

2022 Primary Election Candidate Questionnaire for Ward Races

Dear Candidate,

We ask that you complete our questionnaire so we understand your views on the pressing transportation issues facing DC. Your answers will be given to our membership and shared on social media for strictly education purposes only.

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 4/18. Please email the questionnaire responses to 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.

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Sincerely,

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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? **As the Ward 3 Councilmember I will work with DDOT and the Council to ensure that there funds available in the budget to support the implementation of and expansion of the bike network.**

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

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

We need to implement protected bike lanes, but also make the sidewalks safe for pedestrian and implement either floating bus lanes or dedicated bus lanes so that people who can not cycle have transportation options.

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 No

Further explain how you would advocate for the completion of the DC's portion of the Trail Network? **First we need to start with education the community about this opportunity and get feedback and support from all stakeholders.**

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

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? **Based on the number of traffic deaths it is clear that Vision Zero is not working. The two major infrastructure items that will reduce these deaths is reducing motor vehicle speeds and protected bike lanes.**

Transportation Equity Priorities

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

I am in support of the expansion of protected bike lanes, improvement the conditions of our sidewalks. pedestrian safety measures especially around schools, floating bus lanes and dedicated bus lanes. We need to make public transportation more reliable and affordable. I support public transportation subsidies.

Transportation Equity Pledge

Will you sign our transportation equity pledge? **Yes**

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