

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 have a lot of work to do in this area. Our city planning needs an overhaul in regards to how we think of transportation and how we prioritize it.

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

Again, our city and urban planning needs to equally consider all modes of transportation. Currently we cater highly to automobiles. This is directly related to pedestrian and bike fatalities. We have long unobstructed cross walks across 2 lane Highways and many more extremely dangerous areas of travel. It is unacceptable.

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

15 years is too long. Lets go 10

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 needs to be pursued more aggressively. We have more cars than people on our islands and taking into account our climate change issues this needs to change. Not only do we have no where to recycle our vehicles they contribute to the lower quality of life here on our islands.

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

This needs to be implemented fairly and looked at closely. Red light and speed enforcement cameras really pry on the lower working class due to the high cost of fines and how it is not proportionate to income. Many times families will not even try to dispute a wrongly cited ticket due to cameras because they do not have the time off of work or want the cumbersome trial. Considering this, i still think they could be effective near school zones and places of high injury.

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

I have coordinated and researched Safe Routes To Schools program in Ewa Beach as a legislative aide. In my masters degree in Global Leadership in Sustainable Development we took a course that dove into urban/community planning and specifically city/road way design.

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 would introduce legislation to get these plans funded and aggressively implemented

