

# Poll: Valley leans against bullet train

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A new poll suggests that California residents are becoming disenchanted with the state's high-speed rail project, especially in the Central Valley where the first tracks have been mapped out.

A total of 800 registered voters statewide were asked their opinion of the project in the [Probolsky Research](#) survey conducted from Jan. 24-27.

When asked if they would support an initiative to stop the proposed high-speed rail project, 342 respondents (42.8 percent) said they would definitely vote yes while only 189 (23.6 percent) said they would definitely vote no.

The sentiment was more telling in the Central Valley where 58 of the 129 surveyed voters (45 percent) said they would definitely support such an initiative. Another 29 (22.5 percent) still thought the project should continue.

In Northern California, the percentage against high-speed rail was even higher, with 22 of the 38 respondents (57.9 percent) calling for an end to the project as opposed to 10 (26.3 percent) that would vote down that proposal.

In Los Angeles County, 73 of the 181 surveyed (40.3 percent) said they would vote to kill the project compared to 45 (24.9 percent) "no" votes.

Of the 245 surveyed throughout the rest of Southern California, 115 (46.9 percent) said they would like to see high-speed rail stopped while 46 (18.8 percent) said they wouldn't.

In the San Francisco Bay Area, 53 of the 145 surveyed (36.6 percent) said they would vote to end the project compared to 29 (22.5 percent) still firm in its potential.

The new views stand in contrast to those in 2008 when voters were presented with Proposition 1A.

Back then, [52.7 percent](#) of voters helped pass the ballot initiative to allocate the first \$10 billion in bonds to begin building the 800-mile rail network linking the San Francisco Bay Area to Los Angeles.

In Fresno County, 55.5 percent voted yes on the proposition, as opposed to 47.4 percent in Kings County, 46.3 percent in Madera County and 44.9 percent in Tulare County.