

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: Walking and Bicycling have been common modes of transportation for centuries and making these modes of transportation safe are a necessity for our communities. I strongly support measures that will ensure the safety of people that utilize these modes of transportation.

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 do agree that the current spending of the funding from DOT is not utilized to the benefit of the people of our State as they should be. I agree that more funding needs to be used to support safer walkways and bicycle paths to prevent injury to our community members that utilize these methods of transportation.

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: I am in strong support of updating the 2003 Bike Plan Hawaii. The continual use of fossil fuels needs to be reduced in our State. Providing safe walking and bicycling paths is a great alternative. Our State needs to readdress the plan to integrate new bikeway planning practices to make it more applicable to current conditions.

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

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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 do believe that we need to work toward fewer accident fatalities throughout the State of Hawaii. After living for six years in Germany and experiencing this type of enforcement, I do believe that this type of solution would be beneficial to Hawaii. I will admit that I am not in favor of surveillance cameras; however, in Europe, the cameras are aimed at the license plate and not the driver. Vehicle owners are responsible for the infractions and pay a stiff penalty for breaking traffic laws. I do support these types of measures.

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 : As stated in my previous answer, I strongly support these measures as I have seen the benefit of reducing injuries to pedestrians and vehicle passengers through such enforcement.

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)

To support safer walking and bicycling, I would support measures to increase lighting at crosswalks, make crosswalks more accessible, and install more bicycle lanes, and stiffen penalties for drivers not observing speed restrictions and hindering access to pedestrians and cyclists.

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)

I would support the updating and implementation of these plans.

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: I support adding more trees to my area's inventory. In addition to the benefits stated in the question, trees support the production of clean air. As such, I am in

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STRONG AGREEMENT that more trees are needed along our roadways, walking paths, and bicycling paths. I have been dismayed that our current government has reduced the number of trees along our highways and byways.