

Dear Mr. Mayor,

We all recognize the challenges that you and Council are facing regarding transportation in the City. I'd like to offer some suggestions on how to alleviate some of the problems of pollution, gridlock and parking, at very little cost to the taxpayer.

I've noticed that drivers automatically pull over if there is an emergency vehicle behind them. I'd like to propose that anyone be allowed to purchase red or blue flashing lights for the tops of their cars. That way, slow moving vehicles will get out of the way of the faster ones and everyone will get to their destination on time.

Let us hook up to the back of the LRT trains with vehicles that can ride the rails, like rail-service trucks. The trains are going in exactly the same direction we want to go!

If the City allows riverboats on the river, there would be no need to expand the LRT west of downtown. This would be great for tourists and skiers who could travel all the way back to Bow Falls via a more scenic and quieter route than the Trans-Canada, which would now only be used by heavy trucks. Coming back to Calgary would be quicker because the boats could start from the top of the Falls, to get that added momentum.

Every week, Monday should be declared a holiday. There would be no traffic, accidents or pollution on that day, which amounts to 14% less of these items in one week! That's 56% less in one month!

The LRT is a great service but it is too slow. I suggest doubling the voltage of the supplied power to make it travel twice as fast. Because the lights inside the cars would be so bright, transit could remove half the bulbs. Another cost saving.

To prevent dangerous lane changes, which results in accidents and traffic delays, the solid lines should be made solid. Lay down some 2 by 4s to keep everyone in their lane. This has the added advantage of providing a line for the graders to follow in winter.

People should drive with their lights off. This only lights up stuff and distracts the drivers, and that causes accidents.

Red Green had a great idea to magnetize everyone's front bumper and let cars tailgate the car in front. Put the car in neutral, relax and read the paper until you get close to your destination, then release the electromagnet. This would not work with semi-trailers, so don't magnetize their bumpers.

Red also suggests that to save gasoline, one should only go places that are downhill. Of course you would have to come home via a different route.

Let's get the car manufacturers to build cars in triangular shape. This is good for aerodynamics (look at the stealth bomber) and can greatly improve parking density when

every other car parks backwards in their stall. You would lose some revenue from police radar (remember "stealth"), but hey, we can't have it both ways!

Since rust is lighter than metal, don't maintain the finish of your car, and save gasoline because of the weight decrease. Come to think of it, hoods and fenders trap snow and ice in winter increasing weight and making extra work for all of us. Leave these pieces in the garage.

And finally, if the City continues to NOT clean side-streets and crescents of snow in the winter, people will be trapped in their homes and not make it to work. This keeps them off the streets. Keep up the good work!

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