

Transportation

1. Do you think there is a need for a transportation authority which would combine Metro Transit, HRM transportation and the Bridge Commission?

Response from: Tom Martin

With the overall cost to run Metro Transit at \$100 million annually and half of that subsidized by taxpayers, it would be very difficult to maintain not to mention expand on public transportation without a Transportation Authority. Transportation is vital to our economy and our future. I do support a Transportation Authority that is partnered with the province. This would have to be legislated by the Province. This Transportation Authority would be responsible for functions regarding transportation and commuting and would include financing, planning and the management of public transportation and all roads with the exception of 100 series highways. Having the Province give up the revenue from the bridges would be difficult but with a Transportation Authority shared with the Province, there may be a way for the revenue from the bridges being distributed by the Authority.

Response from: Mike Savage

Whether through a transportation authority or some other governance model, we need a fully integrated approach that gets people to where they need or want to be. We need to connect the dots, to find ways to move people that are efficient, cost effective, convenient and sustainable. This includes emphasis on active transportation and modern public transit.

Response from: Aaron Eisses

I am not convinced that adding layers of bureaucracy is the solution in this case. Recognizing that, it is nonetheless imperative that Metro Transit, HRM transportation and the Bridge Commission are all on the same page and all moving in the same direction.

Response from: Steve Mackie

No Response

Response from: Fred Connors

There is no question that a coordinated, integrated, public focus transportation strategy is needed in HRM. A transportation authority should at least be examined to see if it is the right model to deliver what we need.

Response from: Robert McCormack

No Response