

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?

We need protected bike lanes throughout the heavy traffic areas of the county and paths through every place affected by purple line construction

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? Automation wherever possible

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?

Yes No

Why or why not? And how would you show that support or opposition. Do you support other new highways or road expansions? We're still not sure what the demand will be with people just starting to return to office work, so this is currently a solution in search of a problem. I am more in favor of public transportation expansion than I am any road expansion. I don't know of any new highways or road expansions that I would support; I know the Northwest area of the county needs more transit solutions, and reliable BRT programs would help in that endeavor.

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? We clearly aren't doing enough to keep bicyclists

and pedestrians safe, as evidenced by the continuing collisions in the area. There are too many roads without sidewalks and unprotected bike lanes to say we're doing enough, and the recent snowfall showed a lack of commitment to clearing these sidewalks to provide a safe and accessible way to get around.

Transportation Equity Pledge

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

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