

Candidate Questionnaire: People-centered Streets

Basic Information

If you would like to review a PDF of the entire questionnaire, you may find it here:

https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/livablestreetsalliance/pages/1689/attachments/original/1503520449/Candidate_Questionnaire_general_-_People-centered_streets.pdf?1503520449

Candidate name (first and last) *

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Office that the candidate is seeking (include city/town and district/ward number if applicable) *

Malden City Councillor at Large

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About You

1. Do you personally walk to destinations in your community? If yes, how often do you do so?

Yes

No

Comments

Daily

2. Do you personally travel by/ use public transit to get around? If yes, which trains and buses do you routinely use?

Yes

No

Comments

3. Do you personally bike in your community or commute by bike to other communities? If no, would you be willing to give it a try periodically, e.g. once or twice per month?

Yes

No

Comments

Policy proposals

Please articulate concrete and feasible policy and budgetary proposals to advance the following goals. If you would like to submit supporting materials, please submit them on page 6 at the end of the questionnaire or email your proposals to info@visionzerocoalition.org.

Note that there is a glossary available at www.visionzerocoalition.org/glossary_for_2017_candidate_questionnaire

*indicates a definition available in the glossary

1. How will you work to establish 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?

Seek Council support for a Safe Routes to School funding and Complete Streets Policies which have been turned down before. Seek CDBG funds for ADA work. Support funding for project managers who have the expertise to design and implement such projects. Work to build more advocacy for projects.

2. How will you improve the reach, frequency, and quality of public transit in your city/town?

I will speak for the 40% of Malden residents who rely on transit, walking and bicycling. I will work with Senior Action to build advocacy for more frequent public transit. I will support the "Millionaires Tax" to better fund transit.

3. How will you ensure fast-tracked implementation of a city-/town-wide network of off-street paths and protected bike lanes* on major thoroughfares and connecting streets that are comfortable for people of all ages and abilities?

I have already developed a "Malden by Bike" plan with the support of members of Bike to the Sea. The City needs staff with the expertise of city staff to plan and implement those projects. Primary responsibility for streets is now with the Traffic Commission which lacks an expertise in planning paths or bike lanes.

4. How will you increase access to biking in every neighborhood equally? What do you see as the major obstacles to encouraging ridership, and how will you address them?

Focusing efforts to connect neighborhoods to the Northern Strand Community Trail which can serve as a spine for a network.

5. How will you increase funding for biking infrastructure?

I will follow-up on successful grassroots fundraising by Bike to the Sea, foundation donations, dedication of meals tax and local bond funds.

Yes/no questions

Note that explanations for your responses are not required, but provide useful context and are strongly encouraged.

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http://www.visionzerocoalition.org/glossary_for_2017_candidate_questionnaire)

1. Do you support the adoption of Vision Zero* and funding for its rapid implementation? Vision Zero is an approach which aims to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2030 and has been adopted by several communities, including Boston and Cambridge. *

Yes

No

Please explain your choice

Our streets should be safe for all users and add to our quality of life.

2. Do you support lowering design speeds* through traffic calming measures* on downtown and neighborhood streets as a means of enhancing the safety of people walking, using mobility assistive devices, biking, and driving? This may involve the expansion and enhancement of programs like Neighborhood Slow Streets* (Boston) and Neighborways* (Somerville). *

Yes

No

Please explain your choice

Residents of Malden want safer neighborhood streets. Road designs and speeds needs to consider the safety of all users. Lower speed limits will allow safer designs to be considered and make enforcement of safe speed limits more practical.

3. One key strategy that has been proven to effectively reduce speeding, improve safety, and remove racial bias in traffic enforcement in other states and countries is automated enforcement (i.e. speed cameras and red light cameras). Do you support state legislation that authorizes the use of automated enforcement in Massachusetts, per the July 2017 recommendation of the National Transportation Safety Board*? *

Yes

No

Please explain your choice

I think Malden's efforts would be better dedicated toward road diets and traffic signal upgrades first.

4. Do you support redesigning space on the street in order to improve safety for people biking by creating protected bike lanes? *

Yes

No

Please explain your choice

I am supportive of protected bicycle lanes but also remain supportive of regular bicycle lanes. Unfortunately in Malden, our former city engineer and other councillors opposed bike lanes that can happen NOW as part of re-striping because protected bikes lanes could be safer.. but they are not working to design or fund protected bike lanes. As was demonstrated on Beacon Street in Somerville, painted bicycle lanes can create the justification for protected bicycle lanes in communities without a developed bicycle network. Malden has 1/10 the number of bicyclists as Somerville or Cambridge so advocacy is weaker.

5. Do you support the increased use of curb extensions* to improve safety and visibility at intersections, even if it requires the removal of one to two parking spaces? *

Yes

No

Please explain your choice

6. Do you support mandating side guards* for all large trucks operated or contracted by government agencies operating in your city/town? *

Yes

No

Please explain your choice

7. Do you commit to implementation of improved bike facilities identified in your community's Bike Network Plan or do you commit to the creation of a Bike Network Plan if none already exists? *

Yes

No

Please explain your choice

I already helped create the Malden by Bike Plan

8. Will you address age-friendly walking in your community -- an issue raised by many seniors as critical to their ability to "age in community"? If yes, how? *

Yes

No

Please explain your choice

I am reaching out to Malden seniors already in my campaign. I will propose making Malden an Age-Friendly Community and seek funds for "Safe Routes for Seniors" projects like a project I oversaw in Gloucester

9. Do you support the restriction of on-street parking during rush hour on major thoroughfares in order to provide lanes for the exclusive use of buses? *

Yes

No

Please explain your choice

I am supportive of looking at extending the Route 99 flexible bus lane into Malden.

10. Do you support exploring new ways of raising revenue to provide your city/town with more tools to improve conditions for people walking, using mobility assistive devices, and biking (e.g. congestion pricing)? If yes, please give examples that interest you. *

Yes

No

Please explain your choice

I support those efforts if communities can tie any revenue raising proposals to specific improvements as a means to gain community support. Traffic congestion and potholes are major issues that need to be addressed in Malden. Fixing those issues can also advance Completes Street goals. If presented in the proper way to the public, support can be gained.

11. Do you support the rollout of dynamic parking meter pricing* (i.e. increasing meter rates during periods of increased demand) in business districts to free up on-street parking and reduce cars “cruising” for open spaces? *

Yes

No

Please explain your choice

First Malden needs to consider whether to have on-street parking meters.

Supporting materials

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