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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.

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Contest: State Senator **District:** District 12

Complete Streets Initiative

Support for Complete Streets is: 4

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Complete Streets Comments: I support enhancing the Complete Streets policy in our district by backing projects like the Ala Pono Bridge, Ala Wai Blvd Bikeway, Kuhio Ave BRT lane, and Ala Moana-Kaka'ako Complete Streets. These initiatives are vital for improving safety and accessibility.

Making sure that HDOT is working with DTS to ensure these projects align with the Complete Streets vision is essential. This coordination will create a seamless transportation network that benefits everyone.

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Expanding protected bikeways is crucial for cyclist safety and promoting cycling as a transportation option. Regular public forums and workshops can gather community input, ensuring that projects meet the needs of our district.

Improving safe routes to schools by enhancing crosswalks, sidewalks, and bike paths will help children travel safely. Additionally, implementing ADA-compliant infrastructure like curb ramps and audible pedestrian signals will make our streets more inclusive.

Securing adequate funding and resources is crucial, and I will advocate for increased investment in transportation infrastructure. Using data to monitor the effectiveness of Complete Streets projects will guide future improvements.

Vision Zero Initiative

Support for Vision Zero is: 5

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Vision Zero Comments: I would prioritize several key actions to achieve Vision Zero goals in our district. I strongly support re-designing state-managed roads on Oahu to enhance pedestrian safety. This involves ensuring state transportation funds are used to properly upgrade pedestrian paths and infrastructure, emphasizing the importance of a safe and accessible environment for everyone.

I believe that focusing on pedestrian safety is crucial to reducing traffic-related injuries and fatalities. By prioritizing the allocation of resources towards improving pedestrian infrastructure, we can make significant strides toward achieving Vision Zero goals.

We need to create a safer, more pedestrian-friendly environment and make significant progress toward achieving our Vision Zero goals.

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Navahine + HDOT Settlement Agreement

Support for Emission Reduction Efforts is: 4

From 1-5 (least to most)

Additional Emission Reduction Comments: I would prioritize actions to help realize the benchmarks set in the recent settlement agreement between the Hawaii Department of Transportation and the plaintiffs. My focus will be on medium to long-term investments that enhance multi-modal transit options. This includes supporting transit-oriented development and ensuring the completion of the Skyline project to Ala Moana Center.

Investing in a variety of transportation modes is crucial for reducing emissions. By expanding and improving public transit options, we can make it easier for residents to choose sustainable transportation methods over driving. This aligns with the agreement's goal of promoting multi-modal transportation.

I will also work to ensure state transportation funds are used effectively for these projects. We can make significant progress toward meeting the interim targets and ultimately achieving the long-term goals outlined in the settlement agreement

Personal Transportation Habits

Frequency of Public Transportation Usage: Several Times Per Year

Additional Comments About Public Transportation Use: I use public transportation several times per year, primarily relying on Biki bikes for short trips around the city. The convenience and accessibility of Biki bikes make them a great option for navigating busy areas and avoiding traffic. While I don't use public transit daily, I appreciate its role in reducing congestion and promoting a more sustainable environment. Although I don't currently have a Holo pass, I recognize the importance of public transportation and support its continued development and improvement for our community.

Frequency of Active Transportation Usage: Daily

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Additional Comments About Active Transportation: I use active transportation daily, primarily by walking to most destinations. Additionally, I run every night for exercise and leisure, which helps me maintain my fitness and enjoy some downtime outdoors. This combination of walking and running forms an integral part of my daily routine.

Additional comments:

I am committed to improving our transportation infrastructure to create a safer, more accessible, and environmentally friendly community. By supporting projects that enhance pedestrian and bicycle networks, advocating for efficient public transit options, and promoting the integration of sustainable practices, we can achieve significant progress. I believe in the importance of collaboration between state and local agencies to ensure that our transportation goals align with the needs of our residents. Together, we can build a future where active transportation is not only encouraged but seamlessly integrated into our daily lives.