

Inner City Coalition

Of Calgary Society



2. THE TRANSPORTATION DILEMMA

We believe the City must balance its plan for growth in all quadrants of the city. Additional employment centres and localised community services will help mobility systems become more efficient and effective.

Issue

Transportation is one of the critical issues facing all communities as the city continues to grow. Ways have to be found to sustain the quality of life in the inner city and established communities while ensuring access to and from employment and services for the larger community.

Background

Recent surges in massive City and Provincial expenditures have focussed on bringing more commuters into the City Core by road and transit, or on major highway by-passes around the City. Little has been done to resolve the impact of this traffic on the Inner City communities. Traffic calming techniques to moderate local impact in the inner city pit one community against another.

In 1995 City Council passed the Calgary Transportation Plan (GoPlan) following a comprehensive public consultation process, called the Go Plan. An essential element of GoPlan was land use strategy. This included higher suburban densities, the specific designation of "Employment Centres" to distribute traffic more evenly and away from downtown, and a commitment to transit nodes in new subdivisions.

What we have seen is massive investment in roads, some extensions of LRT lines, but lack of actual capacity increase, huge increase in core office centralization, and city-wide transportation delays.

QUESTION

Are you willing to take a leadership role and implement the Calgary Transportation Plan (GoPlan) and its principles of balance growth strategy?

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