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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.

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Contest: Maui Councilmember **District:** Upcountry

Complete Streets Initiative

Support for Complete Streets is: 5

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Complete Streets Comments: As a candidate for Maui County Council, I am committed to supporting the implementation and expansion of Complete Streets principles, which aim to make our streets safe and accessible for everyone. Here are some of the proactive steps I plan to take:

First, I will advocate for and draft legislation that mandates Complete Streets principles in all new road construction and significant renovations. These policies will ensure that infrastructure projects prioritize improvements for pedestrians, cyclists, and public transit

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users. Additionally, I will identify and allocate funding sources for Complete Streets projects, including federal and state grants. I will advocate for budget allocations that support the design, construction, and maintenance of Complete Streets infrastructure. To further encourage the adoption of these principles, I will develop incentive programs for developers to incorporate Complete Streets principles in private developments, offering tax credits or other financial incentives for businesses and communities that support these projects.

Raising public awareness and fostering community involvement are essential for the success of Complete Streets. I will launch public education campaigns to highlight the benefits of Complete Streets and host workshops, town halls, and public meetings to gather input and inform the community about upcoming projects. Encouraging residents to actively participate in the planning and design process by creating advisory committees or task forces ensures that diverse voices are heard and considered.

Collaboration with local organizations, businesses, schools, and public health groups is vital for the success of Complete Streets projects. By working together, these stakeholders can support and promote the health benefits of active transportation. I will facilitate coordination between various government departments, such as transportation, public works, planning, and environmental services, to ensure that projects are implemented cohesively and effectively.

Pilot projects can be a great way to demonstrate the benefits of Complete Streets. I will support these initiatives in key areas to test new ideas and gather community feedback before expanding them more broadly. Ongoing data collection and analysis are crucial for tracking the impact of these projects on safety, accessibility, and traffic patterns. This data will help identify high-priority areas for intervention and inform future decisions.

Promoting sustainability is another important aspect of my plan. I will advocate for the inclusion of green infrastructure in street designs to manage stormwater, reduce urban heat islands, and improve environmental sustainability. Encouraging the use of sustainable materials and construction practices in transportation projects is also essential. Lastly, I

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will support initiatives that promote public transit, walking, and biking over car travel to ensure that transit services are reliable, frequent, and accessible to all residents.

By taking these actions, I believe we can significantly advance the implementation of Complete Streets principles, leading to safer, more accessible, and sustainable transportation options for all residents and visitors in Maui County.

Vision Zero Initiative

Support for Vision Zero is: 5

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Vision Zero Comments: As a candidate for Maui County Council, I am dedicated to supporting Vision Zero, an initiative aimed at eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injuries while promoting safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all. Here are specific actions I believe a Maui County Council member can take to support Vision Zero:

Firstly, we need to adopt Vision Zero policies by the County Council. This means setting a clear goal to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by a specific date. We must ensure that all transportation and infrastructure projects align with Vision Zero principles. Additionally, we should support and fund road redesigns that prioritize safety for all users. This includes adding features like pedestrian crosswalks, protected bike lanes, and traffic calming measures such as roundabouts and speed humps. Lower speed limits in high-risk areas, especially around schools, parks, and residential neighborhoods, are also crucial.

Securing funding is essential for Vision Zero projects. I will work to identify and allocate funding from federal and state grants and advocate for dedicated budget allocations to support ongoing Vision Zero initiatives, such as road safety audits and infrastructure improvements. Strengthening traffic law enforcement is another critical step. I will work with local law enforcement to increase the enforcement of traffic laws, particularly those related to speeding, distracted driving, and driving under the influence. Supporting the use of technology, such as red-light cameras and speed cameras, will enhance enforcement efforts.

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Raising public awareness is key to the success of Vision Zero. I will launch and support public education campaigns to promote safe driving, walking, and biking behaviors. Partnering with schools, community organizations, and local media to disseminate safety messages and educational materials will help spread the word. Engaging with the community is also vital. I will host town hall meetings, workshops, and public forums to gather input from residents and ensure their concerns and ideas are considered in Vision Zero planning. Creating advisory committees or task forces that include diverse community members will provide ongoing input and feedback on Vision Zero initiatives.

Collecting and analyzing data is crucial for identifying high-risk areas and prioritizing interventions. I will support the collection and analysis of traffic data to track the effectiveness of Vision Zero initiatives and make informed decisions about future projects. Fostering interagency collaboration is also important. I will work closely with various government departments, such as transportation, public works, health, and education, to ensure a coordinated approach to Vision Zero. Collaborating with local organizations, businesses, and advocacy groups will leverage additional resources and expertise.

Encouraging walking and biking is essential for promoting active transportation. I will advocate for infrastructure improvements that make walking and biking safer and more attractive options, such as expanding sidewalks, creating bike lanes, and improving lighting. Supporting programs and initiatives that encourage active transportation, such as Safe Routes to School and community bike-sharing programs, will also be a priority. Promoting equity is another critical aspect. I will ensure that Vision Zero initiatives address the needs of all communities, particularly those that have been historically underserved or disproportionately affected by traffic violence. Prioritizing safety improvements in high-risk areas and communities with higher rates of traffic-related injuries and fatalities is crucial.

Finally, integrating green infrastructure in transportation projects will help manage stormwater, reduce urban heat islands, and improve environmental sustainability. I will advocate for the use of sustainable materials and practices in all road safety projects.

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By taking these actions, a Maui County Council member can significantly support Vision Zero, helping to create a safer, more equitable, and sustainable transportation system for all residents and visitors.

Navahine + HDOT Settlement Agreement

Support for Emission Reduction Efforts is: 5

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Emission Reduction Comments: As a Maui County Council member, I am fully committed to endorsing the landmark agreement recently approved in the Navahine F. vs. Hawaii Department of Transportation case. This agreement is pivotal for our efforts to reduce fossil fuel emissions and promote sustainable transportation across Hawaii. Here's how I intend to support this agreement:

In terms of advocacy and policy support, I will collaborate closely with the state legislature to ensure sufficient funds are allocated to implement the initiatives outlined in the settlement. This advocacy is crucial for making necessary changes to our transportation infrastructure that will reduce emissions and improve overall sustainability.

I am passionate about expanding multi-modal transportation options. This involves advocating for the development and promotion of alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles, such as enhancing public transit services, expanding bike lanes, and improving pedestrian pathways. These improvements will make walking and biking more appealing and feasible for our residents.

Setting specific, measurable interim targets aligned with Vision Zero goals within Maui County is a priority. By tracking our progress towards eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injuries, we can ensure that our transportation systems are safer for everyone.

When it comes to infrastructure and design, starting before April 2025, I will ensure that all county transportation projects prioritize Complete Streets criteria. This means designing

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streets that cater to the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders alike, creating a safer and more accessible transportation network.

I am committed to completing integrated networks for pedestrians, bicycles, and transit within five years. Working closely with state and county officials, we will develop comprehensive transportation systems that support sustainable and active modes of travel, making environmentally friendly transportation options more accessible.

Collaboration and community engagement are key to success. I will foster strong partnerships with public and private sectors to effectively implement the settlement agreement. By collaborating with local organizations, businesses, and advocacy groups, we can leverage additional resources and expertise to achieve our transportation goals.

Engaging the community is essential. I will host town hall meetings, workshops, and public forums to gather input from residents. Creating advisory committees with diverse community members will ensure that their concerns and ideas shape the planning and implementation of transportation projects, making our initiatives inclusive and effective.

Lastly, promoting equity and sustainability is non-negotiable. I will ensure that all initiatives address the needs of historically underserved or disproportionately affected communities. Prioritizing safety enhancements in high-risk areas and promoting sustainable materials and practices in transportation projects will help create a fairer and more environmentally friendly transportation system.

By taking these actions, I am confident that as a Maui County Council member, I can significantly contribute to the implementation of this landmark settlement agreement. Together, we will work towards creating a safer, more sustainable, and equitable transportation system for all residents and visitors in Hawaii.

Personal Transportation Habits

Frequency of Public Transportation Usage: Weekly

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Additional Comments About Public Transportation Use: I use the bus when having to travel to appointments within the central area of Maui

Frequency of Active Transportation Usage: Weekly

Additional Comments About Active Transportation: run. for recreation and exercise

Additional comments:

I believe that is imperative that Maui follow through with these plans.