

2022 Candidate Questionnaires

Nebraska State Senators

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District 18

Question 1:

Nebraska's state highways function as local streets within municipal boundaries while remaining under the purview of the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

What safety concerns are you seeing on these streets in your district's communities? (Are these streets safe for all ages and abilities to cross?) What should the state be doing to make these state highway segments within local areas safer?

Candidate Response:

Lack of sidewalks. High rate of traffic speed. We need to set multi modal standards for transit oriented design around development in our communities.

Question 2:

Too many Nebraska children have died or been seriously injured in crashes involving people running red lights or speeding. Automated enforcement measures such as red light or speed detection cameras placed at intersections with demonstrated safety concerns could reduce law enforcement burden and eliminate potential biases.

Would you support a change in state law to allow automated enforcement in Nebraska? If so, under what conditions?

Candidate Response:

Yes I would support that a champion funding to do so. Additionally, I would support increased effort for signage and crosswalks.

Question 3:

Workforce issues in Nebraska have been described as "the most pressing economic issue in the state" and "very quiet and...happening at record speed."

Knowing that young professionals increasingly prefer walking, biking and taking transit over driving, what should the state be doing to invest in or encourage active transportation options that will help stem the tide?

Candidate Response:

To attract and retain we must provide public transit, support bike protected lanes as well as focus on pedestrian safe sidewalks across the state. Let alone, environmentally friendly options. Younger generations want to be active and being focused on wider lanes and car centric isn't going to make our state a first option in relation to Kansas city, Chicago and Denver here in the Midwest.