

DFM Research

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**NEBRASKA 2ND DISTRICT
RAIL ISSUE SURVEY**

OCTOBER 23-25, 2018

Topline

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| <u>Interviews:</u> | 350 Likely Voters in Nebraska’s Second District by Live Caller |
| <u>Margin of Error:</u> | ± 5.2 percentage points with a 95 percent confidence |
| <u>Interview Dates:</u> | October 23-25, 2018 |
| <u>Sample:</u> | Landline and cell phone sample by live caller. Survey results presented are part of a larger statewide survey of Nebraska; survey oversampled the 2 nd District. |
| <u>Survey Sponsor:</u> | SMART Transportation Division’s Nebraska State Legislative Board |

Q2: Generally speaking, do you think the country is moving in the right direction, or is the country off on the wrong track?

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| Right Direction | 44% |
| Wrong Track | 48 |
| (VOL) Unsure | 8 |

Q3: I’m now going to read you some names of public figures. For each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion, and if you never heard of them before, just let me know:

| | <u>Favorable</u> | <u>Unfavorable</u> | <u>Neutral (VOL)</u> | <u>Never Heard Of</u> |
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| a: Donald Trump | 46% | 51 | 3 | 0 |
| f: Don Bacon | 55 | 38 | 4 | 3 |
| g: Kara Eastman | 45 | 41 | 8 | 6 |

Q6: And in the race for United States House of Representative in the 2nd District. If the election was today, would you vote for Kara Eastman the Democrat or Don Bacon the Republican?

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| Kara Eastman | 45% |
| Don Bacon | 52 |
| (VOL) Unsure | 3 |

Q7: Thinking about Nebraska transportation infrastructure – including roads, highways, bridges, rail, air, and public transportation – how would you rate it?

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| Excellent | 1% |
| Good | 33 |
| Satisfactory | 42 |
| Poor | 19 |
| Failing | 6 |

Q8: I now have a few questions about railroads here in Nebraska, first off, how many people do you think operate a freight train that travels through Nebraska?

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| One | 3% |
| Two | 18 |
| Three | 16 |
| Four or More | 31 |
| (VOL) Don't Know | 31 |

Q9: The current practice is a crew of two on all freight trains. When it comes to railroad safety and operations, do you think a train with a crew of one individual can be operated as safe as a train with a crew of two individuals?

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| Yes, one operator can be as safe as two | 10% |
| No, one operator cannot be as safe | 73 |
| (VOL) Unsure | 17 |

Q10: Some railroads would like the option to operate freight trains with one or even zero crew members. Let's suppose freight trains in your area operated with just a crew of one, how worried would you be about a train derailling in your community?

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| Very worried | 27% |
| Fairly worried | 13 |
| Just somewhat worried | 22 |
| Not that worried | 18 |
| (VOL) Unsure | 9 |

Q11: There have been several past efforts in Nebraska to require a crew of two on all freight trains, all which have failed in a legislative committee. Suppose you could vote on whether or not to require a crew of two on all freight trains in Nebraska. Would you vote YES to require a crew of two, or would you voted NO, and reject requiring a crew of two.

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| Yes, Pass | 71% |
| No, Reject | 9 |
| (VOL) Unsure | 20 |