Transit Now,

Thank you for reaching out to me and including me in your questionnaire process. While there is much discussion locally among candidates and those covering them, I believe the conversation is still quite restricted and provincial. I aim to start the conversation on big issues beyond the plastic facade of trite trope: Changes in Platitudes, Changes in Attitudes.

Last year, we aimed big as a city and tackled an enormously wide ranging vision of what the future of our city looks like. While the referendum failed, it demonstrated an ability for a town of our size to engage in big-vision dialog. We moved from thought experiments into civic engagement. We can continue to push for this type of imagination in local politics. While I may personally be outside the box, my platform policy proposals are neither outside the lines or out of bounds.

Free Public Transport- If we as a city make this is a priority, we can demonstrate political will and we will find a way, not just to maintain the current system but to expand services. Public/private partnerships with businesses downtown, conspicuous philanthropic donations, grants, It's all possible.

Traffic Calming: from the traditional to the outlandish. Art in the Streets Public Arts initiatives, combined with low-cost measures, such as re-striping, bollards, etc. These are low-hanging fruit we can grab onto now! Actions like those pilot projects landed by TURBO and other groups show us what we can do with public spaces.

Complete Streets Programs- no brainer here. We can implement more bike lanes, not just in ROW parallelism by occupying previously car-dedicated lanes but also through expansion of bike lanes away from roads. Let's finally push the power to get dedicated bike lanes downtown. We can make lemonade out of the lemons with the scooters downtown- embrace the multimodal transportation of the future and do so by applying a use fee of $1-$2 a trip on the drunk-bros and woo-girls downtown that then goes into a dedicated revenue stream to build the bike lanes that will then be where the scooters go! Then guess what after getting dedicated multimodal lanes, the revenue fund will continue to grow allowing us to expand that network further afield. We can reject the reactionary rash decision-making and embrace the future AND FULLY FUND IT!

Street Closures (Perm & Temp): A Post-car Future made Present. From Reclaim the Streets to Open Streets the precedent is there. The future is beyond cars! For those open-minded enough to walk with me, please check out the map on my website- lets start closing streets downtown! 3rd, 5th, Deaderick, Dudley, Lower Broad. The City of the future will be designed for people so let’s time travel there and start implementing these measures now, on a pilot basis. Reclaim the streets and we can reclaim the joy of not being afraid of constantly dying by car.