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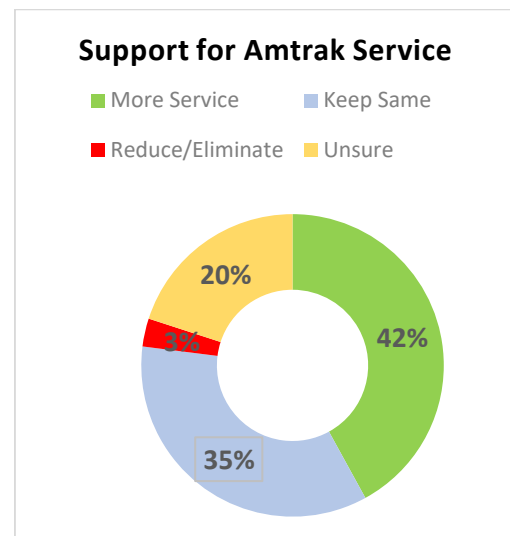
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Executive Summary:

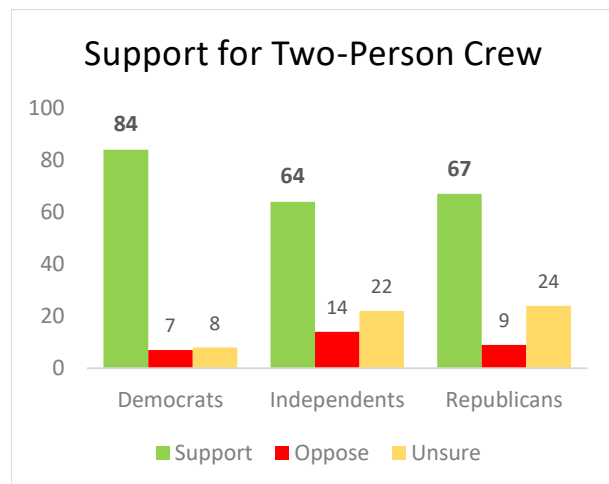
Three-in-four likely voters (77%) from Pennsylvania's 10th Congressional District (PA-10) want at a minimum to keep (or increase) current Amtrak service at ten daily passenger trains from Harrisburg to Philadelphia, with connecting service up and down the east coast. A plurality of 42 percent would like to see 'more' passenger rail service than the current ten trains. The survey was conducted August 6-9, 2020, consisting of 384 likely voters. The margin of error is plus/minus 5 percentage points, and is weighted by gender, age, race/ethnicity and education level.

The primary focus of the PA-10 rail survey was to measure the public's support for Amtrak's Keystone Service between Harrisburg and Philadelphia. Final results clearly show Pennsylvania voters in the Harrisburg region support passenger rail. Consider:

- There is little crosstab variation among the demographic groupings of gender, education and where one lives in the district (county). Numbers range from 74 percent support (York County) to 79 percent support from men.
- There is some variation in support based on age and party identification, but all strong numbers and nothing very significant. Seventy (70) percent of self-identified Republicans want more/same service, compared to 88 percent of Democrats. The other variation was age and "more" passenger rail service – 45 percent of over age 50 want more rail service, while 37 percent under age 50 also agree.



The survey also asked a series of questions dealing with the rail provision -- part of H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act -- requiring a minimum crew of two on most freight trains that operate in the United States. By a seven-to-one margin (73-9%), PA-10 voters said they would vote 'Yes' to require a minimum crew of two if they could have voted on the rail provision. This large margin of support is consistent with polling around the nation the past six years.



The crosstab data is clear -- opposition to the rail provision is minimal. The largest group opposed are self-identified Independent voters, clocking a paltry 14 percent saying they would vote 'no' and reject the two person crew provision in H.R. 2. The Republican rejection rate is only nine percent.

Bottom line, no matter the age, education level, gender, partisan inclination or where one lives in the district, PA-10 voters' strongly support a crew of two on freight trains, and strongly support maintaining or expanding passenger rail service.

Methodology:

The results presented are based on a random voter registration sample of 384 Pennsylvania 10th District likely voters -- survey was stratified by county to ensure a regional representative sample. Calls were conducted by live callers using landline and mobile phones, supplemented by text-to-web.

After the numbers were stratified into the appropriate zones, telephone/text numbers were selected at random using a skip pattern to guarantee interviews were distributed throughout the region. Each number in the stratified sample had the same non-zero chance of being selected for an interview.

Telephone interviews were conducted by trained staff of KGS Research, using a computer assisted telephone interview (CATI) system for landline phones. Cell phone interviews are dialed manually to comply with the 1991 Telemarketing Consumer Protection Act. Final results presented are weighted by gender, age, race/ethnicity and education to approximate the 2020 district voter profile.

The final results are subject to sampling error, which is the difference between results obtained from the survey and those that would be obtained if every likely voter was interviewed in the district. The margin of error is +/- 5.0 percentage points with a 95 percent confidence level; meaning that in 19 out of 20 times, the individual responses would be within the margin of error. For example, if a question produced a final result of 50 percent, the likely range would be between 45.0 to 55.0 percent had the entire likely voter population been surveyed. Where appropriate in the survey, question and answer choices are randomized to help reduce bias and due to rounding, results may not equal 100 percent.

Project management and final analysis of the data was completed by Dean Mitchell of DFM Research based in Saint Paul, Minnesota. In addition to his 29 years of political experience, Dean has completed course work in survey techniques and statistics as part of his Master in Public Policy (MPP) degree from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

Topline:

Interviews: 384 certain and very likely voters in the 10th Congressional District of Pennsylvania.
Margin of Error: +/-5.0 percentage points with a 95 percent confidence.
Interview Dates: August 6-9, 2020
Sample: Sample was stratified by county and party registration. Final data weighted by gender, age, race/ethnicity and education level to conform with expected 2020 General Election demographics. Respondents were contacted by either text or cell and landline phones using live callers.
Survey Sponsor: SMART Transportation Division’s Pennsylvania State Legislative Board

Q1: Generally speaking, do you think Pennsylvania is moving in the right direction, or is Pennsylvania off on the wrong track?

Right Direction	41%
Wrong Track	44
(VOL) Unsure	15

Q2: 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>
a: Donald Trump	47%	52	1	0
b: Bob Casey	41	40	14	5
c: Pat Toomey	31	49	17	3
d: Scott Perry	40	37	15	7
e: Tom Wolf	52	45	2	1
f: Eugene DePasquale	38	16	22	24
g: Joe Biden	48	50	2	0

Q3: Now let’s take a look at a few upcoming elections. If the election was held today for President of the United States, would you vote for Joe Biden the Democrat or Donald Trump the Republican?

Joe Biden	48%
Donald Trump	46
(VOL) Other	3
(VOL) Undecided	3

Q4: In the race for U. S Congress, if the election was today, and the candidates are Eugene DePasquale the Democrat and Scott Perry the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Eugene DePasquale	46%
Scott Perry	44
(VOL) Other	1
(VOL) Undecided	9

Q5: And which party would you like to see as the majority party in the Pennsylvania General Assembly, the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

Democratic Party	46%
Republican Party	47
(VOL) Undecided	7

I now have a few questions on transportation issues here in Pennsylvania.

Q6: Currently Amtrak has 10 daily trains running from Harrisburg to Philadelphia, connecting to the entire east coast. When it comes to passenger rail service here in Pennsylvania, which best fits your view?

More passenger rail service should available	42%
Keep passenger rail service at same level	35
Reduce passenger rail service	2
Eliminate passenger rail service	1
(VOL) Unsure	20

Q7: And how many people do you think operate a freight train that travels through Pennsylvania?

One	4%
Two	13
Three	9
Four	10
Five or more	24
Don't know	39

Q8: Now let's suppose freight trains in your area operated with only a crew of one, how worried would you be about a train derailling in your community?

Very worried	28%
Fairly worried	18
Just somewhat worried	16
Not that Worried	28
(VOL) Unsure	9

Q9: Last month the U.S. House of Representative passed H.R. 2, which included a railroad provision requiring a minimum crew of two to operate freight trains in the United States. Suppose you had a vote on this rail provision; would you vote YES to require a minimum crew of two on freight trains or would you vote NO, and reject requiring a minimum crew of two on freight trains?

Yes, Pass	73%
No, Reject	9
(VOL) Unsure	18

Select Crosstabs:

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<u>Gender</u>	<u>More</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>Reduce</u>	<u>Eliminate</u>	<u>Unsure</u>
Men	39	40	2	2	17
Women	44	32	1	1	23
<u>Age</u>					
18-34	37	43	0	2	19
35-49	37	33	3	2	24
50-64	46	33	2	0	19
65 plus	45	36	1	1	18
<u>Education</u>					
No College Degree	44	32	1	1	23
College Degree	40	39	2	1	17
<u>County</u>					
Dauphin	41	37	1	1	20
Cumberland	44	36	1	2	17
York	41	33	2	1	23
<u>Party Identification</u>					
Democrat	57	31	0	0	12
Independent	34	37	3	2	24
Republican	31	39	2	2	26
<u>2020 Voter</u>					
Biden Voters	54	31	1	0	15
Trump Voters	30	40	3	2	25

Q7: And how many people do you think operate a freight train that travels through Pennsylvania?

One	4%
Two	13
Three	9
Four	10
Five or more	24
Don't know	39

<u>Gender</u>	<u>One</u>	<u>Two</u>	<u>Three</u>	<u>Four</u>	<u>Five +</u>	<u>DK</u>
Men	5	15	12	10	24	34
Women	3	11	7	10	25	43
<u>Age</u>						
18-34	3	13	5	11	33	35
35-49	7	11	14	10	23	35
50-64	4	14	13	7	15	46
65 plus	2	13	5	13	28	38
<u>Education</u>						
No College Degree	5	15	11	9	24	35
College Degree	4	10	7	11	25	43
<u>County</u>						
Dauphin	4	10	9	8	21	48
Cumberland	4	15	10	9	29	32
York	5	15	9	13	24	35
<u>Party Identification</u>						
Democrat	5	16	7	13	23	36
Independent	0	17	12	5	25	41
Republican	5	9	11	9	25	41
<u>2020 Voter</u>						
Biden Voters	4	17	7	11	25	36
Trump Voters	4	10	11	9	23	43

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Men	24	16	18	36	7
Women	32	20	15	22	12
<u>Age</u>					
18-34	20	8	22	32	19
35-49	21	20	15	33	11
50-64	29	22	16	26	7
65 plus	40	19	14	23	4
<u>Education</u>					
No College Degree	34	18	15	27	6
College Degree	22	18	17	29	13
<u>County</u>					
Dauphin	28	16	18	29	9
Cumberland	28	15	18	30	9
York	29	23	13	25	10
<u>Party Identification</u>					
Democrat	32	21	21	17	8
Independent	25	14	12	39	10
Republican	26	16	13	34	10
<u>2020 Voter</u>					
Biden Voters	28	23	20	21	9
Trump Voters	28	14	12	36	10

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Yes, Pass **73%**
 No, Reject **9**
 (VOL) Unsure **18**

<u>Gender</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Unsure</u>
Men	76	9	15
Women	71	9	20
<u>Age</u>			
18-34	75	13	13
35-49	62	7	31
50-64	78	7	15
65 plus	77	11	12
<u>Education</u>			
No College Degree	77	10	13
College Degree	69	8	22
<u>County</u>			
Dauphin	76	6	18
Cumberland	73	10	17
York	71	12	17
<u>Party Identification</u>			
Democrat	84	7	8
Independent	64	14	22
Republican	67	9	24
<u>2020 Voter</u>			
Biden Voters	82	7	11
Trump Voters	64	11	25