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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: Kelly Takaya King

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Contest: Maui Councilmember **District:** South Maui

Complete Streets Initiative

Support for Complete Streets is: 5

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Complete Streets Comments: I would continue my work from previous terms to participate in the MPO STIP, support funding for complete streets and educate the public about healthy and safe transportation. Even during my recent 2 year hiatus from the Council, I instigated and helped produce a TRANSPORTATION SAFETY Summit in South Maui, led by Pam Eaton of the MPO, which brought in local and mainland experts to inform community leaders and the general public about Complete Streets and Vision Zero.

Vision Zero Initiative

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Support for Vision Zero is: 5

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Vision Zero Comments: In my former terms as a County Councilmember, I was the sole councilmember present at the first meeting of Vision Zero in Maui County. I worked with MPO Director Lauren Armstrong to support education and funding for Vision Zero, and will continue to support the program as the North South Collector Road (and other important road infrastructure projects) are developed. This program, especially with the data available about higher speeds resulting in more deaths, needs greater public education and commitment in the next few years. Also, I previously worked with Lt. Hankins of the MPD to lobby for a reduction in the State's allowable legal blood alcohol limit!

Navahine + HDOT Settlement Agreement

Support for Emission Reduction Efforts is: 5

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Emission Reduction Comments: I am a big advocate for multimodal transportation and renewable fuel use to replace fossil fuels. The verdict and settlement agreement of the lawsuit is very exciting to me, and I look forward to meeting with the plaintiffs and the DOT to help support the agreement in Maui County. As a member of the board of directors of ICLEI USA (icleiusa.org), climate action is a top priority for me. Along with setting interim goals and advocating for the State's use of renewable energy at their Maui sites, it is important to encourage the young folks who brought the lawsuit forward to continue their leadership and even run for county or state office!

Personal Transportation Habits

Frequency of Public Transportation Usage: No Usage

Additional Comments About Public Transportation Use: I do not use public transportation on Maui as the only option is the bus which does not have routes that align with my schedule; however, on Maui I have driven only 100% biodiesel vehicles since the year 2000, using only locally produced biodiesel!

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Frequency of Active Transportation Usage: Several Times Per Month

Additional Comments About Active Transportation: I use a 100% Biodiesel powered diesel passenger car for transportation and recreation, unless walking to the beach or other close activities. The biodiesel is produced in Hawaii from used cooking oil and residual crop oil (sunflowers and macadamia nut oil grown in Hawaii). For exercise, I have a stationery bicycle; however, I look forward to purchasing a personal bike and using it for transportation in South Maui once the North South Collector Road is completed!

Additional comments:

I appreciate the Bicycling League's efforts and look forward to strengthening your relationship with the Maui County Council!