

# 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/1503520202/Candidate\\_Questionnaire\\_Boston\\_-\\_People-centered\\_streets.pdf?1503520202](https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/livablestreetsalliance/pages/1689/attachments/original/1503520202/Candidate_Questionnaire_Boston_-_People-centered_streets.pdf?1503520202)

Candidate name (first and last) \*

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Boston City Council District 7

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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

Weekly, almost daily.

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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

Orange line, Bus 41

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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

My wife and I ride our bikes through the city.

## 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](mailto:info@visionzerocoalition.org).

Note that there is a glossary available at [www.visionzerocoalition.org/glossary\\_for\\_2017\\_candidate\\_questionnaire](http://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?

I will vote for increased funding for safety improvements and will promote and push for better accountability around crosswalk violations. Recently, my wife, nephew, and I walked across a crosswalk and no drivers yielded to us. At that same time, we observed a Boston fire vehicle which did not yield to the pedestrians in the same crosswalk. These actions are routine in Roxbury and need accountability for safety.

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2. How will you improve the reach, frequency, and quality of public transit in Boston?

By advocating for more efficient, timely, clean and comfortable vehicles for riders.

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3. How will you ensure fast-tracked implementation of a city-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?

By holding hearings on bike and pedestrian safety and shining a light on the present and immediate need for implementation.

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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'll review the current plans, assess what best suits each individual community, and advocate for sensible changes that make sense.

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5. How will you increase funding for biking infrastructure?

I'll work with other councillors to address the issue of funding and push for increased support.

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## Yes/no questions

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

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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

Safety is a congested city is my number one concern.

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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

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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

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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

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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

Undecided.

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6. Do you support implementation of all of the Better Bike Corridors\* and other bike projects in the Go Boston 2030 Plan, and commit to making sure all short-term projects are planned and implemented within three years, and long-term projects are implemented by or before 2030? \*

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please explain your choice

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7. 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



8. Boston has many traffic signals that do not work well for pedestrians. Will you work to make signal timing safer, easier, and more convenient for people walking and using mobility assistive devices at all paces? \*

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please explain your choice

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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

Undecided

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10. Do you support the creation of a staff position within the Transportation Department solely devoted to managing transit in the City of Boston? \*

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please explain your choice

Based upon budget concerns and available funding

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11. Do you support exploring new ways of raising revenue to provide the City of Boston 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

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12. Do you support charging an annual fee for residential parking permits? \*

☐ Yes

☒ No

Please explain your choice

Undecided

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13. 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

Undecided

14. Will you help the community of Charlestown work with the City to develop a consensus design for Rutherford Ave and Sullivan Square that balances the community's desire for walkability, connectivity, open space and resiliency with vehicular traffic? (See context in the glossary under 'Rutherford Ave.')

☐ Yes

☒ No

Please explain your choice

Undecided

### 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](mailto:info@visionzerocoalition.org)

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