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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: Choon James

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Contest: Honolulu Mayor **District:** Oahu

Complete Streets Initiative

Support for Complete Streets is: 5

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Complete Streets Comments: Oahu at large is a hodgepodge mix. Some areas in the more urban areas are now used for Complete Streets. There could be more. Some in the rural areas border the ocean that is eating one side of the road and homes on the other. We need to methodically assess the different areas.

Vision Zero Initiative

Support for Vision Zero is: 5

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From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Vision Zero Comments: We will pay attention. Safety is a fundamental need. We need to coordinate with State and County departments. Suggestions from cyclers and pedestrians on the frontline are always valuable.

Navahine + HDOT Settlement Agreement

Support for Emission Reduction Efforts is: 5

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Emission Reduction Comments: Wouldn't it be a dream if there were more opportunities for cyclers and walkers than having to be exposed to constant emissions from vehicles? We will work and coordinate with all stake holders and legislators from the different levels of government. Again, those on the frontline should have a big voice in the decision-making.

Personal Transportation Habits

Frequency of Public Transportation Usage: No Usage

Additional Comments About Public Transportation Use: I presently live on the north shore. My commute to Honolulu is about a 40 miles journey. I have an outdated pass. But I'm from Singapore where multi-modal transportation keeps the city efficiently managed. Ease of Transportation needs to be available to all.

Frequency of Active Transportation Usage: Daily

Additional Comments About Active Transportation: Walking and vehicle is the most practical opportunity in my area.

Additional comments:

Thanks for all you do. Cycling and walking is the least intrusive mode of transportation. Besides, it's healthy. I live in a area with tourists visiting. During COVID, I learnt something

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really interesting that I did not notice. When I sprayed down the walls on our house, there was hardly any soot from surrounding emission of vehicles. Now that there are more emissions from vehicles, the soot is back. It should be a health concern. The more we can reduce emissions the better. Aloha.