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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: Terez Amato

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Contest: State Representative

District: 11 South Maui

Complete Streets Initiative

Support for Complete Streets is: 5

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Complete Streets Comments: Before a health event I was an avid cyclist, and am still a strong supporter. Chapter 291C HRS State Traffic code recognizes bicycles as vehicles I take improving safety and access seriously: I will meet with the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) State members (Sen. McKelvey and Rep Miyake) to advocate for complete streets all over Maui and especially in Kihei (my district). I have already had conversations with DOT about ensuring we get much needed bike lanes on Pi'ilani Highway (this is hard and needed along with the sidewalk on Mauka side) and a bike lane on Hansen road. I have been supporting design in Kihei for North South Collector road to ensure it is built as a "Complete Streets" and project. Even with state HRS 264-20.5

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the NS collector is tough as it is not clear that the County cares about compliance with CS, vision zero goals or honors resolution 12-34 from 2012 supporting complete streets. As federal N funds are involved I'll try to push for CS design via the Maui MPO. I'll also ask for a meeting with the Mayor to request that Maui DPW design with complete streets. County may be an issue, yet I'll do my best to voice this important topic.

Vision Zero Initiative

Support for Vision Zero is: 5

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Vision Zero Comments: I am more than just supportive of the Vision Zero Policy: A core part of the VZ initiative in my district is the Hele Maui Project list for South Maui. I directly supported ID I35 by working to bring in federal funds for the High School crossing. I have been supporting items C5, C6,C7, & C8 North South Collector road improvements, multiuse path construction phases, T14 multimodal corridor, and related safety improvement projects. I'll continue to push these both with the State Representatives of Maui MPO who I see regularly as well as do what I am able with the County. Again the County may be an issue, as campaign promises made to put in sidewalks (ID S23, S24 & S33) have not happened. This clearly takes direction from County Executive branch to DPW. I'll continue to advocate for this in face to face meeting.

Navahine + HDOT Settlement Agreement

Support for Emission Reduction Efforts is: 5

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Emission Reduction Comments: Without question, anthropogenic global warming threatens Hawai'i and the world. I am working to preserve the environment at every opportunity: I was a primary introducer and supported multiple bills supporting solar energy use to reduce emissions, e.g. easy online permitting (HB195), requirements for rooftop solar (HB327), Solar energy loan program (HB949) and many more. I pledge to continue to support funding for multimodal transportation like buses where possible as this both reduces traffic and reduces emissions: For example last year I supported HB743

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'Electric School Bus Pilot Program' and this year HB1767 to authorize use of motorcoaches, small buses, and vans for school bus services and I voted for HB828 (free bus passes for students). I'll continue to work to protect our environment in all decisions and work to reduce emissions. Much more needs to be done to pass bills like these. I hope your organization will testify to support such efforts. I am open to your suggestions as well.

Personal Transportation Habits

Frequency of Public Transportation Usage: Several Times Per Year

Additional Comments About Public Transportation Use: Flights between Islands multiple times per month and occasional rail on Oahu. I used to bike all the time. Walking difficulty from my stroke 12/2016 precludes some usages.

Frequency of Active Transportation Usage: Daily

Additional Comments About Active Transportation: I use a scooter when necessary at the Capitol and walk when possible. I used to bike all over Maui before 2017.

Additional comments:

I have always been and pledge to continue to be a strong advocate for complete streets and emission reduction. I regularly interact with the House Transportation Chair and vote on HDOT funding and bills. I pledge to support complete streets, multimodal transportation and environmental initiatives at every possible opportunity. I refuse all corporate and lobbyist funds, I am #WorkingForThePeople!