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2024 Hawai'i Active Transportation Candidate Survey



The [Hawai'i Bicycling League](#) (HBL), [Kauai Path](#), [Maui Bicycling League](#) (MBL), and [People for Active Transportation Hawaii](#) (PATH) emailed candidates for election in Hawaii across eight contests including: State Senator, State Representative, County Councils statewide and Mayor in Hawai'i County and Honolulu. This survey aims to understand candidates' positions on key transportation initiatives, including Complete Streets, Vision Zero, and the recent Navahine F. + Hawaii Department of Transportation settlement agreement. These initiatives focus on creating safer, more accessible, and environmentally friendly transportation options for all residents and visitors of Hawai'i.

Responses below are pulled directly from survey responses and have not been edited by HBL.

Candidate Name: James Hustace

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Contest: Hawai'i County Councilmember **District:** 9

Complete Streets Initiative

Support for Complete Streets is: 5

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Complete Streets Comments: Work in partnership with State and Federal legislators to adequately fund and implement complete street assets (enhanced mass transit capacity, regional transit hubs, pedestrian safety features, alternative bikeways and paths) as communities grow and in an effort to reduce traffic congestion and provide alternative means of travel.

Vision Zero Initiative

Support for Vision Zero is: 5

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From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Vision Zero Comments: Identify and implement policies and projects that prioritize safety of our roads. Work with community nonprofits that promote and provide road safety education. Help to reimplement the Hawaii County Traffic Safety Council. Collect and analyze data from community partners that helps to guide informed decision-making about infrastructure projects and enforcement needs.

Navahine + HDOT Settlement Agreement

Support for Emission Reduction Efforts is: 5

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Emission Reduction Comments: Support alternative transportation corridor projects (bikeways, trails). Ensure equitable access to mass transit system (expand community circulator shuttle capacity). Continue electrification of County fleet. Pursue hydrogen fueling options.

Personal Transportation Habits

Frequency of Public Transportation Usage: Several Times Per Year

Additional Comments About Public Transportation Use: Unfortunately this really only happens for me while traveling in metropolitan areas in the U.S. Mass transit routes in rural communities of Hawaii County are inconsistent and don't always meet the needs of residents where commuting distances are great.

Frequency of Active Transportation Usage: Several Times Per Month

Additional Comments About Active Transportation: Actively engage with the Waimea Stream Trail project as a volunteer and regular user.

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Unfortunately for the third year in a row, the Waimea Stream Trail project was not successful in acquiring a federal grant to install proper bridges and pave the first portion. We were successful, however, to receive support from PONC as we identified a route to extend the trail towards the coast and potentially connect with Ala Kahakai. The County will now begin negotiations for easements. We also have an opportunity to strengthen our public access programs while designing and implementing road infrastructure projects that prevent injury and provide equitable access for all roadway users.