

**Ottawa Mayoral Candidate Ade Olumide Platform 4 - Rural Home To LRT Shuttle, Fund Middle Class (Less Than \$53K Employment Income) Eligibility For Free Transit Through Attrition, Increase Transit Frequency, Increase Road Maintenance, Transit Bill of Rights.**

# Ade Olumide for Mayor Competence & Ethics



3P – secure the environmental benefits of increased ridership, through a Rural Home To LRT Shuttle and an Urban Home To LRT Shuttle. These 13-seater buses “Jitneys” can also be back up capacity for an Urban Transit Bill of Rights for LRT operational shortfalls and canceled bus services or routes.

Learn from Luxembourg and work towards free transit for people that earn below \$53K per annum and engage large employers modeled after Seattle type ride share services.

Learn from the London Underground and British Rail, the pursuit of happiness does not require a car.

Reduce Ottawa’s vehicle emissions environmental footprint through higher ridership by ensuring that every household (including people with disabilities) can access groceries within 15 minutes without a car.

More reliable and customer focused OC Transpo and LRT services through weekly performance measurement reports on each of the transit independent business units, make decisions and monitor weekly progress on late or canceled trips and ridership: LRT track and train maintenance, LRT train operation, LRT station maintenance, bus shelters and station maintenance, bus maintenance, bus operation, scheduling, finance, management, customer service, security, technology, communication, training.

Fund bus operations to run every 20 minutes at least five days a week, and every 40 minutes for weekends and nights. In the 2022 election the Ontario Premier promised \$82 billion over 10 years for transit and highways, and it is not very clear that Ottawa has a strategy to compare GTA transit and highway spending for Toronto and Ottawa so as to ensure that Ottawa is getting its fair share of such a large amount of money.

Build affordable housing near frequent transit, implement zoning and development charges incentives.

Explore ways to expand and support the use of electric bikes and related equipment.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/ebike-buyers-deserve-cash-rebates-too-advocates-say-1.6457682> While the federal government [recently expanded its electric car rebate program](#) to include SUVs and pickups, offering buyers up to \$5,000 for cars under \$55,000 and trucks under \$60,000, e-bikes and e-cargo bikes were not included. "It feels really unfair, especially in a climate emergency, to see people get that kind of money to drive trucks and cars around ... and we're just sitting on the sidelines,"

If a transit pass was included in compensation for all Canada employees (about \$184 million) in the National Capital Region, OC Transpo would be able to fund no fare transit (about \$200 million). Seek union consent to include the cost of about 15,000 yearly transit passes in compensation for all City employees, encourage large employers and Canada to do the same. Excerpts of letter to Canada include:

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, ...  
President of the Treasury Board and MP Ottawa Vanier, The Honourable Mona Fortier, ...  
National President, Public Service Alliance of Canada, Chris Aylward, ...  
Minister of the Environment, The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, ...  
Minister of Transportation, The Honourable Omar Alghabra, ....

CC MP Ottawa Orléans, Marie-France Lalonde, ....  
CC MP Ottawa Kanata, Jenna Sudds, Telephone: ...  
CC MP Ottawa Centre, Yasir Naqvi Telephone: ...  
CC MP Ottawa South, The Honourable David J. McGuinty ....  
CC MP Ottawa West Nepean, Anita Vandenberg ....  
CC MP Ottawa Nepean, Chandra Arya ....  
CC MP Ottawa Carleton, The Honourable Pierre Poilievre .....

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Please be advised that Ontario prioritizes Toronto, Canada should prioritize Ottawa, Canada funds upper middle-class electric car rebates and electric buses for vehicles that are bought outside Canada, a higher priority for Canada should be funding free OC Transpo transit for the only transit service provider that is subject to federal labour laws and or a Home to Light Rail Transit "LRT" shuttle that will benefit federal employees.

Can we meet for about 45 minutes re increasing the environmental, health, middle-class, and gas inflation rate of return on about \$7 – \$10 Billion Ottawa LRT investment through:

1. federal funding for free transit? (*about \$166 million yearly, the other 50% is funded by property taxes*)
2. OR any amount less than \$166 million in federal funding that can be applied to the middle-class? (*persons earning less than \$60K per year, in 2015 the average employment income for Ottawa was \$53,088*)
3. OR **federal funding for a yearly OC Transpo pass** for about 125K federal employees? (*about \$187 million yearly, there has been a 33% - 50% drop in OC Transpo ridership, until federal workers return to the office, ridership is like to be depressed, a recent change in labour law rest rules caused cancellations of bus trips and raised OC Transpo operating costs*)

No political party or human being has a monopoly on good ideas, therefore we have to be willing to work together on issues where we have common ground. While serving as the President of the Ottawa Taxpayer

Advocacy Group, I lead the team that organized the mayoral debate on topics that included Bus Rapid Transit “BRT” v LRT debate was a topic of discussion. At that time, I personally preferred an electric bus rapid transit system because it represented better value for money, but the people voted for LRT. Now my number 1 mayoral priority is an income equity lens for Council all decisions which means an increase in the environmental, health, middle-class, and gas inflation rate of return on the \$7 - \$10 Billion LRT, through the following in order of priority:

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I applaud the entrepreneurial spirit of Elon Musk and Canadian infrastructure giants like SNC Lavalin, but Canada’s \$1.7 billion for electric car rebates and contribution for \$7-\$10 billion LRT investments which have environmental benefits, also enrich billionaires like Mr. Musk and SNC, while the working-class struggle to pay for a bus pass, gas, food, and a home ownership dream that that sailed with the wind of inflation....