

Should you become elected to office, what efforts will you make to address the multimodal transportation challenges facing the growing cities, towns and regions in Tennessee?

Tennessee needs to get transit right as we continue to grow, and we need to be thinking about regional multimodal transit. As Mayor of Nashville, I started the regional Mayors Caucus, which brought us together across Middle Tennessee to work on regional issues, including transit. We need to develop a system that links urban areas to the outlying communities, making it as easy as possible to get people to and from work. Transit is fundamental to workforce development and job creation, and it is a commitment Tennessee needs to make.

How should the state support cities' efforts to build competitive transit systems?

I applaud Governor Haslam's efforts to improve infrastructure through the Improve Act, but we need to do more. The state needs to play a leadership role by making this a priority for municipalities and making it easier for counties to work together regionally. The solution should be funded by securing as much federal funding as possible, but the state needs to show a commitment to finding regional transit solutions and finding alternatives to automobiles, and I'm anxious to play that role.

How will you work towards reducing roadway fatalities, including the increasing number of pedestrian fatalities, in our state?

To me, investments in transit mean investments in safety. If we build new residential roads, they need to have sidewalks and bike lanes. New interstates will have the latest safety features. Buses and rail should be designed to keep fewer cars on the road, which will by nature reduce automobile accidents. It's all connected. As governor, I will invest in only the smartest and safest transit, and I will be sure we are studying trends in roadway accidents to fix issues where we can.