

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. 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,

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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 would advocate for the completion of the County's portion of the Trail Network by voting to ensure funds are allocated to this project. Plus, ensure state funds, i.e., Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Recreational Trails Program (RTP) are used effectively.**

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?
We can see now there is a demand for better infrastructure and safer bike routes in this area. If elected, I will vote yes to better infrastructure and safer bike routes proposals and additional efforts are given the funding necessary to be fully successful. For example, without sufficient on-street bike lanes, the county doesn't have a system of safe bike routes large enough to permit people to get around, especially in our low-income areas. The benefits of better biking approaches are obvious. Well-established biking infrastructure could also induce daily life changes that lead citizens to become less dependent on automobiles and more likely to use different modes of transportation, prompting decreases in traffic congestion and smog.

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? **Over the years, we can see most of our infrastructure expenditure has been spent on infrastructure for automobiles. With Prince George's County being one of the last areas in the region to introduce a Vision Zero Action Plan to reduce major traffic incidents and deaths, this puts the county behind the rest of the region. If elected, I will work with law enforcement, emergency responders, the health department, the state highway administration, and other agencies to increase current approaches to carry out the Vision Zero Action Plan. As a team, we need to look at ways to decrease accidents in the county as well as looking at street/road designs, study speed limits in our neighborhoods, and study traffic volume on heavily trafficked roads, then use this data to make informed decisions.**

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 am an avid bike rider and a frequent mountain biker at Rosaryville State Park, I know the benefits of biking firsthand. If elected, I will work with my constituents to come up with incentives to decrease the number of automobiles on the road and advocate for safer bike lanes on our streets.**

Upcoming Term

If elected, what will be your signature legislation or priority that you will champion to improve traffic safety during your upcoming term? **My priority is to move away from a car dependent infrastructure. With more constituents choosing to walk or bike as an alternative to driving will decrease gas emissions, decrease in noise pollution, and aid in the fight against climate change. Increased foot traffic in those areas with shopping and dining could boost income for local businesses also.**

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**

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