Expressway closed, half were inconvenienced

In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 757 Toronto voters, close to half drove in the city the weekend the Gardiner Expressway closed for maintenance (48%). Of these, well more than one half (58%) encountered “a great deal” of traffic congestion, while, in total, three quarters encountered at least some traffic congestion (77%). In total, among all voters, one third suffered at least some congestion because of the Gardiner closure (37%), and more than a quarter of all Torontonians encountered “a great deal of congestion” (28%). Encountering a great deal of congestion is typical of younger respondents (35 to 44 - 40%), mid income groups (\$60K to \$80K - 40%) and in Etobicoke (38%), among those with kids (40%).

Driving in the city on the weekend of October 22 and 23 was common to the young (under 45 - 54%), males (57%), mid income groups (\$60K to \$80K - 61%), residents of Etobicoke (55%), those with kids (57%), those who commute by private vehicle (63%) and bicycle (55% - caution: small base size)

“While we all recognize the Gardiner needs regular maintenance, we don’t realize the extent to which it is a major feeder artery to the city. When it’s closed, the whole city knows it” said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Close to half drove in the city the weekend the Gardiner Expressway closed for maintenance (48%)
- Well more than one half (58%) encountered “a great deal” of traffic congestion, while, in total, three quarters encountered at least some traffic congestion (77%)
- Driving in the city on the weekend of October 22 and 23 was common to the young (under 45 - 54%), males (57%)
- “While we all recognize the Gardiner needs regular maintenance, we don’t realize the extent to which it is a major feeder artery to the city. When it’s closed, the whole city knows it” said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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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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Driving in Toronto

Did you drive in the city this past weekend?

[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
Yes	48	54	54	45	42	37	57	40
No	52	46	46	55	58	63	43	60

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	757	89	97	105	95	74	156
Yes	48	29	34	41	61	56	57
No	52	71	66	59	39	44	43

Region

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	757	232	81	138	114	48	144
Yes	48	49	52	51	55	39	39
No	52	51	48	49	45	61	61

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
Yes	48	63	38	55	40	65	28
No	52	37	62	45	60	35	72

John Tory Approval

%	Total	Approve	Disapprove
Sample	757	541	216
Yes	48	48	49
No	52	52	51

Past Mayoral Vote Preference

%	Total	Doug Ford	John Tory	Olivia Chow	Someone else
Sample	757	118	342	117	45
Yes	48	57	50	52	48
No	52	43	50	48	52

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Closure of the Gardiner Expressway

Did you encounter traffic congestion caused by the closure of the Gardiner Expressway this weekend?

[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
NET: TOP2	37	46	44	32	28	24	43	32
NET: BTM2	8	5	8	9	11	10	9	7
Encountered a great deal of congestion	28	35	40	21	19	12	30	25
Encountered some congestion	9	10	4	11	10	12	13	6
Encountered little congestion	6	4	7	5	6	7	7	5
Encountered no congestion	2	1	1	4	5	3	2	2
Were not aware the Gardiner Expressway was closed	3	4	2	4	3	3	5	2

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	757	89	97	105	95	74	156
NET: TOP2	37	26	22	29	50	45	41
NET: BTM2	8	3	5	10	8	7	13
Encountered a great deal of congestion	28	15	19	25	40	25	29
Encountered some congestion	9	10	3	4	10	20	12
Encountered little congestion	6	3	3	8	6	6	11
Encountered no congestion	2	0	3	2	2	1	3
Were not aware the Gardiner Expressway was closed	3	1	7	2	2	4	3

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Region

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Sample	757	232	81	138	114	48	144
NET: TOP2	37	39	34	33	50	26	34
NET: BTM2	8	8	14	13	4	5	3
Encountered a great deal of congestion	28	29	26	25	38	13	26
Encountered some congestion	9	10	7	8	12	13	7
Encountered little congestion	6	6	7	10	4	3	2
Encountered no congestion	2	2	7	3	0	2	2
Were not aware the Gardiner Expressway was closed	3	3	4	4	1	8	3

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Children

%	Total	Yes	No	MOMS
Sample	757	191	566	77
NET: TOP2	37	46	33	41
NET: BTM2	8	9	8	9
Encountered a great deal of congestion	28	40	22	38
Encountered some congestion	9	6	11	3
Encountered little congestion	6	7	5	7
Encountered no congestion	2	2	2	2
Were not aware the Gardiner Expressway was closed	3	2	4	0

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Sample	757	275	203	36	45	26	172
NET: TOP2	37	51	28	39	30	50	19
NET: BTM2	8	9	6	11	10	6	8
Encountered a great deal of congestion	28	40	20	31	23	47	8
Encountered some congestion	9	11	8	9	7	3	11
Encountered little congestion	6	6	4	9	7	4	5
Encountered no congestion	2	3	1	1	3	2	3
Were not aware the Gardiner Expressway was closed	3	3	4	5	1	10	1

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Past Mayoral Vote Preference

%	Total	Doug Ford	John Tory	Olivia Chow	Someone else
Sample	757	118	342	117	45
NET: TOP2	37	44	37	43	41
NET: BTM2	8	9	10	8	1
Encountered a great deal of congestion	28	36	26	33	37
Encountered some congestion	9	8	11	10	4
Encountered little congestion	6	5	8	4	1
Encountered no congestion	2	4	2	4	0
Were not aware the Gardiner Expressway was closed	3	3	3	2	6

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Closure of the Gardiner Expressway

Did you encounter traffic congestion caused by the closure of the Gardiner Expressway this weekend?

[BASE: Drove in the city in the past weekend]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	348	69	59	71	77	72	201	135
NET: TOP2	77	85	81	71	67	65	75	79
NET: BTM2	16	9	15	20	25	27	16	17
Encountered a great deal of congestion	58	65	74	47	44	32	53	63
Encountered some congestion	20	19	7	25	23	33	22	16
Encountered little congestion	12	8	13	12	13	19	12	12
Encountered no congestion	5	1	2	8	12	8	4	5
Were not aware the Gardiner Expressway was closed	7	7	4	9	8	8	9	4

Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	348	22	29	44	51	41	90
NET: TOP2	77	88	65	70	82	82	71
NET: BTM2	16	9	16	25	14	12	23
Encountered a great deal of congestion	58	53	54	61	65	46	51
Encountered some congestion	20	35	10	10	17	36	20
Encountered little congestion	12	9	8	19	10	11	19
Encountered no congestion	5	0	8	5	4	1	5
Were not aware the Gardiner Expressway was closed	7	2	19	5	4	7	6

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%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	348	110	42	66	57	21	52
NET: TOP2	77	79	65	66	91	67	85
NET: BTM2	16	15	27	26	7	14	9
Encountered a great deal of congestion	58	58	51	49	69	34	66
Encountered some congestion	20	21	14	17	22	33	19
Encountered little congestion	12	12	14	21	7	8	4
Encountered no congestion	5	3	13	5	0	6	5
Were not aware the Gardiner Expressway was closed	7	6	8	8	2	20	6

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Children

%	Total	Yes	No	MOMS
Sample	348	107	241	37
NET: TOP2	77	81	75	82
NET: BTM2	16	15	17	18
Encountered a great deal of congestion	58	71	50	76
Encountered some congestion	20	10	25	6
Encountered little congestion	12	13	11	14
Encountered no congestion	5	3	6	4
Were not aware the Gardiner Expressway was closed	7	4	8	0

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Sample	348	176	70	20	17	14	51
NET: TOP2	77	81	74	72	74	77	67
NET: BTM2	16	14	16	20	24	9	28
Encountered a great deal of congestion	58	64	53	56	57	71	29
Encountered some congestion	20	17	22	16	17	5	38
Encountered little congestion	12	10	12	17	18	6	19
Encountered no congestion	5	4	4	2	7	2	9
Were not aware the Gardiner Expressway was closed	7	5	10	8	2	15	5

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Past Mayoral Vote Preference

%	Total	Approve	Disapprove
Sample	348	247	101
NET: TOP2	77	73	86
NET: BTM2	16	20	8
Encountered a great deal of congestion	58	52	70
Encountered some congestion	20	21	17
Encountered little congestion	12	15	4
Encountered no congestion	5	5	4
Were not aware the Gardiner Expressway was closed	7	7	6

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