

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?

Over the years, we have seen a steady increase in bike riders with the constant flow of pedestrians throughout the state of Hawai'i. As such we need to increase awareness for everyone who shares the road, crosswalks, and sidewalks, because no one should be afraid of losing their life when they walk or bike throughout the streets and trails.

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 future of Hawai'i will be more energy efficient and environmentally friendly, therefore bicycling and walking projects play a big role in achieving that goal as both modes of transportation are the most energy efficient, environmentally friendly and needless to say, cost effective

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

I agree the 2003 Bike Plan Hawai'i must be updated to account for new bike policies and laws at the county and state level. Alongside updating, we should also consider the state's current infrastructure and look at ways of directing traffic for safer biking routes and pathways throughout the state, especially in the most high-use congested areas.

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 applaud the effort made by Mayor Carvalho and the County of Kauai and I encourage other counties to establish their own specific targets as it would sincerely help towards Hawaii's goal for clean ground transportation.

During this past session, I introduced Senate Resolution 141 requesting the Mayors of each Counties submit a plan detailing how each will meet it's pledge to eliminate fossil fuels from Ground Transportation by 2045 plan before convening of the 2019 Session.

The concurrent resolution sent to the House died.

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

As Vision Zero (HB1510) was introduced during the 2015 legislative session, there were lots of dialogue between those who support or oppose the bill. In an effort to move forward with Vision Zero, I believe we need to begin the discussion at the city and county level to hear from neighbors and leaders in the community about ways we can achieve zero traffic fatalities together.

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 have been a consistent supporter of traffic cameras since discussions on this subject began when I joined the Senate in the early 2000, and most recently on my return to the Senate in 2015.

It is time to continue discussion and I will pursue introducing measures on this subject hopefully I'm re-elected to the Senate in 2019.

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

As a former Mayor of Hawaii County I had established a roadway maintenance plan in our Public Works Agency and any new subdivision approvals, safe roads, sidewalks and biking and walking paths must be included in the permitting applications. I do not know if that policy carried onto to future administrations.

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) *

See #3. With regards to the Pedestrian Plan of 2013 that too must be revisited. In the many DOTransportation discussions, and as a participant as Chair of the Senate Transportation and Energy Committee regarding new developments in the Auto Industry, such as autonomous vehicles entering the market, changes in infrastructure must take place on some of our roadways. I

I also sit on a task force on the National Council of State Legislatures in the Transportation and Energy policy groups. There are so many new developments occurring in the Auto Industry and it affects all states to how we must keep up with these changes.

Hence, I will conduct hearings and workshops to include all Hawai'i's Counties, the auto industry, the public and users of our highways, and the Department of Transportation to review the 2013 Plan and what's in the forecast.

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