

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?

Particularly as we look to developing Oahu's urban core in density, we must look at planning and smart growth in a way that expands the focus in transportation infrastructure from drivers only, to include pedestrians and bicyclists. This includes creation and expansion of bike lanes, stronger connection systems with our mass transportation, and maximizing mixed-use spaces to create bike and pedestrian friendly paths of travel. I support complete street policies and others like it that help break the paradigm of a motorist centered planning policy.

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

The safety of both the motorist and the bicyclists would be improved with the implementation of such a law. This policy is particularly imperative as we look to encourage more bicycling in our state and in Oahu in particular.

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

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

Absolutely. I would co-sponsor legislation that would support complete street designs and policies.

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

With my district being in the heart of the transit corridor in Oahu, there should be a stronger effort to make this plan a reality, and make this option available and encourage people to use them to change their daily commute habits.

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

In any transit oriented development project, I would support any policy or design that further encourage mass transportation and walk/bike commuting. I would support local city efforts for example, for ways to allow buses to add more bikes on them that would encourage more people to include biking and bus riding in their commutes.

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

As a 17 year member of the Aiea neighborhood board, I have advocated for more dedicated bike lanes throughout the transit corridor, and also asked the city to consider methods to explore ways to carry more bikes on their buses. I also have worked with elected officials to fix and repave portions of sidewalks which have eroded over time and became unsafe to fix.

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 would work with stakeholders in the community and with the State Department of Transportations, to overcome funding and policy obstacles to implement this plan. Many of the issues are funding related, and as a legislator I would fight for these improvements, especially since it would benefit my constituents.

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