

## 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: Safety first when riding near the public highway as well off road**

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.

**OTHER: Who are our elected leaders in Congress but the Democrat Party, Tulsi Gabbard CD2 and Ed Case CD1. One must look at elected leadership; it's time for a change. The majority of the money goes where the most traffice is. IF only 2% is using the highway for walking and bicycling it is appropriate.**

**Private business and organizations that promote what this survey is trying to accomplish is the answer. Has more government ever solved anything, not really.**

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.

**NO: Because of COVID-19 I doubt that there has been a dramatic increase in the sale of anything. I support bike paths but I see very little bicycles on Kauai being use to go to and from the grocery store or transport their children to school or go to work.**

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: I don't believe the government should infringe on anyone's rights to use public, private transportation or use their bicycle. More government regualtions and mandates encumbers and reduces the citizen's free right of choice.**

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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.

**NO: Government commitment equates to higher taxes and regulations that create a higher cost of living and less freedom for those who ride bikes, travel by car, etc. Separating people from their money to be spent on an impossible goal "Vision Zero" doesn't make sense. Comprehensive approach is more government spending to achieve something that isn't attainable. Road fatalities are because of operator error for the most part, not because of the lack of government control and expenditures. You don't throw money at something in order to fix the problem. Education is the true answer here.**

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: Once again, government is to protect people, not run their lives. I don't believe red light and speed enforcement cameras are the answer. What will people react more to, the presence of a camera or a policeman walking the beat or in a patrol car? What else are cameras going to be used for, which is nothing more than spying on the citizens and controlling them for their good. I'm not buying it.**

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 don't concur with your precedent. Less people are walking the bike/walking paths on Kauai. You can educate people with films in school showing what happens to children who ride their bikes unsafely.**

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)

**Because of COVID-19 we can only spend what we have and no more. The Hawaii Bike Plan is ten chapters long and has 8 appendix's. I will use common sense in accomadating a plan to the amount of bicyclists compared to motorists on Kauai's highways.**

9. Trees lower temperature during the day, provide protection from the sun and rain, are a

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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: It depends on the trees. The acacia and/or albizia trees, although beautiful, are being reduced along traffic corridors because of the danger they impose because of falling limbs. Private business can accomplish planting more trees, it's not the government's role. Private organizations can promote this idea. For every government program legislated in law you increase the citizen's tax burden making it harder for them to live in Hawaii. Each law creates a bureaucracy that is unelected, overfunded and unaccountable. Limited government is the answer, not more.**