

Walking & Bicycling Questionnaire for Candidates

This City and County of Honolulu candidate questionnaire was developed by Hawaii Bicycling League to address current City issues of importance for walking and bicycling. Your responses will be made available online and distributed to our organization's email network. Your response will NOT be used as the basis for any endorsements - your response will be displayed verbatim. Please respond by Tuesday July 26, 2016. Late responses will be accepted and will be posted as promptly as practical.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the questionnaire point person - Daniel Alexander, daniel@hbl.org, 808-735-5756.

Thank you!
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1. I believe that walking and bicycling should be safe transportation options available to all and we need to drastically reduce injuries and deaths of people walking and biking. (YES or NO, and any comments) *

Yes

No

Any additional comments? *

Quality, maintained paths are to be mandatory. Please read- me fighting:
<http://www.civilbeat.org/2011/07/11978-inside-honolulu-july-5/>

2. Do you support building a Minimum Grid of 20 new miles of protected bikeways (protected lanes and multi-use paths) and 20 new miles of bike lanes by 2020, which will also make streets safer for pedestrians? (YES or NO, and any comments) *

Yes

No

Any additional comments? *

I participated in numerous Bike Plans over the years and nothing is more revealing than the plight of the Leeward Bikeway- delayed since 1999....I am the only elected official on record who voted to not take away and deplete the funding for the Leeward Bikeway- read page four of this document for proof: http://www.oahumpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/11_pc_mm_07-05_final.pdf ---all others on OMPO Policy Committee have been and are responsible for the delay and lapse of funds for this 18-mile bike path. Please watch: <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/8892745/plans-for-a-new-leeward-oahu-bikeway>

3. Do support strong implementation of Honolulu's Complete Streets ordinance (ROH 14-33) that requires streets to be planned, designed, operated, and maintained to enable safe, convenient and comfortable travel for all modes of transportation throughout Honolulu, including walking and bicycling? (YES or NO, and any comments) *

Yes

No

Any additional comments? *

This too has been a farce- as was the charter amendment approval that mandated some 1-2% of all incoming federal funding annually be dedicated to bike / pedestrian right of ways.....and look what transpired, fraud, deceit, and noncompliance. Complete Streets was already required at the state level- whereby at the construction of the North South Road (Kualaka`i Parkway) in 2009, the intersection of Farrington Highway and Kualaka`i Parkway remains unabated- meaning, albeit funded, the DOT refused to comply and construct crosswalks, street crossing pedestrian timers, and sidewalks.....I even made a youtube on the intersection and pleaded for help from any and all who would listen.....no one has or did respond....only I give a damn, and here is the proof: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHI3xhYm9Hc>

4. Eighty percent of Oahu commuters drive as their primary way of getting to work and 15% walk, bike, or take public transportation. I support the establishment of specific targets to reduce dependence on private automobile transportation and increase bicycling, walking and transit use, as Kauai County has done. (YES or NO, and any comments) *

Yes

No

Any additional comments? *

Please watch this - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dF1PsCvrpdo&list=PL55886957D464AFE8>

5. Describe ways that you have supported safer walking and bicycling in your community. (short answer) *

I walk the walk- as a habitual roller blade addict, and owner of numerous custom made bicycles, and a jogger at 4-12 miles a day pending conducive circumstances, no other candidate is on the trails more than me. I even championed a City and County Resolution to get this town to wake up- please read this by going to this link:
http://www.councilmanberg.com/pdfs/pr_ewa_plains_081512.pdf

6. The City has the Oahu Bike Plan and the draft Protected Bike Lane Network Map. What will you do when elected to implement these plans? (short answer) *

Not back down - demand and vote to maintain all annual funding be expended as designed - and promised. I support a dedicated tax to construct bike lanes since we are severely deficient and far behind as is- so, a new, or to secure a funding source is my thing- and I am willing to stand strong and advocate for a special fund (tax) if need be that has its own revenue generating source- and the construction and maintenance of bike paths be self producing/sustaining.

7. The City has Transit Oriented Development plans that identify pedestrian improvements for areas around the rail, but no pedestrian master plan for the rest of the island. What will you do when elected to implement the pedestrian improvements in TOD areas and throughout Oahu? (short answer) *

I have a grand idea- to initiate what New York City has- its CENTRAL PARK- and duplicate such land use dedication in the Oahu General Plan for us. Imagine connecting the historical paths we have with current cane haul roads to be preserved as pedestrian routes? Doable- here is my Pueo Refuge System /trail idea- we need our own Central Park in Ewa- kill two birds with one stone, protect and proliferation of the endangered Pueo, habitat preservation, and a trail on the peripheral for the public to enjoy and interact. Watch it here- read text in youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jteAregznE0>

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