

Walking & Bicycling Questionnaire for Candidates

This State candidate questionnaire was developed by Hawaii Bicycling League, Kauai Path, Maui Bicycling League, and PATH - Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii to address current state issues of importance for walking and bicycling. Your responses will be made available online and distributed to our organizations' email networks. Your response will NOT be used as the basis for any endorsements - your response will be displayed verbatim. Please respond by July 25, 2016. Late responses will be accepted and will be posted as promptly as practical.

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 who walk and bike. (YES or NO, and any comments) *

Yes

No

Comments?

We have an extremely overstated budget on Maui for road improvements (43 million per year) and this includes the highest administration costs in the U.S. of \$90,000 per mile). These costs need to be reduced and regulations altered to accommodate use of funds to widen roads, add bike lanes, etc. and to bring in competitive bids.

2. "Safe Passing" laws require that motorists provide sufficient space (3-4 feet for cars) when passing bicyclists; 32 states have such laws. I support the adoption of a "Safe Passing" law in Hawaii with specific passing distances. (YES or NO, and any comments) *

Yes

No

Comments

I believe in road safety for all but it would be ultimately safest to widen the roads that bike operators frequent.

3. Hawaii received \$171 million in federal transportation funds in 2016. While only ~2% of this amount is reserved for walking and bicycling projects, the state Department of Transportation has the option to use larger portions of these funds for walking and bicycling projects. I support increased use of Hawaii's federal transportation funding allocations for bicycle and pedestrian projects to make walking and bicycling safer. (YES or NO, and any comments) *

Yes

No

Comments

As mentioned above, we need to reduce our administrative costs and then there should be more than available funds to work with road improvements, bike lane improvements, and safety issues for pedestrians.

4. The state has a "Complete Streets" law designed to create equality of access for all road users (people walking, biking, driving, and taking transit) by requiring streets to be planned, designed, operated, and maintained to enable safe, convenient and comfortable travel for users of all ages and abilities, regardless of their mode of transportation. I support the strong implementation of "Complete Streets," including creating procedures that ensure full "Complete Streets" consideration on every project. (YES or NO, and any comments) *

Yes

No

Comments

I teach special education and see daily the need to accommodate all but for some reason that does not seem to be a priority within our government or use of funds. This definitely needs to be addressed.

5. The state Department of Transportation's 2003 Bike Plan Hawaii provides a plan for development of a network of bicycle facilities that have not been fully implemented. I support the immediate updating of this 13-year-old plan in order to integrate new bikeway planning practices and make it more applicable to current transportation and development conditions. (YES or NO, and any comments) *

Yes

No

Comments

All of government is antiquated and needs an overhaul, especially government transparency and the rebuilding of trustworthyness.

6. Eighty-one percent of Hawaii commuters drive as their primary way of getting to work and 12% 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

Comments

We also need to look at other models throughout the U. S. to increase the use of other transportation funds but we need to be cost effective and not give contractors an open checkbook for projects never completed, such as the rail project on Oahu.

The open checkbook cost of the new high school in Kihei is extremely overstated. The \$130 million dollar initial bid costs (not including potential overrides) will make it one of the most expensive schools in the nation at \$604 per square foot (New York is at \$204 per square foot the highest on the mainland) and that is too high for a community of 160,000 (Maui approximate population) or \$80,000 per student costs in Kihei.

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

By working with special education students for the past 20 years I am fully aware of the short comings dealing with accessibility and biking has been overlooked in the same ways.

8. The State has the Bike Plan Hawaii (2003) and the Statewide Pedestrian Master Plan (2013) for bicycle and pedestrian improvements. What will you do when elected to implement these plan? (short answer) *

I will work to impliment the existing plans. I will also work to obtain funds from the overstated road funds to work to improve both roads and the building of bike and ADA accesses for the safety of our community, families and children.

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