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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 Forrest

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**Contest:** Maui Councilmember

**District:** Wailuku-Waihee-Waikapu

### Complete Streets Initiative

**Support for Complete Streets is:** 5

*From 1-5 (least to most)*

**Additional Complete Streets Comments:** I am an attorney with 20 years' experience, and I got my start working on legislation serving as a lobbyist with BikeTexas. I worked on transportation issues in Austin, TX with a focus on complete streets and safe passing laws for venerable road users. Improving Maui's transportation problems requires a comprehensive, region-specific strategy that addresses both immediate and long-term needs. The first I would work on is an education program for the safe passing law and funding for signs across the county. Second I would establish a Maui Cyclovia Week were citizens see what it is like to have entire streets dedicated to cyclist and pedestrians. Our community is eager to embrace healthy alternatives to cars.

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## Vision Zero Initiative

**Support for Vision Zero is:** 5

*From 1-5 (least to most)*

**Additional Vision Zero Comments:** Speed kills. I would support implementing more red light cameras in Maui County to effectively reduce cycling fatalities by promoting safer driving practices. These cameras can deter drivers from speeding through intersections or running red lights, which are common causes of accidents involving cyclists. Investing in red light cameras not only improves road safety for cyclists but also enhances the overall well-being of the community.

## Navahine + HDOT Settlement Agreement

**Support for Emission Reduction Efforts is:** 5

*From 1-5 (least to most)*

**Additional Emission Reduction Comments:** I am currently serving as General Counsel for Pacific Biodiesel where I work on renewable energy and cleaner fuels for Hawaii. I spent the 2024 legislative session working with Senate President Kouchi working on renewable energy tax credits and incentives. I would require county buses and large trucks to use biodiesel that reduces emissions immediately by 85% compared to conventional diesel. This will have an immediate impact on cyclist and other road users. The best thing about this solution is that all the buses need to do is go to a different gas station that has biodiesel, no conversion is required.

## Personal Transportation Habits

**Frequency of Public Transportation Usage:** Several Times Per Year

**Additional Comments About Public Transportation Use:** I am fortunate to live near the county building in Wailuku and often take the bus to the west side. While on Oahu, I use my Biki pass. As a previous resident of downtown Austin, I used bikeshare and scooters almost every day for several years.

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**Frequency of Active Transportation Usage:** Daily

**Additional Comments About Active Transportation:** I have an electric bike, longboard, and motorcycle that get me just about anywhere I need to go. I ride for pleasure and for short trips to the grocery store and to the coffeeshops in Wailuku.

**Additional comments:**

Thank you for this opportunity. I will be an ally for cyclists and pedestrians.