

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?

Safety begins with individuals, who are ultimately responsible for their own lives. You cannot legislate people to act safely. And infringing on the rights of others in order to compensate for unsafe acts of certain individuals, is not a just use of government authority.

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 support this only if it includes a requirement for bicyclists to remain within certain boundaries of a bicycle lane, or within a certain distance from the road edge. When bicyclists infringe on motorways, they are not endanger themselves and the motorists who are trying to avoid them.

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

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

Realistically, only a fraction of the population choose to use bicycles as a primary means of transport. I support creation of bike paths, as long as they do not infringe on motorways so as to exasperate the already terrible traffic situation which exists in this state (primarily O'ahu)

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

It is not the rightful role of government to socially engineer behavior. Hawaii citizens are citizens of the United States, entitled to liberty and freedom. If citizens choose to use a motor vehicle, because of the freedom it provides them, the government has an obligation to protect that choice, not undermine their liberty, or disenfranchise their constituents with efforts to "reduce dependence on private automobile transportation"

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

Tell everyone, "look both ways before crossing the street" The same thing our mothers told us.

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) *

Probably not much. They are very low priority, compared to other enormous problems our government is facing, with out-of-control taxation, spending, waste, and corruption.