

# 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?

We need better laws to protect our bicyclists and walkers from vehicular traffic.

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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 believe we need better bike paths/ routes especially in the urban areas. I believe that we must look at Rotterdam and what they have done to make great bike ways integrated with great walking paths.

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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

Integrating bicycling facilities throughout our islands must be a priority. It must meet the needs of our island population and must be a sound part of all transportation improvements.

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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

We would like to change the culture of biking so that future generations will look upon biking as their main mode of transportation thus helping to save our environment.

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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

Zero tolerance is what we all strive for. By integrating the bike path/hwy into the DOT planning we can surely move our islands in the right direction. Education at an early age is a must in safety.

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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

I'd like to go even further on this. I would like for bicycling to become the main mode of transportation to and from work. So I would like to see all traffic come to a complete stop at traffic lights giving pedestrians and bicyclist the right of way. With smart technology the cameras and lights will communicate with each other to control the flow of traffic giving pedestrians and bicyclist the priority and safety needed to commute on our roadways.

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

I have voted in favor of biki bikes in my community of Downtown and Chinatown. I have spoken on our neighbor neighborhood board of which I am a board member on the possibilities of changing Hotel street to a pedestrian and bike mall concept moving the buses to King and Beritania streets.

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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) \*

Before anything we would look to see if the plan meets our criteria of what we believe is the best plan possible. We would like to model our plan with what Rotterdam has done for its community.

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