

## **Response to Streets and Transportation questionnaire from Alan Walden, Republican candidate for Mayor of Baltimore**

1. From the outset of my campaign I have proposed the following:
  - a. Revision bus routes and more rigid scheduling of service in order to serve those who need it most.
  - b. A rail link from Security Boulevard to the Metro station at Rogers Avenue, and another link from Metro station at Johns Hopkins southeastward to Bayview.
  - c. A light rail / streetcar line along North Avenue to spur business development and better serve residents in the adjacent neighborhoods.
2. The timing of traffic lights in many parts of the city retards a smooth and efficient flow of traffic. Traffic light patterns must, therefore, be reevaluated in order to remove unnecessary roadblocks, especially during peak hours. And the use of staggered lights on main thoroughfare must be eliminated.
3. Aggressive driving and speeding cannot and should not be tolerated. Laws and regulations are already in place to deal with this issues and they should be better enforced, as should the laws against the use of hand-held electronic devices while driving.
4. State and local police do a fairly good job of controlling traffic on the Interstate system and on most major highways. The issue of traffic flow on local streets is a lot more difficult to deal with. Traffic control officers at major intersections, again during peak periods, should be better trained in how to do their jobs. Cameras should be replaced as often as is possible. But they are only as effective as enforcement of existing regulations.
5. As a fiscal conservative I am loathe to suggest the hiring or more administrative personnel or the expansion of existing bureaucracies.

The title “Chief of Traffic Engineering” is ambiguous at best.