

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: I am an avid mountain biker, and sometimes I road bike, but I am scared of traffic. I would love to be able to use my much-loved bike for local transport more often.

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 am lucky enough to have a bike path right in front of my home. It is used very intensively by bikers, joggers and walkers. Some come from far away to exercise here. There is a huge demand for bike paths.

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

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 also support reducing the numbers of commuters period. Many people learned during COVID that they can work at home just fine all the time or some of the time.

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

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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

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 have lived in countries with these cameras. It is guaranteed if you speed you will get a ticket in the mail. No getting lucky. It is efficient, you can't fight it, and once you get your first ticket, you slow down.

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)

Support our Smart Streets planning process with a focus on using funds to connect bike paths to each other so there are no dangerous "gaps" people need to ride through. Also using design, signage, speed enforcement to increase safety.

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 will research what is already being done and what can be done to further implement having safe bicycle access be included as part of all new development proposals.

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 am a founding officer of Trees for Honolulu's Future and our focus is increasing the urban tree canopy to maintain our outdoor life-style, including biking. The 35% canopy cover that is the current goal of the City and County of Honolulu was the target I came up with...