

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

The State of Hawaii needs to make substantial improvements to the state highway system. I would support integrating bikeways and pedestrian facilities into highway improvement projects.

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

The State Bike Plan must be updated to also account for future highway, public transit, and land use plans as well as “current conditions”. For example, it should reflect the Honolulu rail transit project and how bicycles and pedestrians play an active part in a multi-modal transit system.

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

The establishment of mode share targets requires planning and coordination between the State and each county. The state’s county based metropolitan planning organization should work with the county and have better integration and coordination in planning future projects to have more pedestrian and bicycling capabilities.

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

I voted "aye" for SB221 during the 2017 Regular Session and SB693 of the 2013 Regular Session, both of which proposed to establish a photo red light imaging detector system. Neither bill passed the Legislature.

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

I have done walk audits with Dan Burden in Kaneohe to create more walkable communities and gone out with the Hawaii Bicycling League and members of my community to identify possible solutions to dangerous intersections. I have also worked with my city council colleagues to reduce speeding in neighborhoods by identifying and implementing various traffic calming solutions.

(1) Some of the Acts to promote safer walking and biking for which I voted "aye" during my Senate career are the following:

(A) Act 10 (SB1191) of the 2007 First Special Session which appropriates funds for pedestrian safety improvements intended especially for the safety of elderly pedestrians (please note that one of my competitors voted "no" to the override of the Governor's veto of this bill);

(B) Act 130 (HB3249) of the 2008 Regular Session which prohibits the parking of a motor vehicle in a bicycle lane or path;

(C) Act 54 (SB718) of the 2009 Regular Session which establishes a "complete streets" policy;

(D) Act 120 (HB1706) of the 2014 Regular Session which establishes a mandatory \$200 fine for parking a motor vehicle in a bicycle lane or path; and

(E) Act 47 (HB2215) of the 2018 Regular Session which establishes a minimum separation requirement between a bicyclist and motor vehicle.

(2) During my tenure as WAM Chair, I supported the following appropriations of state funds:

(A) \$497,680 for the safe route to school program;

(B) \$2,000,000 for a pedestrian and bicycle path project in Kailua;

(C) \$2,000,000 for a pedestrian and bicycle path project in Waimanalo;

(D) \$600,000 for lump sum bikeway improvements projects; and

(E) \$1,950,000 for lump sum ADA and pedestrian improvement projects.

(The appropriations for lump sum projects do not include the matching federal funds.)

(3) I am a supporter of the Koolaupoko Safe Zones Project.

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) *

(1) Public safety is the highest priority for me with respect to bicycling and walking. Thus, I would be most supportive of implementation of the recommendations under the Plans for education of bicyclists, pedestrians, and drivers and enforcement by police officers of traffic laws intended to protect bicyclists and pedestrians. I have also discussed with advocates the need to update the Hawaii Driver's Manual. The last copyright date is 2006, and upon review does not include recent pedestrian or bike laws passed. I would also push to have these included in examinations.

(2) Maintenance of facilities also is a high priority for me. Both Plans recommend actions on the maintenance of facilities. I would support projects and efforts to maintain bikeways pedestrian facilities. This is a lesson learned from the lack of past maintenance of many of the State's public infrastructure and facilities. The result has been a substantial deferred maintenance backlog, the elimination of which will be very expensive.

(3) Both Plans recommend that new bicycling and pedestrian facilities be integrated into highway projects. I would support the mandatory evaluation of integrating new bikeways and pedestrian facilities (as well as public transit lanes) into new, reconstructed, or renovated highway projects. If determined feasible and affordable, I would support such an integration. I would support the construction of off-highway facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians if the projects are priorities under the Bike Plan or Pedestrian Plan and funds are available. I would also consider including bicycle and pedestrian paths in recreational projects if compatible and funds are available. I would also support reasonable conditions on new housing projects that require developers to construct sidewalks along frontages.

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