

Q:Should you become elected mayor, would you support dedicated funding for transit? With WeGo facing an \$8.7 million budget shortfall, what efforts will you make to address the multimodal transportation challenges facing our city? Please let us know your response by July 16th and if we may share the information with our members. Your response will help voters understand where their prospective leaders stand on these important issues.

A: First of all, the Convention Center Authority and The Downtown Nashville Zone are flush with cash. My estimation is between \$200-300 million dollars (Their last report through June 2018 had them at about \$185 million 13 months ago. Do your own research and google it) . That \$8.7 million should be made up through their tourism budget. The current leadership is misguided and is hiding that money from the Citizens. We have enough there to not only cover the \$8.7 million in shortfall but also designate another \$10 million in upgrades. YOU HAVE TO ADMIT, we are a wealthy city. The money is being shuffled into pet projects and more “fat cat” development. FOLLOW THE MONEY and demand that our income from tourism taxes be used for exactly this type of spending, not subsidizing hotel rooms for conventioners. Let’s go GANG!! Let’s find the money they are not spending and put it to good use. After we do that, we can then make plans to improve and create more on what we have.