

If I were mayor, the voices of the people would be heard. I will make Valdosta a place where people will want to visit, live, and work. Valdosta will be more efficient, while meeting the needs of all residents. The city has been without public transportation, and for this reason, I will create a sufficient public transportation system and citizens will greatly benefit.

As mayor of Valdosta, I would have a public bus system with stops around the city. Proper public transportation is vital for the growth of Valdosta. It would provide assistance for those without sufficient transportation to and from work. Those retired and unable to utilize personal vehicles will also benefit greatly. After Atlanta got public transportation, the growth of the cities grew more than ever. In 1836, Georgia decided to build a railroad to the U.S. Midwest. Atlanta was chosen to be the lines terminus. Since then, it has been one of the biggest cities in the United States. With public transportation, Valdosta could experience the same success.

A bus system would have numerous stops around the city to ensure that citizens from all corners of the city would be able to use the system. Bus stops would be placed on strategic places, and on major arteries and minor streets, including the following streets: Oak, Patterson, Ashley, Jerry Jones, Park Avenue, Highway 84, Bemiss, Cherry Creek, Gornto, Baytree, and St. Augustine.

Although many people claim that a public transportation system already existed in Valdosta as taxi services; however, it must be recognized that a taxi can only hold one to three people and it is expensive. While it is true that Valdosta State University already has a bus system, it doesn't serve for people outside of the school.

The students benefit from this system because they can get to class faster and go around campus which is spread out around the city. As mayor, I will make sure all residents get the same type of transportation.

In conclusion, Valdosta with public transportation would be a better city. As mayor, Valdosta's economy would grow. As I work with citizens, we will make Valdosta a better place with better transportation.