

## 2022 Primary Election Candidate Questionnaire for Mayor

Dear Candidate,

We ask that you complete our questionnaire so we understand your views on the pressing transportation issues facing DC. Your answers will be given to our membership and shared on social media for strictly education purposes only.

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 4/18. Please email the questionnaire responses to [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,

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### **Bike Network**

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  No

*What else will you do to ensure protected bike lane projects get completed in the District in a timely manner? What other budgetary biking and transportation items will you fight for and prioritize?*

I have been working actively on increasing bike lanes for over a decade. I led efforts to increase funding for bikeways in DC on Capitol Hill working for Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton and have continued this work on the Council. I have focused on pulling more communities into this effort and creating community support for what has historically been a divisive issue. Well-intentioned people may disagree on this issue and it is the responsibility of the Mayor to bring people together to address concerns.

Expanding bike lanes is the solution to so many problems, from lowering the number of crashes and accidents to cutting air pollution to making our population healthier. But progress has stalled under Mayor Bowser, and there have been a record number of car crashes in recent years. As mayor I will speed up the process of creating protected bike lanes across the city.

### **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  No

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

As a father of two young girls who I love to bike with but am scared to do so with because of dangerous streets, I know that the Trail Network would improve so many families' quality of life. During my time as the twice elected Chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, I will use the relationships I have built throughout the region to work collaboratively with our neighbors to prioritize and execute on this project.

### **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?*

Vision Zero is not working. The number of people killed in traffic incidents has increased year over year in five of the six years since Vision Zero launched. However, the failure has not been felt equally across the city. Wards 7 and 8, with a population that is about 90 percent Black, had a combined 19 traffic-related deaths last year while Ward 3 had none.

Right now we have a system where the squeaky wheel gets the grease; problems are only solved when the community has enough resources to make their voices too loud to be ignored. We need to be proactively solving problems through evidence-based infrastructure adjustments

- that is why I am a proud co-introducer of the Walk Without Worry Amendment Act of 2021 and the Prioritizing People in Planning Amendment Act of 2022 which seek to do exactly this.

### **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?*

Public transportation for many folks remains inaccessible, unreliable, and expensive. Many people want to use public transportation but they cannot because it is cost-prohibitive or because the unreliability threatens their ability to get places in a timely manner. Mayor Bowser has not done enough to solve these problems which has led to low ridership. We need to ensure our buses run efficiently and reduce wait times so that people feel they can rely on the bus. This is especially true East of the River where for too long people's economic opportunities have been constrained by a lack of quality transportation. To do so, we need to increase dedicated bus lanes and invest in more buses per route. In addition, I support providing DC residents with a monthly transportation stipend to increase ridership and accessibility.

### **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/>