

Andrew Roberto - District Two

Introduction

Please briefly describe yourself and why you are running for Knoxville City Council.

I am excited to continue to serve you on City Council, because the job isn't finished yet and my experience as an effective member of City Council will allow us to meet the challenges of the next four years. We've been through a lot together. The 2nd district knows me, Knoxville knows me and how hard I work. You know my record as a passionate neighborhood advocate, champion for the environment and a walkable city. In a second term I will continue working to ensure all citizens have equal access to the same great opportunities I accessed growing up in Knoxville.

Use of Active Transportation

How often do you walk for transportation or recreation?

Somewhat frequently

How often do you ride a bicycle for transportation or recreation?

Occasionally

Allocation of Resources for Active Transportation

How do you feel about the allocation of resources to pedestrian infrastructure?

Needs to be greatly increased

Please explain the reasoning behind your response.

I worked to double the yearly budget for new sidewalk construction from 2017 to 2019. However in the last two budgets there has been no funding for new sidewalk construction. The 2020 sidewalk study is still in draft form and identifies the need for specific new sidewalk projects.

How do you feel about the allocation of resources to bicycle infrastructure?

Needs to be greatly increased

Please explain the reasoning behind your response.

In the 2nd District we have expanded bike lanes along the southside of Kingston Pike between Golf Club Road and Wesley Road, but more needs to be done to connect and improve bike lanes across the city.

Please describe what your active transportation priorities would be as a member of the Knoxville City Council.

Over the four years that I have served on City Council, I have worked to expand bike lanes, sidewalks, parks and greenways. I will continue this work to connect our community and provide multimodal opportunities in Knoxville.

Vision Zero and Active Transportation Safety

[According to the Knoxville Regional Transportation Organization, it is 11x more likely for a pedestrian or bicyclist to be killed in a traffic crash compared to a motorist. Vision Zero](#) establishes the goal of reducing the number of traffic fatalities and serious injuries down to zero, and provides a framework for accomplishing this while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all.

How likely are you to support Mayor Kincannon in passing a Vision Zero Knoxville resolution, which would convene a working group to develop and implement a Vision Zero Knoxville Action Plan?

Very likely

Please explain the reasoning behind your response.

Council had a work shop in January and learned more about Vision Zero. I support the data-driven approach we discussed and look forward to supporting the final resolution.

Please describe what your priorities would be as a member of the Knoxville City Council regarding safety for all roadway users, especially vulnerable roadway users such as cyclists and pedestrians.

My priority is to increase funding for sidewalks, bike lanes, and greenway connections.

Active Transportation Infrastructure

Please rank your infrastructure priorities. (1 - Low Priority, 10 - High Priority)

- Vehicle Roadways - 8
- Greenways - 8
- Sidewalks - 8
- Bike Lanes - 8

Please describe your vision for active transportation infrastructure in Knoxville, and how you would use your position on the Knoxville City Council to achieve that vision.

Continued investment in sidewalks, greenway connections, and bike lane expansion will provide opportunities to exercise all over Knoxville. An expanded active transport network not only can improve the health of our city, it can interconnect communities and provide

greater freedom to safely travel around Knoxville for everyone at every economic stage in life.

Miscellaneous

In respect to active transportation in Knoxville, what do you think the City has done well and what do you think needs to be done better?

The city has done a good job in identifying needs through the Greenway Corridor Feasibility and Assessment study which proposed 24 miles of greenway trails with 13 proposed greenway corridors. Likewise, the draft sidewalk study does a good job of identifying needed sidewalk expansion. Going forward we need to be more intentional about appropriately funding these needed infrastructure projects.

Is there anything else you would like to share related to active transportation, safety, and/or infrastructure?

I have a record of promoting and encouraging sidewalks, greenways, and bike lanes in the 2nd District and citywide. I will continue to work to appropriately fund these needed infrastructure improvements as they not only improve the quality of life in our city but also create a healthier environment for all who call Knoxville home.