

# INDIAN SPRING NEIGHBORHOOD PERSPECTIVES ON THE MDOT PLANS FOR THE I-495

Results from the 2020 Indian Spring Citizen's  
Association (ISCA) Survey

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## Background and Methods

**Purpose:** The Indian Spring neighborhood would be directly impacted by expansion of the Beltway. The current MDOT plan includes proposals that would use public and privately owned (homeowners') land adjacent to and within the neighborhood. So, the Indian Spring Citizens Association (ISCA) Board collected information from active ISCA members to inform future decisions and action regarding MD state and/or local projects proposing changes to the I-495 Beltway. As per their bylaws, if the Board is to legally participate in advocacy of any kind, they need accurate and comprehensive opinions from our members.

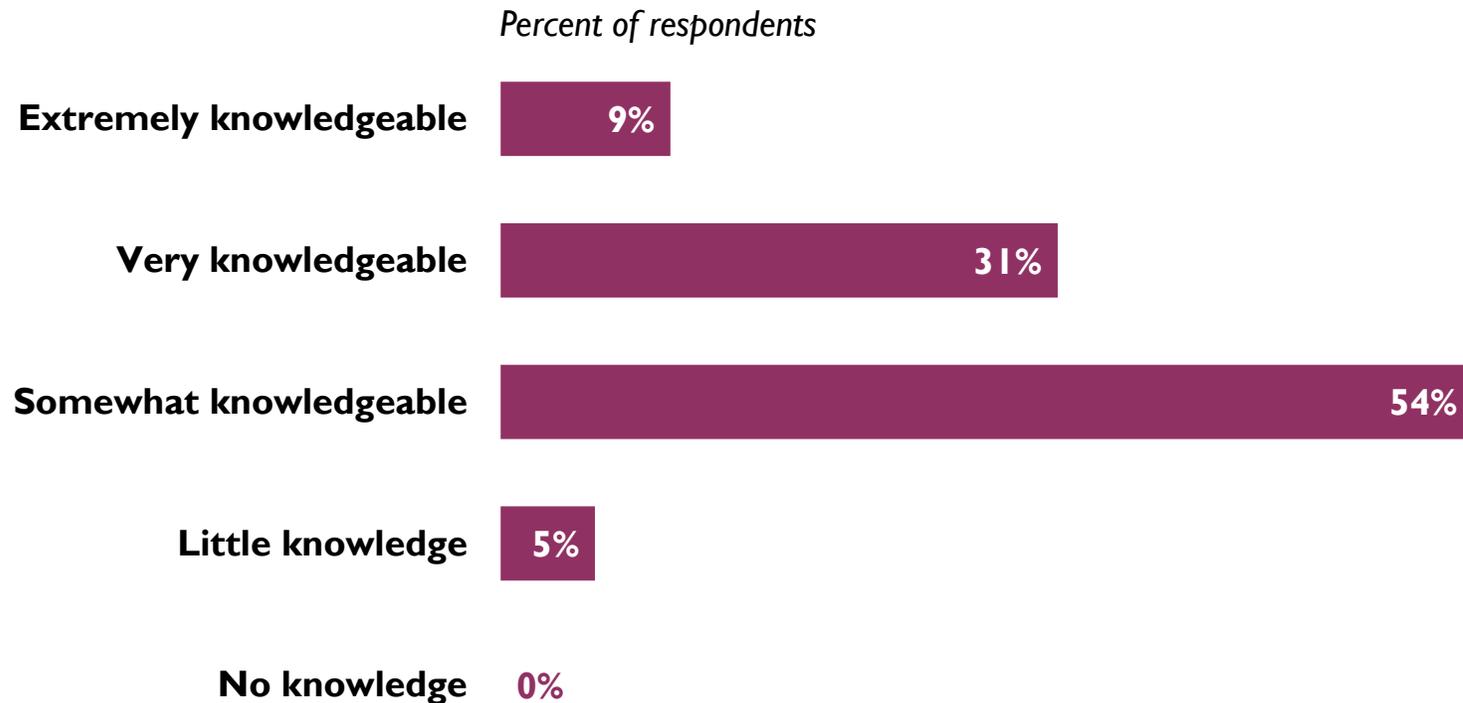
**Survey development:** The survey was developed by the ISCA Board with input from Kellie Hall, Survey Development Consultant.

**Survey distribution:** Kellie distributed the survey to 399 active (i.e., paid) members of ISCA via ISCA's Survey Monkey account. Potential respondents were identified using a snowball-type method. Initially, the survey was sent only to the one email address on file for each active household. At the end of the survey, respondents were able to share email addresses for each adult member of their household. These email addresses were gathered periodically and verified against the list of survey recipients to ensure each adult received the survey only once. The survey was open from December 22, 2020 to January 9, 2021. The survey achieved a response rate of 48%, with 190 respondents.

## Key Findings

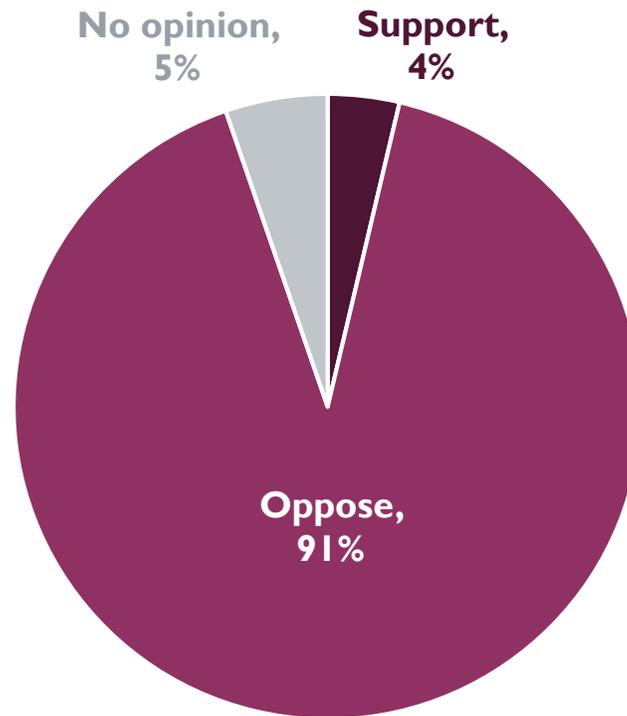
- Most respondents were somewhat or very knowledgeable (85%) about MDOT's current plan for changes to the I-495 beltway.
- Ninety-one percent of respondents oppose MDOT's currently proposed plans. Respondents with more knowledge about the plans are more likely to oppose them. Those with little knowledge of MDOT's plans are likely to have no opinion about them.
- More than three-quarters (81%) of respondents report believing their home and/or family will be directly impacted if MDOT begins work on the project as currently planned.
- Most respondents (85%) think ISCA should take a formal position on MDOT's plan.

# Which of these statements best describes your knowledge and understanding of MDOT's current plan for changes to the I-495 beltway?



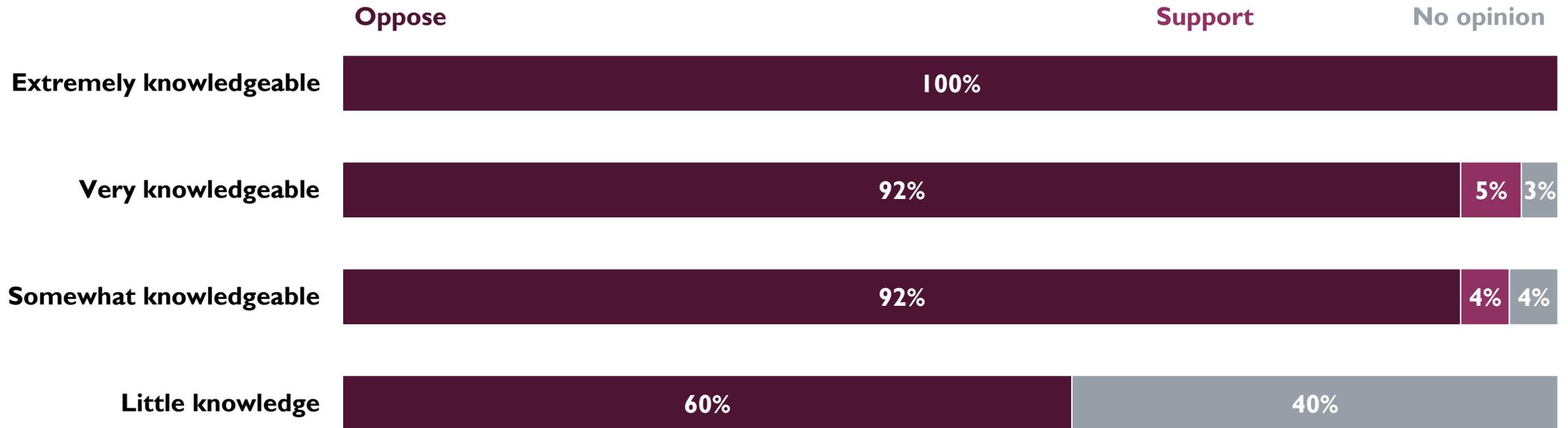
# What best describes your opinion of MDOT's currently proposed project to expand the 495 Beltway?

Percent of respondents



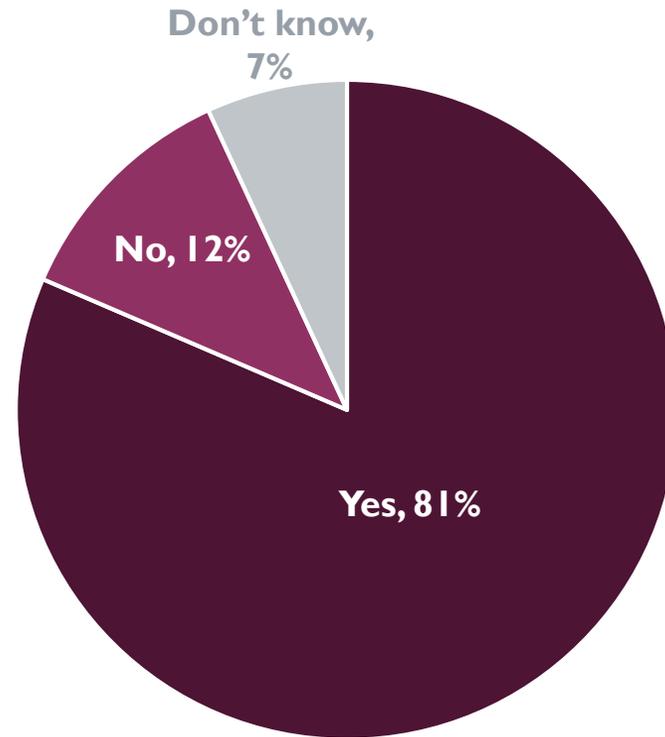
# What best describes your opinion of MDOT's currently proposed project to expand the 495 Beltway? *(broken down by level of knowledge)*

Percent of respondents, by reported level of knowledge



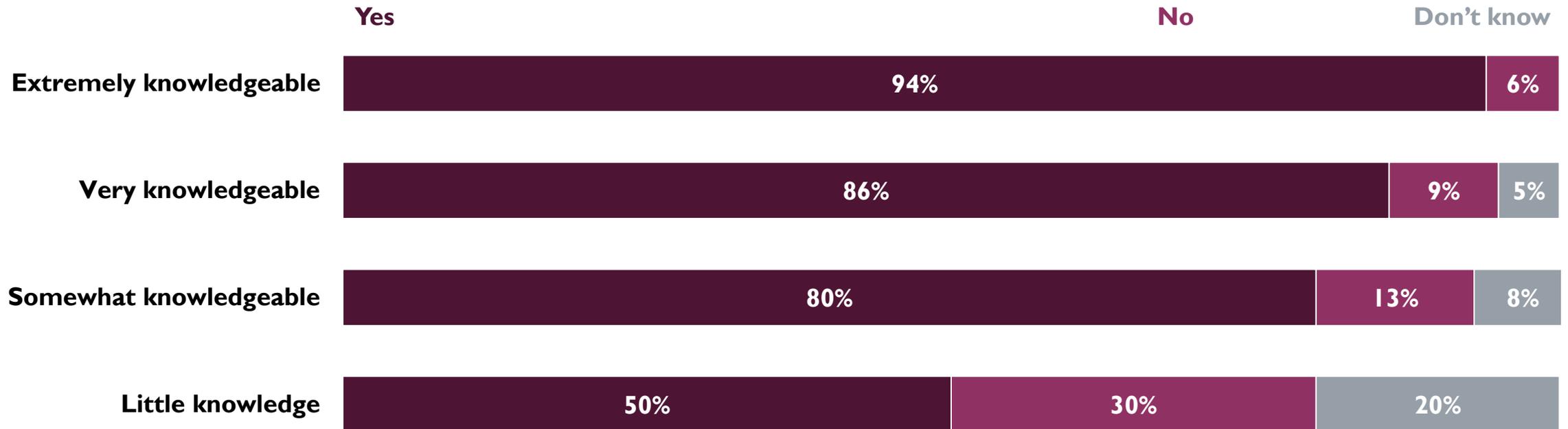
# Do you believe your home and/or family will be directly impacted should MDOT begin work on this project as currently planned?

Percent of respondents



# Do you believe your home and/or family will be directly impacted...? (broken down by level of knowledge)

Percent of respondents, by reported level of knowledge



# Should the ISCA take a formal position on MDOT's plan to expand the Beltway within and adjacent to our neighborhood?

