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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: Tina Nakada Grandinetti

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Contest: State Representative **District:** 20

Complete Streets Initiative

Support for Complete Streets is: 5

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Complete Streets Comments: I will work to expedite complete streets projects in my district and across the state through increased funding and mandating more aggressive timelines. I would also work to increase public awareness of the importance of traffic safety and the value of multimodal transit, understanding that many in my community are simultaneously concerned about road safety and hesitant to accept changes that may impact themselves as drivers. I am particularly appreciative of the lane diets planned for Kilauea Ave., where speed has come up as consistent concern during my canvassing. If possible, I would love to support work towards sidewalks on 18th and 19th Avenues, though I know that is difficult given easement and property line issues.

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Vision Zero Initiative

Support for Vision Zero is: 5

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Vision Zero Comments: Walking around my district, I have found certain roads in dire need of lane diets and bike lanes, and not just "sharrows," but clearly delineated and protected bike lanes. Additionally, I would like to see intersections "day-lighted" by adding increased visibility for drivers. I would also like to see more priority given to pedestrians through traffic light delays that would allow pedestrians to begin walking before cars may proceed. In particular, I think 6th Ave and Alohea Ave desperately need additional speed mitigation measures, and many residents have expressed concerns about speed on Campbell Ave and the intersection of Kapahulu Ave. and Campbell Ave., near Rainbow Drive-In, where a crosswalk was removed.

Navahine + HDOT Settlement Agreement

Support for Emission Reduction Efforts is: 5

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Emission Reduction Comments: I am deeply inspired by the young plaintiffs of the Navahine case. If elected, I will actively advocate for a state budget that prioritizes the achievement of our state's zero emission targets, and I will advocate for making sure that DOT funding is directly tied to the completion of the mandates set forth in Navahine. I will be opposed to the expansion of our state highway system, and I will fight for an increase in multi-modal transit options, credits for electrification, and incentives for public transit use. In addition, I will work with the newly established youth oversight commission to make sure they are empowered to make their voice heard at the State level.

Personal Transportation Habits

Frequency of Public Transportation Usage: Weekly

Additional Comments About Public Transportation Use: I use biki to go to and from my home and the beach at least weekly and purchase 30 hrs at a time. My partner and I are

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aiming to transition to a single car household. I currently work from home, and he commutes to downtown for work via route 3 on TheBus, which stops just down the block from my apartment.

Frequency of Active Transportation Usage: Daily

Additional Comments About Active Transportation: I am lucky to live in Kapahulu, which is an extremely walkable neighborhood. A few days a week I walk several miles to Kaimana Beach and around Kapiolani Park or down the Ala Wai walking/bike path. I walk to the grocery store around the corner, and walk to get my morning coffee on Waialae Ave. or Kapahulu Ave. When I worked at the Capitol, I would often bike to work using the protected bike lanes on King Street. I would like to use my role as a State Representative to advocate for all State residents to be able to safely walk around their communities.

Additional comments: