

# MEDIA ADVISORY

## WHAT:

Press conference called by Jasper City Council President Pro-Tempore Phil Mundy regarding results of a new, independent public opinion poll of Dubois County voters on the Mid-States Corridor and related local impacts.

While we are not releasing topline in advance, the findings are not close.

## WHO:

Phil Mundy, President Pro-Tempore, Jasper Common Council

Joined by Chad Lueken, Jasper Common Council, and additional local elected officials (expected)

Community members expected to attend

## WHEN:

Monday, December 22, 2025

12:15 p.m. (local)

## WHERE:

Dubois County Courthouse steps

1 Courthouse Square

Jasper, IN 47546

## DETAILS:

A press packet with the full poll results will be provided to media on-site immediately following remarks. Visuals will include local elected officials, courthouse backdrop, and community attendance.

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# Dubois County Voters on the Mid-States Corridor

Public Policy Polling | Field dates: Dec 16-17, 2025 | Sample: n=636 registered voters (Dubois County)

## Toplines

- **81% oppose** the Mid-States Corridor (72% strongly oppose; 14% support).
- **77% say they would be less likely to re-elect** an official who publicly supports MSC (67% much less likely).
- **84% oppose** using local tax dollars to maintain US-231 if responsibility shifts locally (78% strongly oppose).
- **87% say local officials should clearly state where they stand** on MSC. (Q7)

## Why these results are a reliable read of voter sentiment

- Survey of 636 Dubois County registered voters conducted Dec 16-17, 2025 by Public Policy Polling.
- With n=636, depending on the question, the margin of error ranges from +/- 2.6 to a maximum of 3.25 percentage points. The gap between opposition (81%) and support (14%) is far larger than any reasonable sampling error.
- Opposition is broad across all demographics: strongly oppose is 70% among Democrats, 75% among Republicans, and 68% among Independents (party crosstab).

Source: Public Policy Polling, "Dubois County, IN Survey Results," field dates Dec 16-17, 2025. Key questions: Q3, Q5, Q6, Q7.

## Dubois County, IN Survey Results

**Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of President Donald Trump's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 54%  
*Disapprove* ..... 32%  
*Not sure* ..... 14%

**Q2** Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Mike Braun's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 16%  
*Disapprove* ..... 62%  
*Not sure* ..... 23%

**Q3** The Mid-States Corridor is a proposed four-lane highway. According to project documents, expected benefits include improved regional access, safety improvements, and some travel-time savings. The segment through Dubois County is about 23 miles and is estimated to cost about \$1.1 Billion or roughly \$47 million per mile. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the Mid-States Corridor?

*Strongly support* ..... 6%  
*Somewhat support* ..... 8%  
*Somewhat oppose* ..... 9%  
*Strongly oppose* ..... 72%  
*Not sure* ..... 6%

**Q4** According to official project documents, the Mid-States Corridor would save about 1 minute on trips from Downtown Jasper to Louisville and about 3 minutes to Indianapolis. How important are these improvements to you personally: very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?

*Very important* ..... 4%  
*Somewhat important* ..... 5%  
*Not too important* ..... 8%  
*Not important at all* ..... 82%  
*Not sure* ..... 1%

**Q5** If the Mid-States Corridor is built, Dubois County, Jasper, and Huntingburg may be required to take responsibility for US-231, including the cost of maintaining it. Local tax dollars would then be used for that purpose instead of other community needs. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose local tax dollars being used to maintain US-231?

*Strongly support* ..... 5%  
*Somewhat support* ..... 7%  
*Somewhat oppose* ..... 6%  
*Strongly oppose* ..... 78%  
*Not sure* ..... 4%

**Q6** If a local elected official publicly supports the Mid-States Corridor, would that make you much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely, or much less likely to vote for them, or would it not make a difference?

*Much more likely* ..... 3%  
*Somewhat more likely* ..... 3%  
*Somewhat less likely* ..... 10%  
*Much less likely* ..... 67%  
*It wouldn't make a difference* ..... 12%  
*Not sure* ..... 4%

**Q7** Do you think local elected officials should clearly state where they stand on the Mid-States Corridor, or do they not need to take a clear position?

*Think they should clearly state where they stand on the Mid-States Corridor* ..... 87%  
*Think they do not need to take a clear position* ..... 8%  
*Not sure* ..... 6%

**Q8** In the 2024 election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Kamala Harris, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?

*Donald Trump* ..... 66%  
*Kamala Harris* ..... 24%  
*Someone else / Did not vote* ..... 10%

**Q9** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2. If you are gender non-binary, press 3.

*Woman* ..... 53%  
*Man* ..... 46%  
*Gender non-binary* ..... 1%

**Q10** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

*Democrat* ..... 18%  
*Republican* ..... 54%  
*Independent* ..... 28%

**Q11** If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

*White* ..... 96%  
*Other* ..... 4%

**Q12** If you are 18-29 years old, press 1. If 30-45, press 2. If 46-65, press 3. If older than 65, press 4.

*18 to 29* ..... 15%  
*30 to 45* ..... 30%  
*46 to 65* ..... 35%  
*Older than 65* ..... 20%

**Q13** What is the highest level of education you have received: high school graduate or less, some college but did not finish, 2-year college degree, 4-year college degree, or post-graduate degree?

*High school graduate or less* ..... 29%  
*Some college but did not finish* ..... 18%  
*2-year college degree* ..... 19%  
*4-year college degree* ..... 24%  
*Post-graduate degree* ..... 10%

	Base	2024 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Kamala Harris	Someone else / Did not vote
Trump Approval				
Approve	54%	78%	1%	23%
Disapprove	32%	6%	97%	47%
Not sure	14%	16%	2%	31%

	Base	2024 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Kamala Harris	Someone else / Did not vote
Braun Approval				
Approve	16%	22%	-	12%
Disapprove	62%	50%	92%	67%
Not sure	23%	29%	8%	22%

	Base	2024 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Kamala Harris	Someone else / Did not vote
The Mid-States Corridor Support / Oppose				
Strongly support	6%	6%	5%	8%
Somewhat support	8%	6%	11%	12%
Somewhat oppose	9%	10%	8%	4%
Strongly oppose	72%	75%	70%	60%
Not sure	6%	3%	7%	16%

	Base	2024 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Kamala Harris	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>The Mid-States Corridor Improvements Level of Importance</b>				
Very important	4%	4%	4%	9%
Somewhat important	5%	5%	4%	8%
Not too important	8%	7%	9%	8%
Not important at all	82%	84%	83%	67%
Not sure	1%	0%	1%	9%

	Base	2024 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Kamala Harris	Someone else / Did not vote
<b>Local Tax Dollars Being Used to Maintain US-231 Support / Oppose</b>				
Strongly support	5%	5%	4%	5%
Somewhat support	7%	5%	8%	16%
Somewhat oppose	6%	7%	5%	5%
Strongly oppose	78%	81%	80%	56%
Not sure	4%	3%	3%	18%

	Base	2024 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Kamala Harris	Someone else / Did not vote
Local Elected Official Supports Mid-States Corridor More / Less Likely to Vote For Them				
Much more likely	3%	4%	4%	2%
Somewhat more likely	3%	3%	3%	6%
Somewhat less likely	10%	11%	9%	7%
Much less likely	67%	68%	69%	56%
It wouldn't make a difference	12%	12%	14%	10%
Not sure	4%	3%	2%	19%

	Base	2024 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Kamala Harris	Someone else / Did not vote
Think Local Elected Officials Should Clearly State Stance on Mid-States Corridor Yes / No				
Think they should clearly state where they stand on the Mid-States Corridor	87%	88%	89%	71%
Think they do not need to take a clear position	8%	8%	6%	7%
Not sure	6%	4%	5%	22%

	Base	Gender		
		Woman	Man	Gender non-binary
<b>Trump Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>54%</b>	48%	62%	-
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>32%</b>	34%	29%	49%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>14%</b>	19%	9%	51%

	Base	Gender		
		Woman	Man	Gender non-binary
<b>Braun Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>16%</b>	10%	23%	-
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>62%</b>	66%	56%	49%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>23%</b>	24%	21%	51%

	Base	Gender		
		Woman	Man	Gender non-binary
<b>The Mid-States Corridor Support / Oppose</b>				
<b>Strongly support</b>	<b>6%</b>	3%	9%	-
<b>Somewhat support</b>	<b>8%</b>	5%	11%	-
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	<b>9%</b>	7%	11%	-
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	<b>72%</b>	81%	63%	49%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>6%</b>	4%	6%	51%



	Base	Gender		
		Woman	Man	Gender non-binary
<b>The Mid-States Corridor Improvements Level of Importance</b>				
Very important	4%	2%	6%	-
Somewhat important	5%	3%	7%	-
Not too important	8%	6%	10%	-
Not important at all	82%	88%	76%	49%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%	51%

	Base	Gender		
		Woman	Man	Gender non-binary
<b>Local Tax Dollars Being Used to Maintain US-231 Support / Oppose</b>				
Strongly support	5%	3%	6%	-
Somewhat support	7%	3%	11%	-
Somewhat oppose	6%	6%	7%	-
Strongly oppose	78%	84%	73%	49%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%	51%

	Base	Gender		
		Woman	Man	Gender non-binary
<b>Local Elected Official Supports Mid-States Corridor More / Less Likely to Vote For Them</b>				
<b>Much more likely</b>	3%	2%	5%	-
<b>Somewhat more likely</b>	3%	2%	5%	-
<b>Somewhat less likely</b>	10%	6%	15%	-
<b>Much less likely</b>	67%	76%	56%	49%
<b>It wouldn't make a difference</b>	12%	11%	14%	-
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	3%	4%	51%

	Base	Gender		
		Woman	Man	Gender non-binary
<b>Think Local Elected Officials Should Clearly State Stance on Mid-States Corridor Yes / No</b>				
<b>Think they should clearly state where they stand on the Mid-States Corridor</b>	87%	90%	84%	49%
<b>Think they do not need to take a clear position</b>	8%	5%	10%	-
<b>Not sure</b>	6%	5%	6%	51%

		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Trump Approval</b>				
Approve	54%	12%	78%	34%
Disapprove	32%	81%	7%	47%
Not sure	14%	8%	14%	19%

		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Braun Approval</b>				
Approve	16%	5%	23%	8%
Disapprove	62%	82%	49%	72%
Not sure	23%	13%	28%	19%

		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>The Mid-States Corridor Support / Oppose</b>				
Strongly support	6%	6%	7%	5%
Somewhat support	8%	9%	5%	12%
Somewhat oppose	9%	7%	9%	9%
Strongly oppose	72%	70%	75%	68%
Not sure	6%	8%	4%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>The Mid-States Corridor Improvements Level of Importance</b>				
Very important	4%	4%	4%	4%
Somewhat important	5%	2%	5%	7%
Not too important	8%	12%	6%	7%
Not important at all	82%	79%	85%	78%
Not sure	1%	2%	-	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Local Tax Dollars Being Used to Maintain US-231 Support / Oppose</b>				
Strongly support	5%	1%	5%	6%
Somewhat support	7%	11%	4%	9%
Somewhat oppose	6%	6%	6%	6%
Strongly oppose	78%	77%	82%	73%
Not sure	4%	6%	3%	6%

	Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Local Elected Official Supports Mid-States Corridor More / Less Likely to Vote For Them</b>				
<b>Much more likely</b>	3%	4%	4%	3%
<b>Somewhat more likely</b>	3%	5%	3%	3%
<b>Somewhat less likely</b>	10%	8%	10%	11%
<b>Much less likely</b>	67%	67%	68%	64%
<b>It wouldn't make a difference</b>	12%	13%	12%	12%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	2%	3%	8%

	Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Think Local Elected Officials Should Clearly State Stance on Mid-States Corridor Yes / No</b>				
<b>Think they should clearly state where they stand on the Mid-States Corridor</b>	87%	88%	87%	86%
<b>Think they do not need to take a clear position</b>	8%	7%	9%	5%
<b>Not sure</b>	6%	5%	4%	9%

		Race	
	Base	White	Other
<b>Trump Approval</b>			
Approve	54%	55%	33%
Disapprove	32%	31%	54%
Not sure	14%	14%	13%

		Race	
	Base	White	Other
<b>Braun Approval</b>			
Approve	16%	15%	26%
Disapprove	62%	62%	42%
Not sure	23%	23%	32%

		Race	
	Base	White	Other
<b>The Mid-States Corridor Support / Oppose</b>			
Strongly support	6%	5%	37%
Somewhat support	8%	7%	10%
Somewhat oppose	9%	9%	-
Strongly oppose	72%	75%	9%
Not sure	6%	4%	44%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>The Mid-States Corridor Improvements Level of Importance</b>			
Very important	4%	3%	29%
Somewhat important	5%	5%	11%
Not too important	8%	7%	24%
Not important at all	82%	85%	18%
Not sure	1%	1%	18%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Local Tax Dollars Being Used to Maintain US-231 Support / Oppose</b>			
Strongly support	5%	4%	28%
Somewhat support	7%	6%	31%
Somewhat oppose	6%	6%	-
Strongly oppose	78%	81%	18%
Not sure	4%	3%	24%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Local Elected Official Supports Mid-States Corridor More / Less Likely to Vote For Them</b>			
<b>Much more likely</b>	3%	3%	21%
<b>Somewhat more likely</b>	3%	3%	27%
<b>Somewhat less likely</b>	10%	10%	-
<b>Much less likely</b>	67%	69%	18%
<b>It wouldn't make a difference</b>	12%	12%	10%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	4%	24%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Think Local Elected Officials Should Clearly State Stance on Mid-States Corridor Yes / No</b>			
<b>Think they should clearly state where they stand on the Mid-States Corridor</b>	87%	89%	31%
<b>Think they do not need to take a clear position</b>	8%	7%	26%
<b>Not sure</b>	6%	4%	43%



	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Trump Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	54%	45%	54%	58%	52%
<b>Disapprove</b>	32%	36%	28%	31%	36%
<b>Not sure</b>	14%	19%	17%	11%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Braun Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	16%	14%	14%	14%	23%
<b>Disapprove</b>	62%	73%	69%	60%	43%
<b>Not sure</b>	23%	13%	17%	26%	34%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>The Mid-States Corridor Support / Oppose</b>					
<b>Strongly support</b>	6%	2%	3%	8%	9%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	8%	8%	5%	8%	10%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	9%	3%	6%	12%	12%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	72%	78%	83%	68%	59%
<b>Not sure</b>	6%	9%	3%	4%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
The Mid-States Corridor Improvements Level of Importance					
Very important	4%	2%	3%	4%	7%
Somewhat important	5%	5%	4%	6%	4%
Not too important	8%	6%	5%	9%	11%
Not important at all	82%	84%	88%	81%	73%
Not sure	1%	2%	-	-	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Local Tax Dollars Being Used to Maintain US-231 Support / Oppose					
Strongly support	5%	2%	3%	8%	3%
Somewhat support	7%	9%	5%	6%	10%
Somewhat oppose	6%	8%	5%	5%	7%
Strongly oppose	78%	74%	84%	80%	70%
Not sure	4%	7%	3%	1%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Local Elected Official Supports Mid-States Corridor More / Less Likely to Vote For Them					
Much more likely	3%	1%	2%	4%	7%
Somewhat more likely	3%	-	2%	5%	6%
Somewhat less likely	10%	11%	8%	12%	9%
Much less likely	67%	69%	75%	63%	57%
It wouldn't make a difference	12%	8%	10%	14%	15%
Not sure	4%	12%	2%	2%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Think Local Elected Officials Should Clearly State Stance on Mid-States Corridor Yes / No					
Think they should clearly state where they stand on the Mid-States Corridor	87%	76%	90%	91%	82%
Think they do not need to take a clear position	8%	9%	7%	6%	11%
Not sure	6%	16%	3%	3%	7%

	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
Trump Approval						
Approve	54%	62%	52%	53%	48%	48%
Disapprove	32%	25%	37%	31%	35%	35%
Not sure	14%	13%	11%	16%	17%	17%

	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
Braun Approval						
Approve	16%	21%	17%	10%	16%	8%
Disapprove	62%	54%	59%	70%	63%	69%
Not sure	23%	25%	24%	20%	21%	23%

	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
The Mid-States Corridor Support / Oppose						
Strongly support	6%	10%	3%	4%	5%	4%
Somewhat support	8%	13%	5%	3%	9%	4%
Somewhat oppose	9%	8%	12%	9%	8%	6%
Strongly oppose	72%	64%	71%	81%	73%	77%
Not sure	6%	5%	10%	2%	5%	9%

	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
The Mid-States Corridor Improvements Level of Importance						
Very important	4%	8%	2%	3%	3%	1%
Somewhat important	5%	6%	2%	4%	6%	4%
Not too important	8%	10%	8%	3%	8%	8%
Not important at all	82%	75%	86%	90%	81%	82%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	5%

	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
Local Tax Dollars Being Used to Maintain US-231 Support / Oppose						
Strongly support	5%	8%	3%	3%	4%	-
Somewhat support	7%	11%	6%	3%	5%	5%
Somewhat oppose	6%	2%	10%	7%	8%	7%
Strongly oppose	78%	71%	78%	85%	81%	82%
Not sure	4%	8%	3%	1%	2%	6%

	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
Local Elected Official Supports Mid-States Corridor More / Less Likely to Vote For Them						
Much more likely	3%	5%	1%	3%	4%	2%
Somewhat more likely	3%	5%	6%	3%	2%	1%
Somewhat less likely	10%	12%	12%	3%	13%	9%
Much less likely	67%	54%	67%	84%	67%	66%
It wouldn't make a difference	12%	18%	10%	7%	9%	15%
Not sure	4%	6%	4%	1%	5%	6%

	Base	Education				
		High school graduate or less	Some college but did not finish	2-year college degree	4-year college degree	Post-graduate degree
Think Local Elected Officials Should Clearly State Stance on Mid-States Corridor Yes / No						
Think they should clearly state where they stand on the Mid-States Corridor	87%	81%	84%	94%	90%	86%
Think they do not need to take a clear position	8%	11%	9%	5%	5%	7%
Not sure	6%	9%	7%	1%	5%	7%