

# 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?

I believe strongly in this. It is why I have worked as a professional planner on several Complete Streets projects on Hawaii Island and Oahu.

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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

I will work with DOT Highways and Hawaii County Public Works to figure out how to make this happen, especially in Hawaii County and my district.

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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

It is one of my legislative priorities to make it safer for bicyclists to ride in Hawaii. Updating this plan will help achieve this priority.

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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

I have shown my commitment to improvements to mass transit, and facilities for safe walking and bicycling in my professional work on the Complete Streets projects in Hawaii County, the Transit Master Plan in Hawaii County, and several Complete Streets projects in Honolulu. I also volunteer with the Waimea Greenways and Trails project. Establishing specific targets to reduce dependence on private autos would be an effective policy which I support.

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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

Having two children learn to drive and having a friend who nearly lost his life because of a head-on collision with a drunk driver, I am keenly aware of the need for taking a comprehensive approach with specific actions in engineering, enforcement and education to improve driving safety. I will work as a legislator to support the adoption of a "Vision Zero" policy and the development of a comprehensive plan of actions to achieve zero traffic fatalities.

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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 a professional planner, I have worked on the Downtown Hilo Multi-Modal Master Plan, the Hawaii County Transit Master Plan and several Complete Streets projects in Honolulu. I also volunteer with the Waimea Greenways and Trails project. I will use this knowledge and experience in the legislature to advocate for measures to support safer walking and bicycling and ensure the integration of Complete Streets design treatments in state road construction projects.

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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 will work with the DOT-Highways to identify priority projects in my district to implement these bicycle and pedestrian improvements as per the Bike Plan Hawaii and Statewide Pedestrian Master Plan. I will also sponsor legislation to help ensure the implementation of these plans in close consultation with DOT-Highways, the Counties and advocacy groups like Hawaii Bicycling League, Kauai Path, Maui Bicycling League and PATH - Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii.

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