

**budget - Budget 2013 - Funding Request**

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# Budget 2013 - Online Funding Request Form

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**Comments/Suggestions:**

Promote and expand public transit to encourage more residents to take the bus instead of driving in the city. More riders will mean greater revenue for the transit system. It will also mean fewer cars (and trucks) on the roads, reducing maintenance costs. Expand the cycling network to include more on-street bike lanes to make cycling a more viable transportation choice for residents' daily trips (to and from work, shopping, entertainment, etc). Bicycling has significantly less impact on roads, reducing maintenance costs. Provide incentives for development in the downtowns throughout the city, and require new major developments to be mixed use and walkable. The more people choose to walk and bike for their daily errands, work and entertainment, the less wear and tear on the roads, and the healthier they will

be. If council wants to fill more potholes without raising taxes, then they need to encourage transportation choices that don't create potholes. The fewer cars (and Ford F150s) on the roads, the fewer potholes there are to fill.

**Description of project/program:**

An active transportation coordinator, or Sustainable Mobility Coordinator to ensure infrastructure supports walkability and transit use will improve the quality of life in the city. A position like this would help provide a focused, coordinated effort and a long term strategy for making Sudbury a better place to live. This will attract more people like doctors and creative professionals who are currently difficult to attract. The Good Food Box program provides affordable fresh food to folks who want to save some money. This helps ensure families have more money at the end of the month. Greater Sudbury Transit is an incredibly important service that has no substitute. Residents who use transit often have no alternative way of getting around, certainly not for the same cost. Funding for Sudbury Transit should be increased to expand and promote the service so that more people choose to use transit, not just people who have no other choice. When more people use transit the city gets more money through fares, meaning less need to raise fares, and less need to increase tax-based funding. Please focus on increasing ridership so the transit system gets money from more people.

**Estimated one-time cost:**

I don't understand the question. I am not an expert and can't estimate the cost savings associated with these initiatives. That's what staff is for. It is very strange to me that the city would expect the average citizen to be able to estimate cost savings.

**Estimated on-going costs:**

City staff should be able to provide an estimate of the costs