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) *

Michael Ruggiero

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

School Committee

Name of person completing the questionnaire (first and last) *

Michael Ruggiero

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

- Yes
- No

Comments

 Mostly to the Magoon Park and Medford square with my children

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

 Usually, Red and orange line.

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

I love biking, just haven't had the time lately and Medford streets don't feel that safe. A bike path, like the minuteman trail, would really help.

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?

   This question is a little out of my reach in school committee. In terms of our students, however, I think we should establish bike lanes for children to reach school and add more blinking speed limit signs.

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

   It would be great if we could do a in depth, computer based analysis of busing in Medford. I would be happy to help with the coding.
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?

Again, this would be slightly outside the responsibilities of school committee, however, as a leader in the community, I plan to advocate for safer roads for pedestrians and bikers. Also, it would be nice to have a bike only path/road in Medford to connect the different communities.

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?

I don't really bike much in Medford because it doesn't feel that safe on our roads. Grants are available to add more bike lanes to the city, we just need to apply for them.

5. How will you increase funding for biking infrastructure?

Grants.

Yes/no questions

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

*indicates a definition available in the glossary (available here: 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

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
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

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

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

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

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

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
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

Supporting materials

If you would like to submit supporting materials, please include them in the answer field below or email them to info@visionzerocoalition.org

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