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03upright

10. How often do you ride a bike?

One or two times a month

11. As a councilmember, would you be willing to try to ride a bike a bike to work and would you make the same request of your

staff?

Yes

12. The city's [Street Smarts Task Force](#) recommends adding staff members to the city's Bicycle/Pedestrian program to help achieve the other task force recommendations. Would you make a motion for and vote to include money in the budget for at least two new full-time employees for the program?

Yes

13. The Street Smarts Task Force also recommends a permanent bicycle advisory commission or board with members appointed by the council. Would you support the creation of such a body?

Yes

14. In 2006, a former Austin mayor led a campaign for an ordinance requiring adults to wear bicycle helmets. (The current law only mandates helmets for those 17 and under.) Would you vote against a helmet law for adults? More info on the helmet law at: <http://www.lobv.org>, and <http://bicycleaustin.info/laws/helmet-laws.html>.

Yes

Comment: While this is not something I think can be enforced, I am a believer that helmets save lives. As we promote increased bicycling especially in central neighborhoods we should promote safety across the board which could include encouragement of helmet use.

15. Would you vote to repeal the current law for those 17 and under?

No

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16. A goal of many current city leaders is to have 25,000 people living in the downtown area, and with the influx of new infill and condominium projects, it appears that this goal will be achieved. The LOBV has a plan to mitigate the harmful impacts on traffic in the downtown area by getting more people on bikes and making it safer for them to ride. The plan calls for making the downtown area a bike zone (See <http://www.lobv.org/bikezone.html>) where bicycles are encouraged to “take a lane” and ride in the center of a lane for most downtown streets. Will you support this plan and funding for it?

Unsure

Comment: I need more information before giving a firm commitment, but I like this concept.

17. As part of the bike zone plan, the LOBV is also supporting a “commuter club” concept in which the city funds incentives for bicycle commuting. The club would include a “Guaranteed Ride Home” program through Capital Metro, free bicycle training courses, mobile bicycle repair vouchers, hubs with facilities for storage and/or showers, a possible network of health-clubs providing shower facilities and discounts from supporting businesses. Would you make a motion for and vote for the plan and funding of up to \$100,000 for the first year of the program and possible additional funding in future years for facilities?

Unsure

Comment: same as above. I like this concept, but would want more information before making a firm funding commitment.

18. As part of the bike zone plan, the LOBV is also supporting a public art project that would celebrate the bicycle and its role in Austin. Would you make a motion for and vote for the project and funding of up to \$100,000?

Unsure

Comment: I would need to know how this art project fits in with other public art projects before being able to commit to funding. Again, I like the concept.

19. Paris and other cities have launched downtown bicycle sharing systems in which users pay a small fee via credit card to rent a bike and then return it at the nearest station near their destination. Would you make a motion for and vote for a pilot project to start a system?

Yes

Comment: I've seen this system work in other cities and believe we should try it here. I would seek a public/private partnership to ensure the pilot is cash neutral.

20. This year (hopefully) the city will have the Lance Armstrong Bikeway, a project which has been some nine years in the making. Much of the route is considered a separate facility, meaning bikes are separated from automobile traffic. Would you make a motion for and vote for a directive to city staff to initiate a one-year planning project that lists five more possible bikeways, a prioritization of those bikeways and possible funding sources?

Yes

21. The Yellow Bike Project (<http://www.austinyellowbike.org>) has been extremely successful in actively promoting cycling by providing free bikes to the community and teaching bike repair skills to hundreds of local residents, especially youth. "Would you make a motion for and vote for an ongoing grant of \$40,000 per year, with an additional one-time grant of \$50,000 to build a permanent center for the organization?"

Unsure

Comment: I have always heard good things about The Yellow Bike Project. I expect to be supportive, but without having a context for how these grants fit with other grants I can't commit to specific funding levels at this time.

22. The city currently has a policy that does not allow parking in new bike lanes or on roads with bike lanes that undergo maintenance (http://www.lobv.org/docs/001_2008-01-10_Parking_Modification_Guidelines.pdf). However, if a road is undergoing maintenance, there is a possibility—following a process in the policy—that the bike lane would be removed. Would you make it a priority to retain bike lanes and prohibit parking in them, unless the bicycle community is agreement that the lane should be removed?

Unsure

Comment: It is a priority to maintain bike lanes wherever possible, but I understand there are circumstances that may arise that may cause closures.

23. Would you make a motion for and vote for changing the city's policy so that parking is outlawed in all bike lanes, unless a super majority of the City Council designates specific streets where parking in bike lanes is allowed?

Unsure

Comment: Again, in principle I agree with this, but I need more information.

24. Would you make a motion for and vote for a three-foot passing law (as proposed statewide by the Texas Bicycle Coalition) that makes cars pass bicyclists at a distance greater than three feet?

Yes

Comment: I support this, but would want our local Streets Smarts task force to take the lead on this recommendation before I make any motion.

25. Would you support a Sunday ciclovía (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ciclovía>) for Austin-- a network of streets closed to motor traffic each Sunday for public walking, bicycling, and skating?

Unsure

Comment: I like this idea, but would want more information before offering my support.

26. Will you work to get Austin to acknowledge and celebrate World Carfree Day (<http://www.worldcarfree.net/wcfd/>) on September 22 each year?

Yes

27. Will you participate in the annual "Political Pedal" ride—in which local officials join bicyclists for a short ride through Austin—to be held in late April. (Date and time to be announced)

Yes, I will try my best to attend

28. Will you support a Street Smarts Task Force recommendation for a city ordinance banning the use of cell phones by motorists and bicycles while moving? (The recommendation notes that "hands-free" use will be studied as a possible exception before enacting an ordinance.)

Unsure

29. Will you participate in the April 7 candidate forum—sponsored by LOBV, the Austin Cycling Association, and the Yellow Bike

Project.

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Comment: Yes, again!

31. If elected, you may end up serving on the CAMPO and/or Capital Metro boards, or you may simply work with them in your capacity as a public official. How would you make bicycle transportation a greater priority for these bodies in their planning and funding efforts?

I would support increasing the amount of money allocated to bicycle transportation whenever possible.

32. What would you do to promote bicycling and increase the number of people who use bicycles for transportation and commuting?

Besides the issues already discussed here, I would be an advocate for incenting local employers to do things that foster increased use of bicycling to work (i.e., providing showers, adequate storage, bike parking, etc.), and I would also make sure that as we attempt to more closely link land use decisions with transportation planning that we always include bicycling in the mix.

33. Additional comments?

thanks for letting me participate and sorry again for my date error.

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