

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?

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

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

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

This is especially critical, as Hawai'i moves toward becoming carbon neutral by 2045. Our clean transportation initiatives must prioritize modes of transportation that do not rely on fossil fuels, especially walking and bicycling.

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

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) *

I have supported safer walking and bicycling in my community by advocating for more bikeways, sidewalks, and interconnected green and urban spaces at the county level. West Hawai'i, from Kona to Ka'u, lacks basic infrastructure for biking and walking. Once elected, I will call for West Hawai'i's community plans to be updated to reflect the need for more sustainable and safe modes of transportation, including walking and biking, and will introduce clean transportation legislation that includes specific targets for the number of commuters walking and biking in our state.

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 call for more funding to be distributed to the state and county departments of transportation for constructing multimodal transportation options, including bike and pedestrian pathways. Additionally, I will seek state support to expand community bike-sharing initiatives. Moreover, I will ensure that a greater portion of state transportation funds overall are spent on making our communities walking and biking friendly. Finally, I will advance proposals to increase our state's total bicycle network mileage in comparison to total road network mileage, so that our communities are safe and sustainable for generations to come.

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