

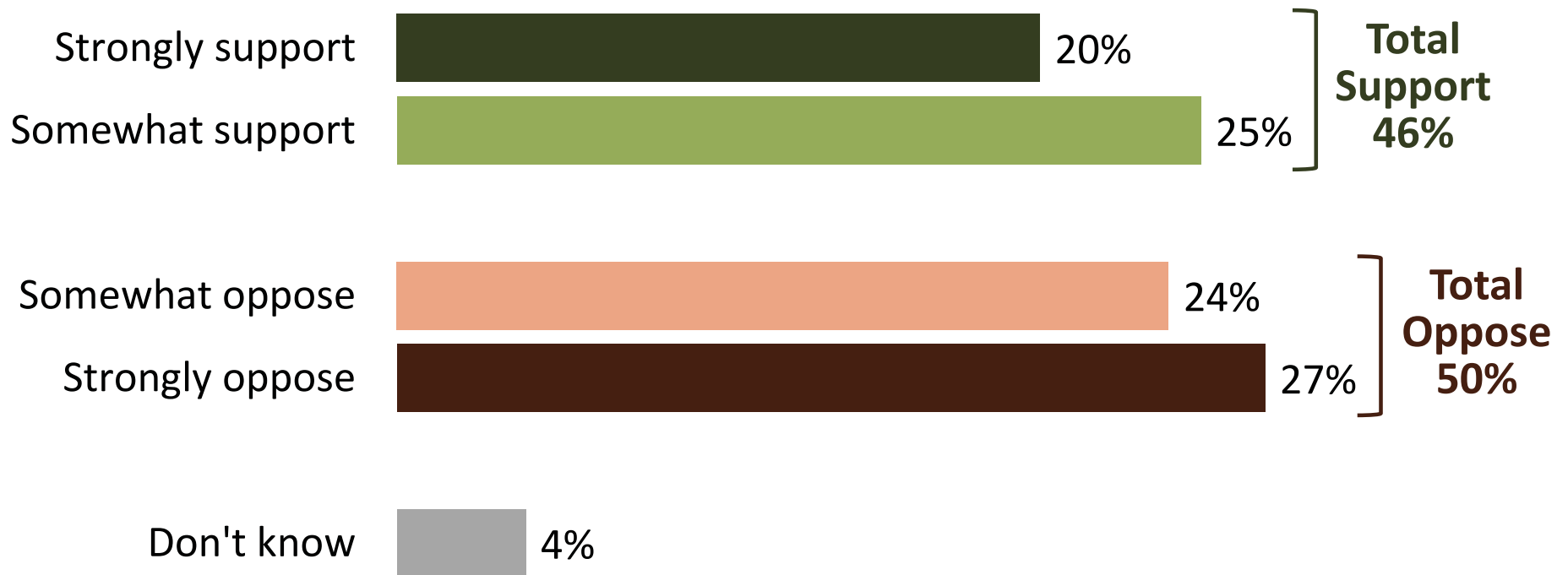


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Views of Private Roads and Storm Drains

Voters are divided on the concept of a measure to repair and accept ownership of private roads.

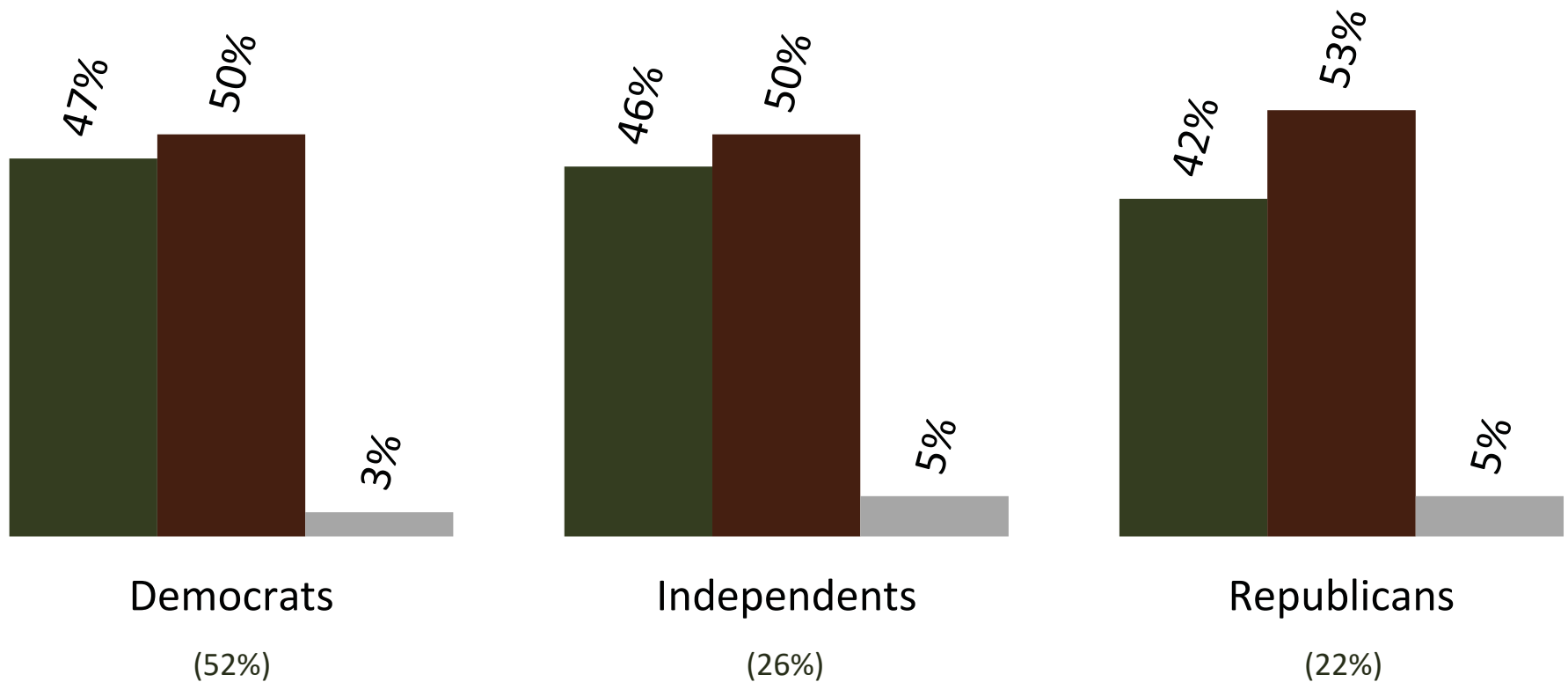
As you may know, about 30 miles of Orinda roads are privately-owned. These roads are not maintained by the City. Most of these roads do not have gates that physically restrict access to the general public. All local residents, including those living on these privately-owned roads, pay existing City taxes that fund repairs to public roads. The City is considering a ballot measure that would generate funding to repair and accept ownership of private roads into the City's publicly-maintained road system. Does this sound like something you would support or oppose?



The concept is divisive across party lines, with slightly more opposition among Republicans.

Support for a Measure to Repair Private Roads by Party

■ Total Support ■ Total Oppose ■ Don't Know



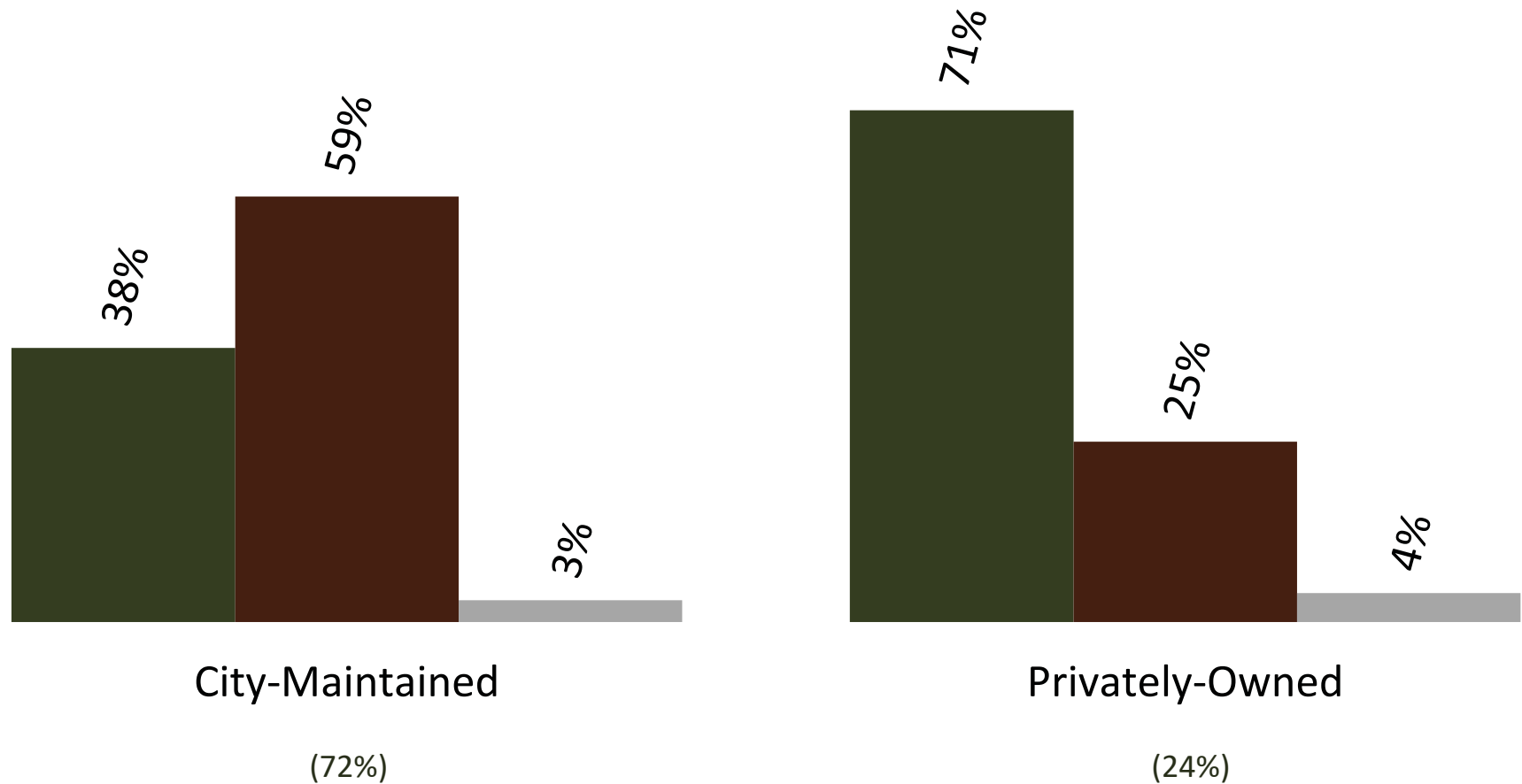
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Q15. The City is considering a ballot measure that would generate funding to repair and accept ownership of private roads into the City's publicly-maintained road system. Does this sound like something you would support or oppose?

Seven in ten privately-owned road residents support the measure to repair those roads.

Support for a Measure to Repair Private Roads by Type of Road

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City-Maintained

(72%)

Privately-Owned

(24%)

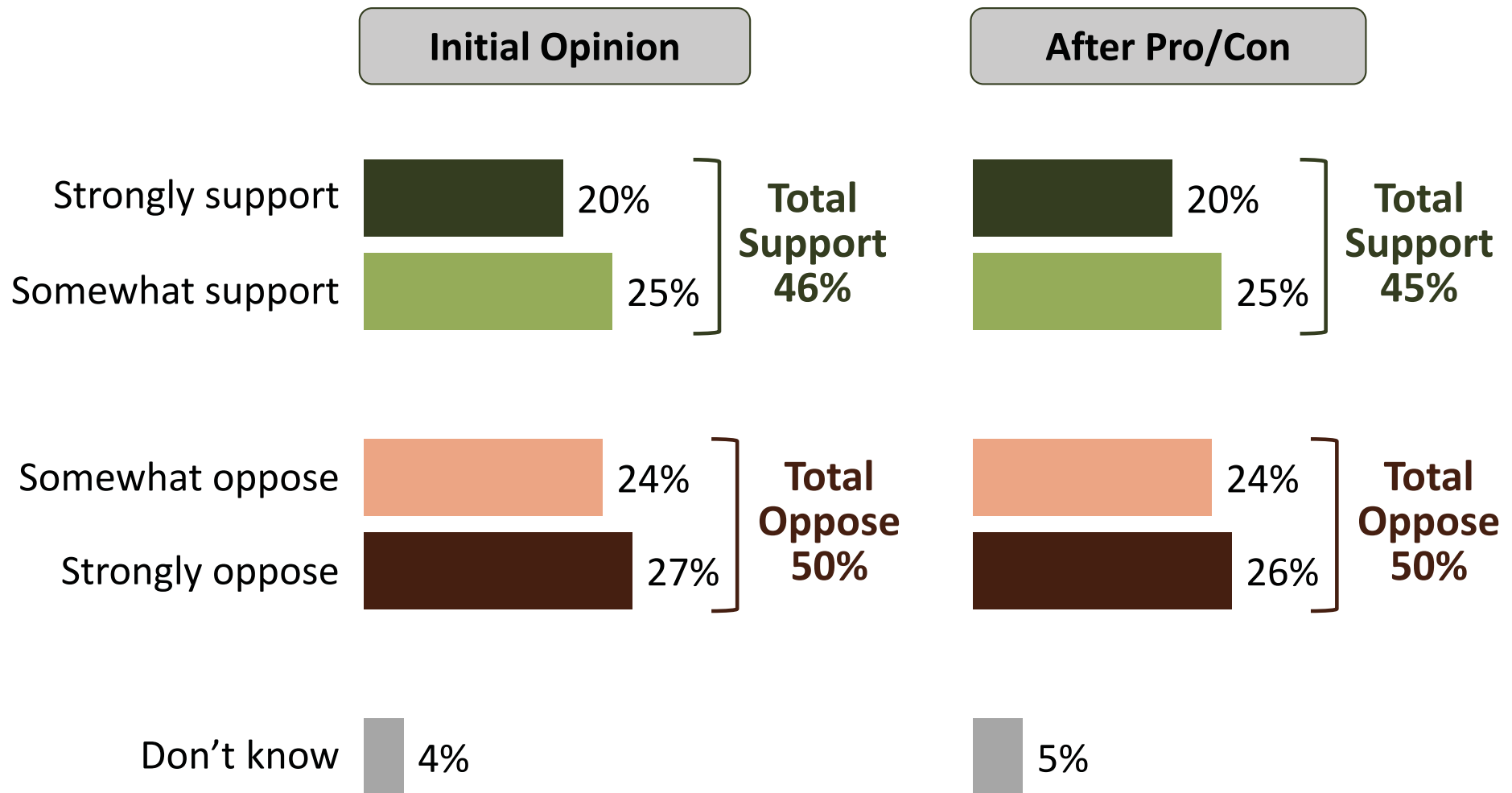
Voters next heard a brief exchange of pros and cons on the concept.

Here are statements from supporters and opponents of a ballot measure that would generate funding to repair and accept ownership of private roads into the City's publicly-maintained road system.

Supporters say that people living on privately-owned roads pay the same taxes as their neighbors who live on City-maintained roads, but they do not get the same benefits. Their roads are open to public use. Supporters would like the benefit of regular maintenance and major repairs to their roads, especially in the event of a major disaster.

Opponents say that people who choose to live in homes on private roads knew what they were agreeing to when they bought their homes. They should continue to pay their own maintenance costs instead of the City having to take over responsibility and liability for their private roads.

Hearing this context does little to shift support patterns overall.



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 Q16. Having heard this, would you support or oppose this ballot measure?

Voters then received additional context about the potential cost of this concept.

At this time, the potential cost of such a ballot measure is not known, because the City does not know the condition of the 30 miles of privately-owned roads. However, current estimates range from \$5 million to \$25 million. These costs would be funded through additional taxes to local residents.

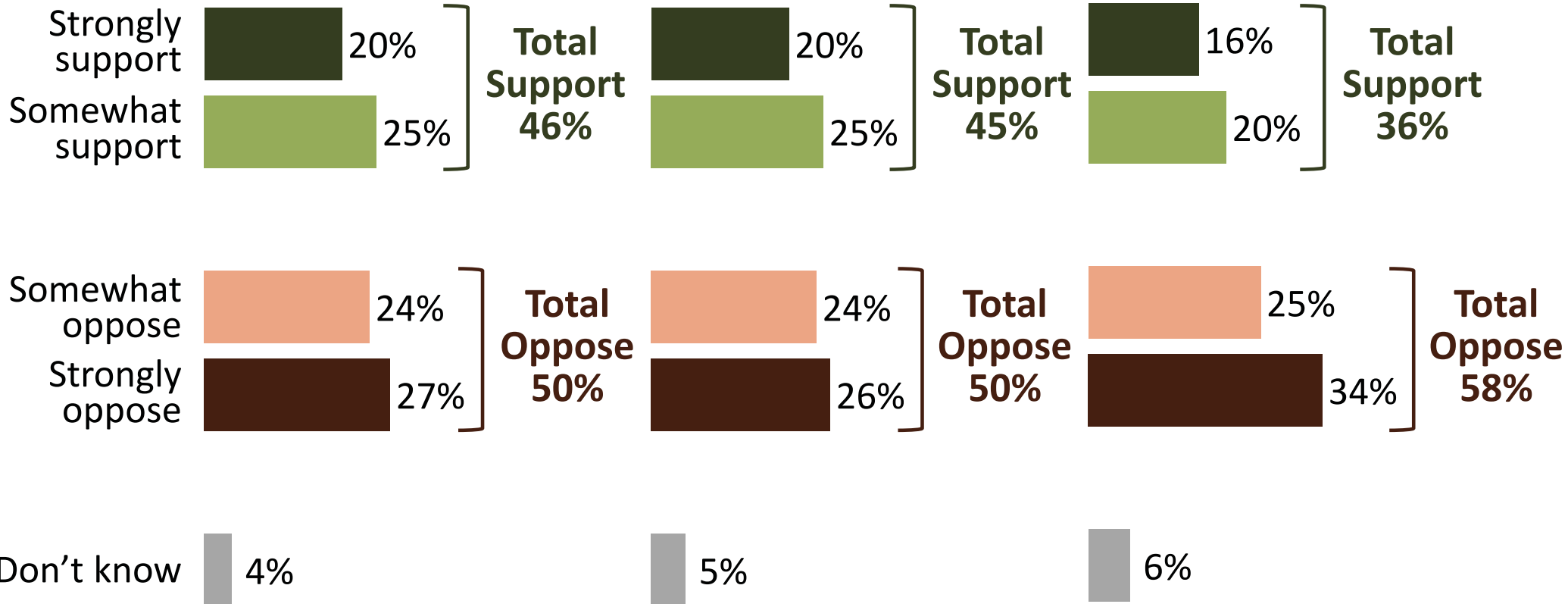
Having heard this, let me ask you again: would you support or oppose a ballot measure to generate funding to repair and accept ownership of private roads into the City's publicly-maintained road system? Does this sound like something you would support or oppose?

These details increased opposition to nearly three in five.

Initial Opinion

After Pro/Con

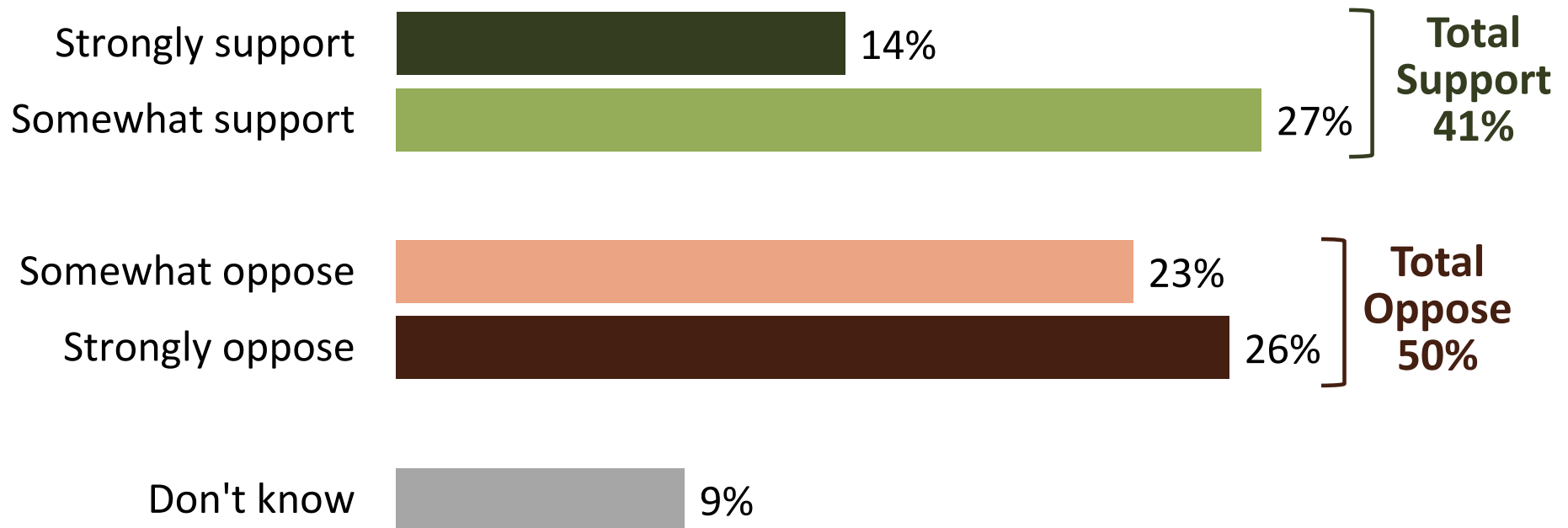
With Cost Estimate



A concept taking in private storm drains is also opposed by half of those polled.

On a different, but related subject: typically, storm water runoff from residences is directed to ditches or catch basins within public road rights of way that are maintained by the City. The collected street runoff is usually sent through a storm drainpipe on private property into the nearest creek or water channel. It is the responsibility of the private property owner to maintain the storm drainpipe across their property, unless the City has accepted a drainage easement to maintain that specific storm drainpipe.

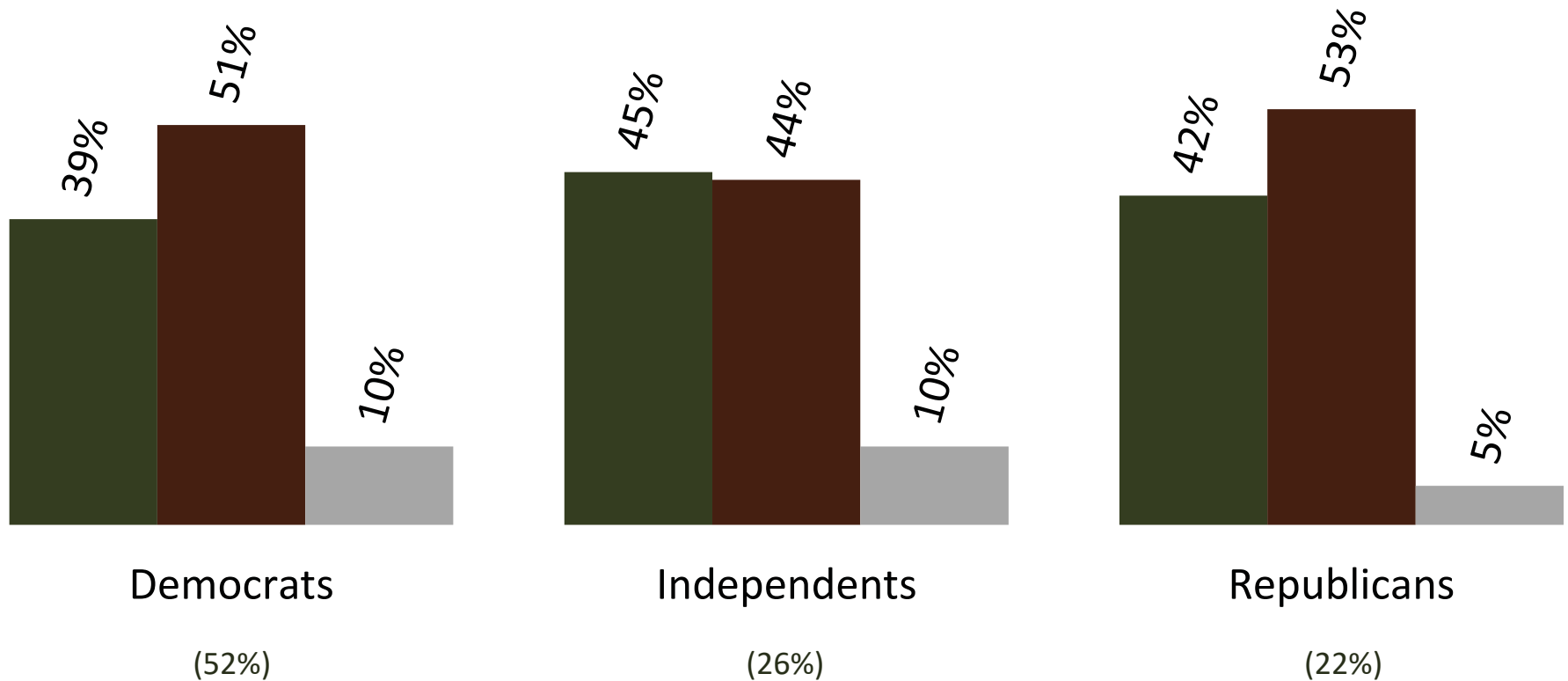
The City is considering a bond measure to take over ownership and maintenance of private storm drains. Such a bond measure would likely cost at least \$30 million, which equates to approximately \$260 annually for the next 20 years for a property assessed at \$1 million. Does this bond measure sound like something you would support or oppose?



Majorities of Democrats and Republicans oppose this concept; independents are split.

Support for a Measure to Repair Private Storm Drains by Party

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A slim majority of those who live on private roads support the private storm drain measure concept.

Support for a Measure to Repair Private Storm Drains by Type of Road

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