



2021 Bay Area Council Poll BART/Caltrain Merger

All numbers in this document represent percentage (%) values, unless otherwise noted.

Please note that due to rounding, percentages may not add up to exactly 100%

Would you support or oppose combining BART and Caltrain into one integrated system?

Strongly support	38	→ 83
Somewhat support	44	
Somewhat oppose	9	→ 14
Strongly oppose	5	
(Don't know/Refused)	4	

Some people say that combining BART and Caltrain into one integrated system would provide more efficient, convenient and better service and allow continuous rail around the bay.

Given what you've read, would you support or oppose combining BART and Caltrain into one integrated system?

Strongly support	42	→ 86
Somewhat support	44	
Somewhat oppose	8	→ 12
Strongly oppose	4	
(Don't know/Refused)	2	

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Are you...?								
Male	47	47	50	49	48	47	47	46
Female	53	53	50	49	48	48	49	47
ⁱ Non-binary	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Prefer not to respond	-	-	-	3	4	4	3	6
What is the last grade you completed in school?								
Some grade school	0	1	1	-	0	0	0	0
Some high school	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
Graduated high school	6	8	6	5	6	5	4	8
Technical/Vocational	4	3	4	4	3	3	4	3
Some College/Less than 4-year degree	30	28	27	21	23	25	23	22
Graduated college/Bachelor's degree/BA	34	36	36	38	35	35	35	33
Graduate/Professional/Master's degree/PhD	25	23	24	29	30	30	30	29
Prefer not to respond	0	1	1	2	2	2	3	3
Do you have children under the age of 18 living in your home?								
Yes	21	27	23	29	26	27	30	28
No	78	71	76	69	71	70	68	68
Prefer not to respond	2	1	1	2	3	3	2	3
How would you describe the area where you live?								
Urban	38	34	35	37	36	35	36	34
Suburban	57	59	59	55	54	59	55	57
Rural	4	4	5	6	6	3	5	4
Prefer not to respond	2	2	1	2	3	3	4	5
Do you consider yourself to be a...								
Strong Democrat					29			
Not very strong Democrat					17	→ 56		
Independent, closer to Democratic party					10			
Independent					9			
Independent, closer to Republican party					6			
Not very strong Republican					4	→ 16		
Strong Republican					6			
Something else					6			
Prefer not to respond					13			

ⁱ Previous versions of this survey did not include "Non-binary" as an option

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About how long have you lived in the Bay Area?								
Less than 2 years	3	4	4	6	3	5	3	4
2-5 years	7	8	9	11	10	11	11	10
6-10 years	8	9	8	9	10	9	9	9
11-20 years	14	18	14	18	17	17	20	15
More than 20 years	66	60	64	54	58	58	57	60
Prefer not to respond	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2
In what year were you born? (YEARS CODED INTO CATEGORIES)								
18-29	21	21	21	18	16	16	16	15
30-39	19	20	20	17	16	18	18	18
40-49	20	20	20	16	14	17	17	19
50-64	25	25	24	27	26	23	24	24
65+/Refused	14	14	15	22	28	26	24	24
Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino?								
Yes		23	23	13	14	13	14	14
No		76	76	85	80	81	79	77
Prefer not to respond		1	1	2	6	6	6	9
Do you consider yourself to be:								
White or Caucasian	57	54	55	62	58	58	60	51
Black or African American	7	7	6	3	3	4	4	4
Chinese	13	12	14	6	5	6	8	9
Vietnamese	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
Filipino or Pacific Islander	3	3	3	3	4	4	3	4
South Indian, Asian Indian, Pakistani or Afghan	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
Another Asian group	4	3	4	2	3	2	2	3
Native American	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2
Biracial or Multiracial	4	3	4	6	4	4	4	6
Other	5	8	6	6	7	6	6	6
Prefer not to respond	2	2	3	7	10	10	9	14

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What was your total household income before taxes for 2020?								
Less than \$25,000	5	9	8	7	7	6	5	8
\$25,001-\$50,000	14	12	11	11	10	10	10	11
\$50,001-\$75,000	17	17	15	11	10	11	11	10
\$75,001-\$100,000	16	18	17	10	10	11	9	10
\$100,001-\$125,000	14	10	12	10	10	8	8	7
\$125,001-\$150,000	8	8	9	8	9	9	8	8
More than \$150,000	17	14	16	26	26	28	28	27
Prefer not to respond	10	12	11	17	19	18	20	20
In what county do you live? (DROP DOWN LIST)								
Alameda	21	21	21	22	22	22	22	21
Contra Costa	14	14	14	15	15	15	15	16
Marin	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4
Napa	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
San Francisco	13	13	12	13	12	12	12	12
San Mateo	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Santa Clara	24	23	25	21	22	22	22	22
Solano	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Sonoma	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7

Methodology

This study was completed by EMC Research on behalf of the Bay Area Council among a random sample of registered voters who responded to an email or text invitation to complete the survey. Demographics including age, gender, and ethnicity are representative of registered voters in the 9-County Bay Area. The survey was conducted March 10 – 16, 2021, and had 1,000 respondents, which carries a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points. Previous polls were conducted in 2014, 2015, 2016 (residents of the Bay Area), 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 (registered voters).

