

# 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!

Hawaii Bicycling League

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Name \*

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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?

I firmly believe we need to update and modernize all streets to conform as complete streets that prioritize safety for all pedestrians and cyclists.

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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

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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

This plan is outdated and must be updated at minimum every five years to adjust for changes in traffic, community safety concerns, and alternative modes of transportation. There is no reason to wait when people's lives are at stake. I take your concerns seriously.

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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

Yes, we must construct complete streets to make it safer and more desirable for community members to bike commute thereby reducing traffic congestion and pollution. I would strongly advocate this.

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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

Yes, I believe the construction of complete streets with extra protections in place for cyclists and pedestrians will go far to meet that goal. I will support and would be pleased to work with your group to introduce legislation towards that vision.

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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 is a simple, yet effective, method that could be implemented right away to save lives. Even if only one life were saved it would be worth the investment.

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

I have not yet been elected yet; however as an avid hiker and bicyclist all my life, I have advocated for complete streets, community walking paths and always taught our family and friends the great importance of drivers respecting bicyclists and pedestrians. I promise that when elected I will personally work both with county and State DOT officials to advocate for not just preserving but expanding this critical resource.

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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 support legislation at the state level that allocates dedicated funding streams that create safer streets for all of Hawai'i's people. This must be done at the state level to save lives.

As you know I will never take any money from corporations or lobbyists, so my answers will always be the same as above. I hope your group will consider supporting me for the primary election August 11th. Please encourage your members to come to our sign waving events in Kihei and Lahaina. You can find me on [www.facebook.com/TerezAmato/](http://www.facebook.com/TerezAmato/)

My website is [www.TerezAmato.org](http://www.TerezAmato.org) and support can go to [www.tinyurl.com/ProtectHawaii](http://www.tinyurl.com/ProtectHawaii)  
Mahalo for your consideration! --- Terez

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