

## 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**

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**

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.

**NO: More people are walking and bicycling, but very few people are willing to use public transportation. Other changes may occur with automobile use and private ownership before people feel safe using public transportation again.**

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.

**NO: It's reasonable and responsible to reduce traffic fatalities as much as possible,**

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**but it is unreasonable to expect our imperfect human nature to change. Advances in technology have brought great benefits in reducing fatalities and injuries.**

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.

**NO: Our previous experience with Vancams, although very well intentioned, resulted in cameras placed where the company awarded the contract could make more money, rather than the locations where more accidents occurred. We need police officers trained to use their own judgement in enforcing laws to monitor intersections where there are serious problems.**

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)

**More people are out walking, many with their dogs, as am I. In my neighborhood where there are areas without sidewalks, I've found drivers to be careful and courteous. I would like to have bicycle paths separate from traffic without taking away a traffic lane.**

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)

**First evaluate current status, then see what further changes are needed to update the plans. There has been confusion over changes required in order to comply with Complete Streets.**

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: Trees are essential to our comfort and health. They convert carbon dioxide and water into sugar and oxygen through the process of photosynthesis.**