

## 2022 Candidate Questionnaire for Prince George's County Council and Executive

Dear Candidate,

We ask that you complete our questionnaire so we understand your views on the pressing transportation issues facing Prince George's 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 and with our members in Prince George's 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 4/2/21. Please email the questionnaire responses to me at [advocacy@waba.org](mailto: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

### Capital 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 Prince George's County, alongside DC and VA, dedicating funding to complete our regional trail network?

Yes  No

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

I have a long history in public office as a champion for building trails and other bike and pedestrian infrastructure and I will continue this work. I was responsible for getting the Rhode Island Avenue Trolley Trail built from College Park to Riverdale Park and Hyattsville, for building trails from Berwyn Heights to Indian Creek Trail and from College Park Woods to the Paint Branch Trail, as well as getting a pedestrian activated signal installed at the Trolley Trail crossing of busy Campus Drive. Several other trails that I initiated are in the planning process. One of my goals for serving on the County Council again is to connect as many of our Prince George's County neighborhoods as possible to our amazing trails system, and to continue to

expand our trails, including connecting the WB&A Trail to Bladensburg Waterfront and its trail connections, and connecting the Northeast Branch Trail to the Northwest Branch Trail through downtown College Park and the College Park Metro station, as well as extending a trail connection to New Carrollton.

### **Protected Bike Lanes**

Bike lanes would reward County residents who choose to travel in ways that conserve land, energy, and fuel and they also fight climate change. Expanding the number of protected bike lane miles in the County would make bicycling safer, easier and more popular and also reduces fuel use.

Do you support increasing funding to expand biking infrastructure in your District?

Yes  No

How will you ensure the expansion of off-street paths and protected bike lanes on major thoroughfares and connecting streets that are comfortable for people of all ages and abilities?

When I was on the County Council previously, I passed a Compete and Green Streets policy as well as requiring an adequate public facilities assessment for new development to look at what off-site improvements should be made to get pedestrians and cyclists to and from new development. I want to examine how well these have been working and tighten them up if necessary to ensure that improvements are being made to our bike/ped infrastructure. These issues of bike and pedestrian accessibility are at the forefront of my mind in considering development and in retrofitting our infrastructure. I am demanding of developers, Park and Planning, and the Department of Public Works and Transportation when it comes to bike/ped infrastructure.

### **Vision Zero**

Do you support implementation of the full Prince George's County Vision Zero Action Plan, and commit to making sure all action items are planned and implemented?

Yes  No

Do you support expanding funding for the infrastructure changes needed to slow traffic on your community's streets, and improve crosswalks and intersections to make them safer for people who are walking and using mobility assistive devices?

Yes  No

## Engagement

How will you work with your constituents to develop consensus infrastructure designs for your District that balances the community's desire for walkability, connectivity, open space and resiliency with vehicular traffic?

I will do what I have always done: include our neighborhoods in decision making, and engage them in the vision for improving bike and pedestrian infrastructure. Included in this is ensuring that we update our plans to include the most updated and progressive thinking on bike and ped infrastructure, demand that developers meet with the community before filing plans and that they include strong bike/ped improvements, and pass legislation if necessary to mandate the best infrastructure. I will also work closely with Park and Planning and DPWT, as well as the State Highway Administration, as I have in the past, to demand improvements to our roads, to build more trails, and to ensure that pedestrians and cyclists can get around easily and safely.

## Upcoming Term

If elected, what will be your signature legislation or priority that you will champion to improve traffic safety during your upcoming term?

I will be focused on getting people to and from the many future Purple Line stops in District 3 safely and efficiently by bike and on foot, as well as getting people to bus stops by bike and walking. This means building sidewalks and bike paths as well as better signalization along Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale Road, Annapolis Road, and the many communities along the Purple Line route. This is in conjunction and in addition to the many bike path connections I intend to get built connecting our neighborhoods to the trail system as outlined in my responses to questions above. I will also want to see the work I've already put in motion to expand trails, improve underpasses, and upgrade Baltimore Avenue completed.

## Town-Hall with WABA members

Would you be willing to meet with Prince George's County WABA members in a town hall setting to discuss pressing transportation issues this year?

Yes  No

## Transportation Equity Pledge

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

Yes. I signed the transportation equity pledge.

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