



D4W3 Answers to the WABA 2022 Primary Election Candidate Questionnaire for Ward Races

Bike Network

Despite the Mayor's pledge to eliminate all traffic deaths on DC streets, fatalities from car crashes reached its highest levels since 2017, even while other Vision Zero cities are saving dozens of lives every year.

Question: Do you support [DDOT's plan](#) to expand the protected bike lane network by 10 miles every year for the next 3 years – including and all the bike lane projects in your ward?

Yes No

Question: What will you do to ensure the protected bike lane projects in your ward get completed in a timely manner?

I grew up riding a bike in Ward 3. Now, I am running to represent Ward 3 and realize that our Ward is full of motorists, not cyclists. I support bike lane construction where there is room in the right-of-way so that lanes are not taken away from motorists. For example, bike lanes work well on one-way streets like R St. near Dupont Circle or on 15th St. NW. Pennsylvania Ave between the White House and the Capitol, the widest avenue in the District, accommodates its cycle track in the middle of the avenue well. They will not work on Connecticut Avenue in Ward 3. The diminishment of vehicular lanes there would negatively impact business, delivery, parking, motorists, side streets, pedestrians, and bus riders, including ADA riders. It is important to recognize that not everyone can ride a bike and we must accommodate their needs as well. Motorists and cyclists can coexist well in the District of Columbia. We must respect one another. DC has become anti-motorist and that hurts our downtown working economy and encourages residents with cars, thousands of whom live in Ward 3, to move to Virginia or Maryland.

Budget

Bike lanes are an incentive for District residents who choose to travel in ways that conserve land, energy, and fuel and they also fight climate change. DDOT's long-range plan envisions miles of protected bicycle lanes – which makes bicycling safer, easier and more popular and also reduces fuel use.

Question: Will you press DDOT to accelerate plans for more protected bike lanes (which may repurpose driving lanes and street parking) and budget adequate money for DDOT to build these bike lanes? Including ensuring DDOT has the staff and resources in the budget to complete the projects at a rapid pace?

Yes ____ No X

Question: What other budgetary biking and transportation items will you fight for and prioritize?

I am interested in studying, in a timely manner, the installation of attractive, strong, and well supported, protective bollards adjacent to outdoor restaurant cafes like the Parthenon so that tragic accidents that kill outdoor restaurant goers in DC do not occur. Lastly, moving violation ticket enforcement should be reciprocal with Maryland and Virginia. Repeatedly unsafe motorists are not welcome in any jurisdiction. Speed, stop sign, and redlight cameras that are designed and installed around safety first, revenue second, should be generate violations that must be paid prior to vehicle registration renewal regardless if the violations occurred in DC, MD, or VA.

Trails Network

The Capital Trails Coalition seeks to create a world-class network of multi-use trails that are equitably distributed throughout the Washington DC region. The Coalition is in the process of finding funding to complete 800 miles of planned trails into pavement that people can walk and bike on. Trails are an economic boost for local economies and improve the health and well being of communities, would you support DC, alongside MD and VA, dedicating funding to complete our regional trail network?

Yes X No ____

Further explain how you would advocate for the completion of the DC's portion of the Trail Network?

I support regionalism. Let us enhance our regional trail network. Connected trails between DC, MD, and VA are wonderful. The trail improvements in Rock Creek Park are going to be fantastic. The construction of the trail from the east, down Piney Branch Parkway is long overdue. As a member of the Council, I will advocate for combined regional support of trails. I will also advocate for DC control over neglected Federal Land, particularly in Ward 3, and that could lead to more trails as well. Lastly, I am a hiker. Certain hiking trails should not be paved, for example we must not pave the historic tow path adjacent to the C & O Canal. We must be considerate of our hiking community as well as our biking community.

Vision Zero

Do you support the recent bills before the Transportation Committee, that would ban right turn on reds and permit the so-called Idaho stop?

Yes __ No X

Vision Zero - is it working and if not, what needs to be done by the District to achieve the goal of zero deaths due to traffic crashes?

I appreciate the aspirational goals of Vision Zero. However, the goal of zero deaths due to traffic crashes is not attainable. Let us not set ourselves up for failure by creating unrealistic

expectations. That is bad politics and bad business. Instead, let us improve safety through thoughtful design and technological improvements, while respecting citizens who choose to get from point A to point B by bike, foot, car, bus, or rail.

Transportation Equity Priorities

If elected or re-elected this year, what policy(s) or legislation will you pursue in your upcoming term to ensure our transportation system is equitably moving forward?

The most cost-effective way for moving people from point A to point B is by bus. Buses are the best way for seniors and those traveling with young children to navigate Washington, DC. Let us study, in a timely and comprehensive manner, new bus routes and ways to make riding the bus attractive. Then let us make smart new investments in Metro Bus.

Transportation Equity Pledge

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

Unfortunately, your transportation equity pledge covers more than I can sign on to at this time. Thank you for your civic involvement and for providing me and the other candidates with a well-run forum for transportation discourse in Washington, DC.

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