

ALDERMANIC SURVEY

The City of St. Louis has its next General Election on **April 8, 2025**. We believe all residents have the right to be informed on the opinions of their representatives. Therefore, we reached out to every aldermanic candidate up for election, asking for responses to relevant transportation infrastructure topics. Find out the candidates' responses:

What is your name?

Rebecca McCloud

What ward are you running for Alderperson in?

I am currently running for the 11th Ward

How do you envision your role as an Alderperson in creating a future for St. Louis where all forms of transportation are safe, equitable, and accessible?

I believe that transportation is not just about getting people from point A to point B, but it's about creating equitable opportunities for everyone in our community. Everyone deserves safe and accessible transportation options. As an Alderwoman, I envision myself advocating for a more integrated transportation system that includes walking, biking, public transit, and cars, ensuring that every resident regardless of their income or location has access to safe and reliable transportation. I envision better connectivity between neighborhoods and key destinations like schools, healthcare centers, job opportunities and more. I'll also focus on improving pedestrian and bike infrastructure, making sure that streets are safe for everyone, whether they're walking, cycling, or driving.



Please rate the following on a scale from 1 (very bad) to 7 (very good):

For the City of St. Louis, how would you rate the current conditions of: Infrastructure planning and maintenance of our streets

5

For the City of St. Louis, how would you rate the current conditions of: Safety of our streets

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For the City of St. Louis, how would you rate the current conditions of: ADA Accessibility

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Please rank each option below in priority order, with 1 being the highest priority and 4 being the lowest priority:

Lobby other Alders for Ward Capital funds to be distributed to Streets Dept.

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Advocate for another 1/2 cent sales tax devoted to street maintenance

4 Highest Priority

Work to increase the number of people using public transit

1 Lowest Priority

Support efforts by cycling organizations and businesses to increase the number of cyclists commuting to work.

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Research from the National Traffic Safety Board shows that reducing average travel speeds by just 5% could reduce fatal road crashes by 30%. Based on this research, should the City set a citywide speed limit to 25 mph on arterials and 20 mph on local streets? State yes or no, and explain your response:

State Statue grants cities the authority to regulate traffic, including setting speed limits within municipal boundaries which include local streets. I am not 100% sold on Board of Alderman members passing an ordinance to lower the speed limit without proper and consistent enforcement.

In a survey conducted by the St. Louis Coalition to Protect Cyclists and Pedestrians (CP2), respondents suggested multiple strategies to re-envision a safer St. Louis, including investing in protected bike lanes, car free districts, and pedestrian friendly infrastructure. How will you work to shift the culture in St. Louis to prioritize non-car forms of transportation?

To truly prioritize non-car transportation, we must invest in real, protected infrastructure that makes walking, biking, and transit viable, convenient, and safe alternatives to driving. I would shift the culture by supporting the expansion of protected bike lanes and improvements to public transportation via the Metrolink and Metro Bus services. Shifting the culture must go beyond infrastructure, as education and engagement are key parts to this. I'll work with organizations like CP2 and Trailnet to build momentum and push for this culture shift.

St. Louis City currently awards over \$40M to Bi-State every year for transit operations. What metrics will you use to determine if this money has been spent effectively, and how will you hold Bi-State accountable if it isn't?

I will focus on tracking ridership growth, particularly in underserved neighborhoods, as well as on-time performance to ensure that the system is reliable and meets the demand. I also think it's important to monitor the cost per rider and operating efficiency to ensure that taxpayer money is being used wisely. We need to make sure that the funds are not just being spent but deliver high-quality services at most. I will also look at things like customer satisfaction, which is very important. I will hold Bi-State accountable by ensuring that Bi-State is engaging the community and taking proactive steps to address issues that affect daily riders. I am not aware of a lot of occasions where bi-state has intentionally come to neighborhood meetings across the city of St. Louis, especially



How will you pressure Bi-State to make changes to their transit operations to ensure public transit is equitably accessible for all?

I will work towards investing in expanded bus and MetroLink services in marginalized areas and ensure that all transit stops and vehicles comply with ADA standards while engaging directly with riders to address safety concerns.

In St. Louis City, numerous pedestrians and cyclists have recently been badly injured or lost their lives due to reckless driving. What will you do to protect the lives of pedestrians and cyclists through infrastructure improvements?

As an Alderwoman I will push for legislation that prioritizes traffic-calming measures, such as protected bike lanes, raised crosswalks, curb extensions, and reduced speed limits in high-crash areas. I will advocate for increased funding to improve sidewalks, enhance pedestrian crossings, and ensure that safety upgrades are equitably distributed across all neighborhoods—especially those historically neglected.

How will you champion the implementation of more protected lanes and a city wide bike network, which are necessary to increase bike ridership in St. Louis?

I will work to integrate a fully connected system of protected bike lanes into infrastructure plans in St. Louis. I love biking. I will ensure that every neighborhood has safe and direct biking access to jobs, schools, and essential services parks etc. Also, many bike lanes in St. Louis are mere paint on the road, which does little to protect cyclists from speeding cars. I will push for concrete barriers and physically separated lanes to create real safety.



Transform 314 intentionally surveyed a majority of Black St. Louisans between the ages of 18-45 to get a sense of their biggest issues concerning their communities' built environments. Overwhelmingly, addressing the condition and safety of our City's streets was the top concern identified. In thinking of this feedback, how does your vision for the City of St. Louis support equitable transportation infrastructure and work to increase funding for these initiatives?

My vision for St. Louis prioritizes equitable, safe, and accessible transportation infrastructure that improves quality of life for all residents. To achieve this, I will push for city budget allocations, federal grants, and state investments to fix dangerous streets, expand public transit, and build safe pedestrian and bike infrastructure. I will work hard to improve Metro bus service, add safe and accessible sidewalks, and expand protected bike lanes to give people real alternatives to car dependency. Lastly, I will push for transparency and accountability measures to ensure funding is used effectively and that community input is always at the forefront and center of the decision-making.

How would you support an increased role by the City in facilitating access to active transportation, i.e., bikes, buses, and trains?

As an Alderwoman, I will strongly advocate for the City of St. Louis to take a more active role in expanding access to public transit by ensuring that all residents, regardless of their zip code, have reliable, affordable, and safe transportation options. The City must take an active role in shaping public transit's policies to ensure transit is safe and designed around community needs. I will advocate for improved bus stops, safer pedestrian, and access to public transit.



In 2025, St. Louis will implement a comprehensive update of the zoning code - the first such update in over 65 years. What are your top 3 (or more!) changes you would like to make to the Zoning Code, and how do you plan to pursue them in your role?

As Alderwoman, I will fight for a zoning code that reflects the needs of our communities today. My top (4) zoning changes will include:
Incentivizing bike parking, shared mobility hubs, and car-free developments to support alternative transportation options.
Expanding mixed-use zoning to allow for small businesses, shops, and housing within walkable distances.
Protect and expand public green spaces, ensuring that every neighborhood has access to parks and recreational areas.
Hold developers accountable to ensure new projects align with our vision for a walkable, affordable, and inclusive St. Louis.

In the past month, what different modes of transportation have you used to get around the city? You may choose multiple options:

Biking, Taking the bus, Personal vehicle, Skating

Improving transit infrastructure requires active maintenance plans to ensure our investments are properly sustained. How will you ensure transit infrastructure is maintained over time (e.g., purchasing a mini street sweeper for bike lane cleaning):

I think it's important to advocate for proactive, long-term maintenance plans that ensure our transit infrastructure is regularly maintained, cleaned, and repaired. I will partner with local community organizations to educate the public about the importance of maintaining safe, clean infrastructure and to encourage community participation in keeping areas clean.



With an increase in people who are seniors, have a mobility impairment, or disability, what will you do to advocate for developments and transportation infrastructure in your ward to be accessible?

I will prioritize universal accessibility in all new developments and public infrastructure projects. I will work to make every effort and ensure bus stops, MetroLink stations, and public transit routes are accessible, with wheelchair ramps, elevators, and real-time transit tracking for ease of use by seniors and those with mobility impairments. I will also work with local businesses, nonprofits, and developers to create partnerships for ongoing infrastructure maintenance, including potential sponsorships for cleaning or improvements to public transit facilities, bike lanes, and pedestrian areas.

Will you commit to walking, biking, or riding the train or bus to city hall once a month? (Note: CP2 hosts a 'bike bus' to City Hall the third Friday morning of every month!)

I love bike riding

