

Walking & Bicycling Questionnaire for Candidates

This Walking & Biking Questionnaire for State Candidates 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 as you provide. Please respond by July 11, 2018. 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?

This is not just a belief for me. This is what I am doing on Kaua'i. We are implementing a 90% federally funded transportation footprint to establish a walkable, bikeable, rideable community. I invited the public, businesses, non-profits and other government organizations to help design this system and it reflects the wishes of the community. We are expanding bicycle lanes across our island. I invite you to learn more about our implementation activities by visiting the County of Kaua'i website .

2. Hawaii received \$178 million in federal transportation funds in 2018, 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

Absolutely! Federal funds are an incredible resource for implementing transportation systems that are inclusive of bikeways and walkways. On Kaua'i, we successfully applied for the highly competitive national TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grant from the US Department of Transportation. It is the largest TIGER grant ever awarded to our state. The strength of the application is that it included all modes of transportation, not just vehicles. Its strength also emanated from the fact that it reflected an inclusive planning and implementation process. With funds from the TIGER grant, we are implementing (not just talking about) a walkable, bikeable, rideable community. I have hands-on executive administrative experience leading a team through all phases of a project -- from community input to planning to problem solving to implementation. I know what it is to lead a team of diverse talents to focus on a shared goal.

3. The state Department of Transportation's 2003 Bike Plan Hawaii provides a plan for development of a network of bicycle facilities to enable those of all ages to cycle for transportation. The plan has not been fully implemented. I support the immediate updating of this 15-year-old plan in order to integrate new bikeway planning practices and make it more applicable to current conditions. (YES or No, and any comments) *

Yes

No

Comments

A 15-year-old plan is simply no longer a viable plan. Yes, I support updating it to integrate current day bikeway practices.

4. 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

No

Comments

Thank you for acknowledging what Kaua'i County has done! Transportation systems need to be more inclusive instead of just automobile-centric. In addition, always making provisions for bicycling and walking helps people be healthier. Safe bike paths and walking paths encourage everyone to get active.

5. Vision Zero is a government commitment to achieve zero traffic fatalities tied with a comprehensive approach and specific actions in engineering, enforcement, and education. I support the adoption of a “Vision Zero” policy at the state level and development of a comprehensive plan with specific actions to achieve zero traffic fatalities. (YES or No, and any comments) *

Yes

No

Comments

Life is precious. We must decrease traffic fatalities.

6. Red light and speed enforcement cameras have been proven to improve traffic safety for all roadway users (motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians) by reducing incidents of red light and speed violations. I support the implementation of red light and speed enforcement cameras at high injury intersections and corridors and in school zones. *

Yes

No

Comments

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

As Mayor on Kaua'i, I lead the team implementing a 90% federally funded transportation footprint to establish a walkable, bikeable, rideable community. I invited the public, businesses, non-profits and other government organizations to help design this system and it reflects the wishes of the community. We are expanding bicycle lanes across our island. I invite you to learn more about our implementation activities by visiting the County of Kaua'i website.

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 am the only candidate for Lt. Governor with real-life, executive administrative experience implementing a transportation system that includes bicycles and pedestrians. Not just as "improvements", but as essential components of a public transportation footprint. I know how to get diverse government departments to focus on a shared goal. It is one thing to talk about doing this and it is another to actually know how to lead a team ranging from the budget department to legal counsel to elderly services to economic development to the police department and more. It is what I do every day as the Mayor of Kaua'i County. It is what I want to do for the people of the State of Hawai'i.

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