



City of Detroit
Detroit City Council
Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway
District 2

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mikel Oglesby, Director
DDOT

FROM: Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway

DATE: March 28, 2023

RE: DDOT FY24 Budget Questions

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The office of Council Member Angela Calloway questions for Department of Transportation FY24 Budget:

1. From our assessment and contrast to other cities that have exceptional services for their residents, they have taken simple solution, holistic approach to providing better service including expanding bus only lanes, rapid transit lanes, etc:
 - a. QUESTION: At this moment how many miles of only bus lanes does the City of Detroit have? What is our plan to implement and expand only bus lanes? In yes or no answer, do you think only bus lanes will drastically decrease travel/commute times for residents.
2. For the past ten years the Federal Government has poured Billions of dollars into supporting communities that have proposed feasible Transit Oriented Development strategies. As we move forward with the revitalization of our city, including the recent establishment of the Transportation Innovation Zone, it is imperative that DDOT and other responsible partners, play a role in helping the city create density and take a more AGGRESSIVE advocacy and action for transportation that's not centered around cars, including rail. With that said:
 - a. QUESTION: Has DDOT explored a Transit Oriented Development strategy? Is there someone within DDOT that focuses primarily on this goal?
 - b. QUESTION: Have we had any discussion with our State and County partners on joining the 21st century and expanding rail? I hope that within this decade there is a rapid rail line that links DTW with Detroit and beyond.



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3. We are at an integral moment to improve our accessibility and services to the residents of Detroit. At this moment only 1 out of 5 households have a car, and that number gets smaller when you factor in the reliability of those cars. Detroiters need DDOT to be great. It is without a doubt that we need to financially support DDOT and then some, with that being said:
 - a. QUESTION: How does DDOT expand its fleet (ideally all electric buses), at scale, to meet the needs of the residents within reasonable financial parameters?

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