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1a. Which of the following modes of transportation do you use regularly in Cambridge? (Check the top 3.)

- Car
- Subway
- 4-to-6-unit building

Housing and transportation can be connected by adding bike paths, shuttle buses and parking to new construction.

1b. What types of housing have you lived in or owned throughout your life? (Check all that apply.)

- 4-to-6-unit building
- 600 character limit

Increase public transportation and make it more pleasant and user friendly so that not as many cars would be necessary. Also, Build new units with built in parking garages.

2. The Cambridge Cycling Safety Ordinance (a) requires that when streets designated for protected bike lanes in the Cambridge Bicycle Plan are reconstructed they must include those lanes in the project; and (b) sets a mandatory timeline for the installation of approximately 25 miles of protected bike lanes within the next five to seven years. Do you support the goals of the Cycling Safety Ordinance, and would you hold the city accountable to compliance with all its requirements and timelines? (1200 character limit)

- Yes

Remodeling the streets over time to accommodate more buses.

3. Quick-build bike, pedestrian, and transit infrastructure is a fast way to make improvements, while capital investments in street redesign can reshape the street to better accommodate a multi modal future. How do you consider the tradeoffs between capital reconstruction that will meaningfully fix the streets and create high quality infrastructure, and balance this with the short term benefits of quick build infrastructure? (1200 character limit)

- Fixing the streets to accommodate all is very important.

Put parking under buildings.

4. While the MBTA controls bus service, the City of Cambridge controls the streets the buses operate on. How would you accelerate bus service and bus priority infrastructure? (1200 character limit)

- Remodeling the streets over time to accommodate more buses.

5. The MA state legislature is considering creating a new dedicated governance board for the MBTA, emulating the Fiscal and Management Control Board (FMCB). Given this, how would you utilize the board meetings to advocate on important issues that might be outside the City’s control? (1200 character limit)

- Build a plan with our constituents and prod the board to follow it.

6. In a new housing development where space is limited, and parking adds substantially to the cost, how would you prioritize space/think about tradeoffs (between more units, parking, open space, etc.)? What would you do in the face of community opposition to developments that seek a different balance of these priorities? (1200 character limit)

- Put parking under buildings.

7. According to Envision Cambridge, 72.7% of new housing in 2015 was built within 0.5 miles from an MBTA subway station, with a goal of increasing to 75% by 2030. The plan separately cites declining housing affordability, increasing population, and increasing inequality in Cambridge. How will you ensure that lower-income residents have access to affordable housing near transportation? (1200 character limit)

- Shuttle buses.

Divide new housing into units for all. Make the house buying and mortgage processes easier.

8. In addition to increasing the housing supply for low-income households, Envision Cambridge identifies increasing the housing supply for moderate- and middle-income households as a key priority. What approaches would you take to meet these goals? (1200 character limit)

- Build 20,000 new affordable and net zero housing units by 2030.

9. Improvements to affordable housing in Cambridge requires not only increasing production and allocation, but also increasing the amount of housing that will maintain its deed-restricted affordability status. How would you try to reach Envision Cambridge’s goal of making 25% of Cambridge’s new housing production deed-restricted affordable by 2030? (1200 character limit)

- More units.

10. What actions or policies that fall under existing municipal powers (i.e., do not require a home rule petition) do you support to help prevent displacement? (1200 character limit)

- Strongly Support

1. The Massachusetts Vision Zero Coalition supports the removal of direct policing from Vision Zero goals, citing issues of equity and a lack of effectiveness in improving safety. You can read about these issues in the Boston Vision Zero Progress Report and the Coalition Statement on Gov. Baker Administration’s Road Safety Legislation. Do you support removing police enforcement from Vision Zero?

- Strongly Support

Please explain. (300 character limit)

Vision Zero should have a right to free views.

2. Police details are often required for construction projects and open streets events – it would save money and create jobs if community members were allowed to do this work. Civilian flaggers were first authorized in 2008 to help fill these roles in Massachusetts; nevertheless, these projects and events are still primarily staffed by police on overtime, and detail requests often go unfilled entirely. Do you support reducing police involvement in streets-related projects and events?

- Neither Support nor Oppose

Please explain. (300 character limit)

Police details do a better trained job.
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). The MA Vision Zero Coalition is specifically supportive of the following bills due to their strong protections around equity and data privacy, H.2426, H.2532, S.1545. If the State House passes this automated enforcement legislation and allows cities & towns to opt-in to a speed or red-light camera program, would you support your municipality using this tool?

Please explain. [300 character limit]  

Strongly Support

4. Many injuries from traffic crashes happen on busier arterial roads. Do you support traffic calming for high-crash intersections and roadways of arterials to prevent crashes and save lives, even when it means taking away parking or travel lanes?

Please explain. [300 character limit]

Strongly Support

5. Mode shift occurs when people get out of their cars and choose other ways of getting around. Do you support improving bus service through Cambridge as a way to increase mode shift?

Please explain. [300 character limit]  

Strongly Support

6. Do you support the rapid construction of quick-build protected bike lanes on the streets listed in the Cambridge Bicycle Plan?

Please explain. [300 character limit]  

Somewhat Support

7. How curb space is managed can impact many different city functions, including bus service, commercial delivery, and residential parking. When used effectively, curb space can speed up bus service with dedicated lanes, create safe biking infrastructure, and/or allow businesses to receive deliveries quickly and safely. Do you support conducting a city-wide parking study to evaluate how effectively curb space is being used?

Please explain. [300 character limit]

Strongly Support

8. The current price for residential parking permits in Cambridge is $25 per year, which is approximately $2.08 a month. For comparison, in Somerville, the annual parking permit fee is $40/year. Do you support raising the annual fee for residential parking permits?

Please explain. [300 character limit]

Somewhat Support

9. Do you support free bus service on the MBTA, and a low-income fare option for other public transit options?

Please explain. [300 character limit]  

Strongly Support

10. Adding parking to housing developments is expensive and increases the cost of housing. While mandatory parking minimums have been eliminated for low-income housing, many standards are still in place throughout the city for new developments. In order to create more moderately priced housing, do you support eliminating all requirements for a minimum number of parking spaces for new development?

Please explain. [300 character limit]

Somewhat Oppose

11. Do you support increasing density as a strategy for improving affordability and increasing housing stock?

Please explain. [300 character limit]  

Somewhat Support

12. The City of Boston and Boston Housing Authority have recently launched a city project-based housing voucher program. Do you support implementing a similar program for the City of Cambridge? Would you support expanding it to include additional funding and/or a mobile voucher program?

Please explain. [300 character limit]  

Strongly Support

A mobile voucher would help with transportation and traffic issues.