

## State of Hawaii Candidate Walking and Bicycling Questionnaire

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1. I 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 who walk and bike.

**YES: The personal health, traffic issues, environmental issues are only a few of the benefits of increasing foot and bicycle traffic.**

2. I support increased use of Hawaii's federal transportation funding allocations for bicycle and pedestrian projects to make walking and bicycling safer. Hawaii received \$156 million in federal transportation funds in 2019, only 2% (\$3.12million) of this amount is reserved for walking and bicycling projects. The state Department of Transportation can deploy these funds and has the option to use larger portions of federal transportation funds for walking and bicycling projects. This year, at least in part due to COVID19, more people are walking and bicycling than ever.

**YES: I did not know the dollars allocated for pedestrian and bicycle traffic was so low. Of course I would need to see what the entire budget needs are to make an informed decision. But it would seem that a bump up to 5% should be easily doable.**

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. Considering the fact that this year there has been a dramatic increase in the sales of bicycles in Hawaii to meet the demand in bicycling, 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: 2003? Sounds like someone is not doing their job. I would find out who or what that is, to get the plan implemented.**

4. Prior to COVID19 and the year 2020, eighty-one percent of Hawaii commuters drove as their primary way of getting to work and 12% walked, biked, or took 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: I would support alternating driving days. License plates ending in odd numbers would have highway access outside a five mile radius of their home on Monday and Wednesday. Even numbered plates on Tuesday and Thursday. All vehicles allowed access Friday thru Sunday. It would encourage car pooling and cut daily traffic issues.**

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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: I can support the vision. But there are always going to be folks who make bad dangerous decisions.**

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 : I can support as you say cameras at high injury intersections and school zones, but I am leery about to much government surveillance. A high injury intersection has some other issues that must be addressed in addition to recording these occurrences.**

7. In large part due to the Stay at Home orders, we have seen a rise in the numbers of people walking and bicycling. Describe ways that you have supported, or plan to support, safer walking and bicycling in our communities. (short answer)

**I employ personal responsibility for when, where and how I go places**

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 plans? (short answer)

**2003? Sounds Like someone has dropped the ball. I would get it picked up and moved forward.**

9. 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: Kaneohe already has pretty good tree lined roads.**