

## QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE Mayoral Candidate

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1. Public transit was identified as the most important issue facing Winnipeggers in the 2019 budget consult, followed by active transportation and roadway construction and maintenance. In your opinion, why is public transit deemed the number one priority?

Public Transit is deemed the #1 priority for several reasons, however the main priority is that it provides transportation at an affordable cost. This is how we get to work and get home each day. Not all of us are vehicle owners or can afford such a luxury.

2. If you could give Winnipeg's transit system an overall letter grade, what would it be? What do you feel is holding the current transit system back from getting a better grade? If you could sum up your vision for the future of Winnipeg's transit system what would it be?

Letter Grade: C+ Holding back Transit is management who refuses to communicate more with the drivers. The management vision is dated back in the 70s. Lack of responsiveness for drivers needs.

The future is light rail, electric buses, free park'n rides, Toonie bus fare and a work force that you have to wait over one year to get in.

3. Safety is an increasing concern for transit riders and drivers, alike. What do you feel contributes to the lack of safety in the current system? How would you improve safety?

Disputes over fares contributes and a very tense workplace. I would reduce the fare to \$2.00 and install driver shields on buses. Less management bureaucracy & harassment. Use plain-clothed 1st year police officers & Cadets to ride buses around.

4. If you could sum up Winnipeg's current transit system in 3 words, what would it be?

Needs Improvement Fast.

5. Cities like Ottawa and Edmonton contribute over \$220 million to their transit networks, while the City of Winnipeg contributes just \$65 million. To match these other cities in per capita terms, Winnipeg should be contributing \$170 million. How will you fight for more funding towards transit?

As a skilled negotiator who lobbied the Provincial Government to build the first set of electric buses here in Winnipeg - I believe I would take this skill and work closely with the Federal & Provincial Governments to achieve our Vision. Improve efficiency and find excessive waste in top heavy management.

Bonus question: What is your favourite Transit App and why?

Favourite Transit App - Navigo for more detailed routing or BUSguide for just knowing your nearest location bus info. Both do a good job.