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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: George Hooker

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Contest: State Representative **District:** House District 20: Lē'ahi, Kāhala, Wai'ālae, Kaimukī, Kapahulu

Complete Streets Initiative

Support for Complete Streets is: 5

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Complete Streets Comments:

Along Kapahulu Avenue, Kapiolani Avenue, Harding Avenue, Kaimuki Avenue, and 18th Avenue. I will work with the City government to add dedicated bus lanes, more trees, dedicated turn lanes, road diets, protected bike lanes, improved pedestrian crossings such as curb extensions, signalized crossings, pedestrian refuge islands, crossing beacons, and other elements that would slow vehicle speeds down to make streets safer, and friendly to all road users whether they walk, bicycle, catch transit, and drive. As someone who walks my district regularly I understand the need for better infrastructure.

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Vision Zero Initiative

Support for Vision Zero is: 5

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Vision Zero Comments: As a State House Representative and community leader I would work with City and State officials to improve the infrastructure in the area I represent along with surrounding areas. As someone who has knocked on thousands of doors, I have reached out to my constituents asking them what areas of concern. I would prioritize infrastructure improvements (please see my previous answers about Complete Streets), while still supporting legal measures to improve safety. That said I understand better infrastructure provides a greater guarantee people will obey laws, versus laws simply deter some people from poor behavior. Traffic fatalities are the number one cause of violent death, the leading cause of death for children, and I will work to ensure using a data driven and system-based approach to reduce traffic fatalities to zero.

Navahine + HDOT Settlement Agreement

Support for Emission Reduction Efforts is: 5

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Emission Reduction Comments: I would work to reduce the number of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), a stated goal of the Hawaii State Energy Office. To do so I would make it safer and more convenient to walk, bicycle, and catch transit by improving infrastructure and services (please see my previous answers about Complete Streets), along with better lighting at transit stops, bikeshare stations. I would expand

Personal Transportation Habits

Frequency of Public Transportation Usage: Weekly

Additional Comments About Public Transportation Use:

Using the bus on a weekly basis, when I have to make trips to parts of my district where I will walk for hours on end. When catching transit I am able to do things that I am unable to

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do while driving, whether it's reading emails and social media, communicating with others via text message or e-mail, or even meditating. I have a Free Spirit pass for Biki in case I need to make shorter trips quickly, which are not efficient by transit or driving.

Frequency of Active Transportation Usage: Daily

Additional Comments About Active Transportation: I walk the district daily for hours on end going door to door, talking with neighbors. Walking is the best form of transportation for lots of small trips, it's great for the environment, I'm able to multitask when I use my phone or other mobile device, and allows me to appreciate the neighborhood more by observing it in a very slow and present way. I love walking. As a previous athlete at UH Manoa, walking has made me healthier and more prepared for events.

Additional comments:

I'm happy to have the endorsement of Hawaii Bicycling League's most recent Advocate of the Year Anthony Chang, who like myself, is a supporter of Complete Streets, Vision Zero, and Active Transportation. Anthony lost his sister Emelia Hung who was age 24 while she was trying to cross the street. Anthony walks daily (including going door to door with me), catches transit weekly, has a Biki Free Spirit pass, and owns 2 electric bicycles. Its advocates like Anthony and others at Hawaii Bicycling League who have worked to make streets safer and better for all users, and I'm happy to listen to all of you. I humbly ask for your vote.