

2022 Election Candidate Questionnaire for Montgomery County Council

Dear Candidate,

We ask that you complete our questionnaire so we understand your views on the pressing transportation issues facing Montgomery County. Your answers will be given to our membership for strictly education purposes only. Answers will also be posted on our website, shared on social media, listservs, and with our members in Montgomery County.

The questions are yes or no as well as questions that require you to elaborate for your response. We ask that you return the questionnaire by COB 4/2/22. Please email the questionnaire responses to me at advocacy@waba.org. If you have any questions please email us. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to complete the questionnaire.

WABA *does not endorse* candidates for any political office.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Lowery
Advocacy Director, WABA

Bike Network

The Washington Area Bicyclist Association is proposing that the County fund the construction of bikeable/walkable networks in four Equity Focus Areas of the County, in Wheaton, White Oak, Langley Park and Downtown Silver Spring. Do you support this \$110 million proposal which will also help achieve the County's Climate and Vision Zero goals over six years?

Yes No

What else do you think the County Council can do in the next term to make walking and biking safer and to help increase the biking and walking and transit mode shares?

The Council should work with the Montgomery County Delegation to require the State Highway Administration and County Department of Transportation to do periodic bike and pedestrian audits at intersections with frequent crashes. These audits should also be triggered whenever SHA or DOT make any operational or maintenance improvements to roads.

Police out of Traffic Enforcement

Do you support removing police from all or some traffic enforcement?

Yes _____ No

How will you balance the need for traffic enforcement and equity while in office? I support removing police enforcement from minor traffic offenses, such as repair orders or minor speeding (i.e. less than 15 miles over the speed limit). In these cases, I believe an officer should be able to generate a citation and/or repair order and have it mailed directly to vehicles registered address. I do not support from removing police from DUI enforcement, excessive speeding, drag racing or other reckless driving.

Trails - repaving

Do you support fully funding the budget request of the Parks Department to include monies for repaving the Sligo, Rock Creek and Capital Crescent Trails?

Yes No _____

Tunnel

Do you support funding the \$55m project for this important regional trail connection through downtown Bethesda?

Yes No _____

Do you support funding that will complete construction of the project within the current FY 23-28 CIP period or sooner/later?

Yes No _____

270 widening

Do you support or oppose the proposal to widen parts of I-495 and I-270 to add four express toll lanes?

Support _____ Oppose

Why or why not? And how would you show that support or opposition. Do you support other new highways or road expansions?

I oppose the state's proposed Managed Lanes project because it will likely result in more traffic, it has unresolved stormwater management issues, and it will negatively impact cultural and

historical resources. I would demonstrate this position by voting to withdraw the county's support for the project from the Transportation Planning Board. The only road project that I support is the Burtonsville Access Road, which has more to do with traffic safety than congestion because it provides another means of egress from businesses on the northside of MD 198.

Vision Zero

Vision Zero - is it working and if not, what needs to be done by the County to achieve the goal of zero deaths due to traffic crashes? What would you do to work with the State Highway Administration to achieve true Vision Zero?

Vision Zero is not working as evidenced by the fact that traffic fatalities are up. I would work with SHA and the State Delegation to implement funding for improvements in bicycle and pedestrian priority areas as identified under the state statute. I would also push the Delegation to require SHA to prove conformance with any local master/sector plan and bicycle/pedestrian plan on every single project. Lastly, I would encourage SHA and the County to use predictive analysis to identify commonalities between crash sites so that potential improvements can be identified.

Transportation Equity Pledge

[Will you sign our transportation equity pledge?](#)

Yes, I have signed already.

Link to sign: <https://waba.org/blog/2022/01/transportation-equity-pledge-for-2022-candidates/>