

## QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE St. Norbert – Seine River Ward

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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 important as it is one of the key ways that connects all areas of the city. For students and youth in and around the University of Manitoba, this is a key way to commute to the university and thus get to work and classes. With more and more residents concerned about traffic and the environment, increased use of public transit is a way to both reduce automobile traffic on our roadways as well as decrease the amount of greenhouse gas emissions with increased hybrid buses.

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?

The letter grade that I would give is a B, as the City has worked to improve the infrastructure of the transit system; however, there is still considerable work to be done to ensure that transit is more frequent, accessible and affordable. I will work with Transit Planners to host a series of open houses to discuss with residents existing routes, ridership, and potential new routes to improve transit services in the community. I want to explore innovative solutions that are a win-win for all!

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?

I feel that what contributes to the lack of safety in the current system is not frequent enough service. I have been told that residents of St. Norbert-Seine Rivers would like more regional bus routes, that is routes that circle the region and neighbourhood rather than the bus routes that span across the city from south to north or west to east.

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

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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?

I want to review where our transit dollars are going towards within the transit system to ensure that residents are getting the most value for the funds that are going to the transit network in Winnipeg.

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

myBus Winnipeg – I like the interface and the way the wait times at each stop are laid out.

Winnipeg Transit RT – This app is connected with Navigo, so the information matches Navigo searches on the Winnipeg Transit website.