

CITY OF NORTH CHARLESTON

CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 6

Dorothy Williams (I): NO RESPONSES

1.) One of Charleston Moves' top priorities is our Ashley River Crossing — Bridge Package proposal, for which the City of Charleston, the City of North Charleston and Charleston County would commit to work together on a plan, along with other relevant agencies, to make the North Bridge, the Ashley River Bridge, the James Island Connector and the Wappoo Cut Bridge are safe for all modes of transportation. If elected, how will you support Charleston Moves' Bridge Package proposal, specifically as it relates to the North Bridge connection?

Jesse Williams: I am a big supporter of safety on bridge crossings. I would hope that within the bridge package there are adequate access for pedestrians. On City Council I would like to see that bikers and pedestrians would be able to access the bridge safely. I would be a yes vote for an adequate and safe build of the North Bridge.

2.) Lowcountry Rapid Transit is planned to connect Summerville and downtown Charleston, via Rivers Avenue, by 2025. What do you think needs to happen during this planning phase to ensure the project's success?

Jesse Williams: The CARTA board and the COG board members must be proactive in ensuring that there are adequate CARTA routes to the BRT. The board must work with advocates, community members, and elected officials to ensure the funds are adequate and that clarification of funds are communicated.

3.) Please list your priority transportation projects and which modes each serve.

Jesse Williams: I-526 widening-- Bus and Car, BRT- Pedestrians, bikers, drivers, I-26 widening, Drivers, Bus.

4.) Please explain your thoughts on the principle of induced demand.

Jesse Williams: Concerning induced demand, I believe that we should not simply increase road way capacity because that does encourage more people to drive. We need to come up with alternative modes of transportation rather than to continue to increase road capacity. If the BRT Route were built correctly then less people would drive.

5.) What are your personal transportation values and how you would lead on transportation issues if elected?

Jesse Williams: I believe transportation connects people. There are so many best practices that can be implemented within the arena of transportation. People need to be able to move around for business and pleasure. Being stuck does not help anyone. I will lead by being a thought leader on transportation.

Leadership is needed concerning the BRT, I- 526 widening, I-26 widening, the North Bridge, and other areas. As a council man I intend to ensure people have the best information possible and that they have a voice.

6.) If elected, would you support a greater annual funding allocation from your municipality for bike, pedestrian and public transit infrastructure? And, will you lobby SCDOT to increase their spending on bike, pedestrian and public transit infrastructure as well?

Jesse Williams: Yes.