

2022 Primary Election Candidate Questionnaire for Ward Races

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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?

Work with DDOT, advocates and the community to ensure timely execution through budget and oversight processes and ongoing check ins and to work together to address issues and resolve conflicts as they arise.

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 **X**

No

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

Bringing the Palisades Trolley Trail back to life. Lowering the cost to passengers for public transit. Strengthening bus service and adding dedicated bus lanes. Exploring the use of small buses for east west connection to business districts and transit hubs.

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 **X**

No

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

I will be a passionate advocate for this project through the budget and oversight process and working closely with advocates some of whom I have worked with on other projects for years. During the pandemic, I got an electric assist bike which I would take for 3 or 4 hour rides pretty close to every day the weather allowed. I have ridden much but not all of the existing trail network and am blown away by the asset it represents. We need to complete it. And, we need to connect it to resources in other jurisdictions. I am struck by all of the people who walk the Camino (Way) in Spain. I would love to see the trail from Washington to Pittsburgh emerge as "The American Way," creating a new kind of tourism along the way.

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?

It clearly is not working, but that is less a function of the ideas embedded in it than the slow implementation of them.

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 have signed the Transportation Equity Pledge. Legislation to implement it will be a priority. Moving immediately to strengthen WMATA will be a key priority. As such, pressing for passage of Charles Allen's legislation to give DC residents a SmartTrip Card refilled with \$100 in benefit each month and setting aside funding to improve bus service would be high on my list.

Transportation Equity Pledge

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

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

Signed.