

Walking & Bicycling Questionnaire for Candidates

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the questionnaire point person - Daniel Alexander, daniel@hbl.org, 808-735-5756.

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 walking and biking. (YES or NO, and any comments) *

Yes

No

Any additional comments?

I support walking and bicycling as a safe transportation option however, pedestrians and bicyclists must follow laws in order to be safe. For example, bicyclists must stop at stop-signs and red-lights, which I have personally witnessed many times broken.

2. Do you support building a Minimum Grid of 20 new miles of protected bikeways (protected lanes and multi-use paths) and 20 new miles of bike lanes by 2020, which will also make streets safer for pedestrians? (YES or NO, and any comments) *

Yes

No

Any additional comments?

The new bikeways that have been created seem more dangerous, especially during the nighttime hours. For example, the new lanes on South King Street to me are very dangerous as drivers need to be very careful if they are making left turns. There were many times that I have witnessed bicycles with dim lights or no lights at all, and are very difficult to see in your mirror; and it also takes away street parking from vehicles.

3. Do support strong implementation of Honolulu's Complete Streets ordinance (ROH 14-33) that requires streets to be planned, designed, operated, and maintained to enable safe, convenient and comfortable travel for all modes of transportation throughout Honolulu, including walking and bicycling? (YES or NO, and any comments) *

Yes

No

Any additional comments?

The Complete Streets ordinance should be amended. In order to make our streets safer, they must be marked and lit better and not filled with bulb-outs and roundabouts

4. Seventy-nine percent of Oahu commuters drive as their primary way of getting to work and 15% 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 or NO, and any comments) *

Yes

No

Any additional comments?

I do not believe in forcing people to make a lifestyle change that they have been positively dependent on for most of their lives. Tax-payers and vehicle owners pay their fair share to use the roads and they rightly deserve to use them with their own private vehicle.

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

I've never been in politics, but my goal would be to create more walkways/sidewalks in our neighborhoods (especially in the Kaimuki area). I also believe that we can mark our streets better by creating 4-way stops in busy streets so that pedestrians have an easier time crossing them.

6. The City has the Oahu Bike Plan and is in the process of creating the first Oahu Pedestrian Plan. What will you do when elected to implement these plans? (short answer) *

In order to make our streets safer for pedestrians, we must create more walkways and sidewalks. I also believe that we should create more traffic lights on busy roads so that pedestrians can cross them without trying to 'dodge' traffic. A prime example of this are the crosswalks on Kapahulu avenue near the Ala Wai Golf Course.

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