

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? *

The City and County of Honolulu (City) has a bicycling coordinator and, as of 2015, a pedestrian coordinator. In 2016 we will publish the City's Complete Streets Design Manual with a goal of improved and safer pedestrian and bicycle connections and interaction with single occupancy vehicles and transit. In coordination with the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation, Highways Division, the City is also drafting new guidelines for pedestrian crossings that prioritize pedestrian safety over frequency of use, resulting in the removal of unsafe pedestrian crossings until such time as complete streets features can be installed including, but not limited to, bulb-outs, rapid flashing beacons, refuge islands and improved signage.

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? *

Protected bike lanes are key to making our streets safer for all modes of travel. Bikeways work best and provide the most protection to bicyclists when a grid or network is created enabling bicyclists to get from point A to point B within the grid.

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? *

I support Honolulu's 2012 Complete Streets Ordinance as written and adopted into law and will continue to encourage the City Council to work with the administration and Oahu communities in facilitating complete streets projects versus revising the Ordinance to create further processes that slow down the complete streets program.

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? *

During the 2016 Legislative session, my administration supported proposed legislation creating and adopting mode shift metrics. Unfortunately, the proposed legislation did not advance. I will continue to support such legislation and will also work to adopt such mode shift metrics through the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO).

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

My administration has supported and will continue to support and advance:

- The Oahu Bike Plan;
 - A City Bicycle Coordinator;
 - City funded bicycle education programs;
 - The design and installation of protected bike Lanes and bikeways;
 - Secure bike storage;
 - Bikeshare;
 - Recently created Oahu Bikeway Database;
 - The creation of a pedestrian coordinator for Oahu;
 - City funded pedestrian education programs;
 - Complete Streets projects;
 - The drafting and adoption of Honolulu's Complete Streets Design Manual;
 - Continued prioritization of City Safe Routes to School projects;
 - The drafting of new and improved pedestrian safety guidelines, and
 - A continued emphasis on city engineers adopting national best practices.
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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) *

I will continue to implement those plans, prioritizing projects through the City's Department of Transportation Services. I will also continue to ask my administration to work and collaborate with the Honolulu City Council and Hawaii Bicycling League to facilitate prioritization of bikeway projects.

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 will continue to support the planning, design and construction of pedestrian and bicycle connections to our transit system (bus and rail) and TOD communities. I will also support the creation and drafting of a Pedestrian Master Plan for Oahu.

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