

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?

Take bikes off the busy road like Old Georgetown Road, Connecticut Ave, University Blvd and other busy 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?

If bikers want to share the road with cars they need to obey the same laws automobile drivers. I have seen too many bikers blow through red lights, ignore stop signs, cut off walkers/runners and so on.

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 X _____ However if the bikers want to find a way to fund through private sources. Perhaps issues a bike registration fees to pay for the paving would be ok.

Tunnel

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

Yes _____ No X _____

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

Yes _____ No X _____

270 widening

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

Yes X _____ No _____

Why or why not? And how would you show that support or opposition. Do you support other new highways or road expansions? Yes, I do support more road construction which include widening the beltway, I-270, extending the Bob Ehrlich Expressway. Building roads just makes sense. More people use cars to drive around town than bicycles. Less than 10% of Montgomery County residence ride bicycles. We must make automobile traffic a priority.

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 working, I'd work with State Highway to remove bikes from heavily trafficked roads. This would make the roads safer for drivers and bikers not being on those roads will reduce crashes of bikers running into cars.

Transportation Equity Pledge

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

NO This pledge would violate my Americans for Tax Reform's no new taxes pledge.

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