

Dear Transit Now Nashville and Partners.

Thank you for your letter and for your concern regarding the transportation infrastructure of our great state.

I believe a strong infrastructure is critical to Tennessee's economy and our way of life. My company manages a fleet of 600 trucks in the Middle Tennessee area and I have seen firsthand how traffic impacts our community and our economy.

I believe it's critical to bring a business-minded, multi-modal perspective to strengthening our infrastructure, and I look forward to working with regional and community leaders to develop long-term and cost-effective solutions for managing our infrastructure needs. I'll engage business and civic leaders to re-imagine the commuting landscape, and I'll position the state as a partner in developing intelligent traffic management systems and other traffic-reducing initiatives.

I believe we must also prioritize highway safety and that includes improving the quality of our roads with an emphasis on repairing potholes, bridges, and addressing citizen safety concerns. I believe we should address the backlog of projects while also exploring new technology in the form of new materials and methods for improving our roads.

My goals for safety also extend to our pedestrians and bikers. While most of the impact there will be locally-driven, I hope to be a resource and partner for local leaders to promote best practices and scalable solutions that make our roads safe for every Tennessean.

Please consider this letter the beginning of our conversation. I welcome your continued engagement and look forward to the opportunity to hear your ideas on how we can make Tennessee a more prosperous state for all.

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