1. Do you believe that walking and bicycling should be safe transportation options available to all and that we need to drastically reduce injuries and deaths of people walking and biking?

YES: Honolulu needs to take greater strides in adopting Vision Zero, where we will make decisions based on the safety of all users of roadways with special consideration for increasing safety for bicycles and pedestrians.

2. We currently have 46 miles of shared use path (pedestrian and bicycle) paths and 51 miles of bike lanes. Do you support building 30 new miles of shared use paths and 30 new miles of bike lanes by 2030, which will also make streets safer for pedestrians?

YES: As we open the first segment of rail and change the multi-modal offerings of this city, we need to focus on all the ways people will travel around this city. I often hear people say they would ride more if safer paths existed.

3. Do you support 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: Complete Streets is not a suggestion. It is codified into city ordinance, also enabled by State law. Every street under construction shall be evaluated for best practices and implementation of Complete Streets and Vision Zero. An equitable future for Honolulu is one in which our residents are healthy, housed, and have access to a good quality of life. Complete Streets are part of the physical infrastructure to support that future.

4. Prior to 2020 and COVID-19, seventy-nine percent of Oahu commuters drove as their primary way of getting to work and 15% walked, biked, or took public transportation. However, 55% of Oahu car trips are under 3 miles. Do you support the establishment of specific targets to reduce dependence on private automobile transportation and increase bicycling, walking, and transit use?

YES: Relying less on cars becomes possible when better options are available. As Mayor, I will be committed to expand bike share and other shared mobility options as well as increase and expand quality transit services, including neighborhoods that do not have direct connection to rail.

5. Describe ways you have supported safer walking and bicycling in your community. (short answer)
I have biked and walked to and from my home in Pauoa and in other neighborhoods on O'ahu. I believe experiencing and understanding the challenges that exist and reaching out to community members is key to identifying infrastructure gaps. I plan to listen to communities to create safe linkages within their neighborhood for access to nearby assets and transit.

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)

The O'ahu Bike Plan should be a linked partner to the O'ahu Pedestrian Plan if we are to design Complete Streets in the efforts towards Vision Zero. Age Friendly Cities plans also call for design and enforcement changes to support necessary pedestrian safety. COVID-19 has shown us that bike use has soared as people have relearned how to enjoy biking in their communities. Pursuing construction towards more miles of paths and bikeways will provide venues for this pent-up demand for active transport on O'ahu.

7. Trees lower temperature during the day, provide protection from the sun and rain, are a nice buffer to cars, and have a calming effect on traffic. Given that trees make it safer and more comfortable to walk and bicycle, do you support adding more trees to your area’s inventory?

YES: Yes, trees are a win-win for sustainability, climate change, and enhanced pedestrian experiences. More trees make a better city. As Mayor, I plan to plant more native trees to increase tree canopies on streets and in parks island-wide. I support native plant programs and reforestation efforts and believe this is a good opportunity to partner with the private sector and non-profit organizations to take steps toward slowing climate temperature increase at a localized level. I also support the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency’s goal of increasing the tree canopy across O’ahu’s communities to 35 percent by 2035 as well as the planting of 100,000 in urban Honolulu by 2025.