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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: Alice L. Lee

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Contest: Maui Councilmember **District:** Wailuku-Waihee-Waikapu

Complete Streets Initiative

Support for Complete Streets is: 4

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Complete Streets Comments: The policy is sound; the challenge is in implementing it with limited resources (money and manpower), so we simply have to take it one step at a time, starting with priority areas. For my district, I added funding in the County's FY25 budget for a study and design analysis to improve Waiale Road from Waiko to Kuikahi, including travel lane and signal realignment, traffic calming, sidewalks and bikeways, because this already-congested road will become even moreso when new approved housing projects are occupied. Once the study is completed, then funds can be budgeted to implement its recommendations.

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Vision Zero Initiative

Support for Vision Zero is: 5

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Vision Zero Comments: We rely on the experts -- the Maui Police Department, County Public Works and State Department of Transportation, as well as the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization -- to inform the Council on what projects and funding are needed to achieve this important goal. They have the data, facts and design expertise, and I believe I have supported their projects when they have been presented to the Council.

Navahine + HDOT Settlement Agreement

Support for Emission Reduction Efforts is: 4

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Emission Reduction Comments: At the County level, work has already begun to replace the County vehicle fleet with hybrid and electric vehicles, and charging stations have been installed on the County campus. These efforts need to continue and I will support them. I also support the shift from a fuel tax to a road usage charge to ensure sufficient funding for transportation improvements. Additionally, as mentioned previously, the Council relies on the appropriate County agencies to request funding for needed projects to meet required (or aspirational) benchmarks.

Personal Transportation Habits

Frequency of Public Transportation Usage: No Usage

Additional Comments About Public Transportation Use: Unfortunately, my erratic and often last-minute schedule as a Councilmember and Council Chair does not lend itself to use the Maui Bus.

Frequency of Active Transportation Usage: Weekly

Additional Comments About Active Transportation: I walk for recreation, and sometimes transportation, on the weekends.

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Additional comments:

I support transportation planning being better incorporated into land use planning. With all the needed discussion about affordable housing and our need to provide more housing opportunities for our residents, we must also make sure that any new housing provides safe and adequate transportation options for its residents, as sidewalks and bikeways are often seen as costly "amenities" that can get cut to save costs.