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Kudos to Mayor Greg Ballard and Star columnist Erika Smith for bringing mass transit to the front of public awareness again. Unfortunately, they had to mention taxes, didn't they? Let's face it: No elected official is going to commit political suicide by voting for higher taxes. May I suggest an increase in traffic fines to help alleviate the fraction of a percent increase in the sales or income tax? Mass transit is a win-win for everybody, including those who want to stay in their [cars](#).

Steve Craig

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