

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!

Hawaii Bicycling League

Kauai Path

Maui Bicycling League

PATH - Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii

Name *

Michael L. Last

Candidate for *

State House - District Five

Email *

LAST_PL@yahoo.com

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?

In some areas, such as where I reside, it is impractical to walk safely along the public right-of-way at present.

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

With or without any laws, a safe passing distance (of bicycles and pedestrians) should be inherently understood.

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

There should be no increase in Federal transportation funds, but realignment of the funds presently available.

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

At the south end of Hawai'i island it is impractical to even consider any improvements to the public right-of-way. There would be major work required to comply.

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

I do not reside in Honolulu (or any other island that has semi-public transportation). Where will the funds come from to upgrade these areas?

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

I have no idea what Eight-one percent means in the context presented. I, however are familiar with the term Eighty-one percent. We need to increase the number of those commuting by mass transportation where available. Where I reside, the distances are too great to be walking, and the terrain is such that bicycles are impractical. Increase public transportation. I will be an active supporter for the ferry system for inter-island travel.

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

Whenever I walk along the public right-of-way I always wear reflective markers. This is at all times of the day. When driving and passing a bicycle I ALWAYS pass not less that four feet from them. This is regardless of what any law might be.

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 become more familiar with both the Bike and the Pedestrian plans. Then I can make an informed decision.

This form was created inside of Hawaii Bicycling League.

Google Forms