

2022 Candidate Questionnaires

Nebraska State Senators

Candidate Name: Sarah Slattery

District 2

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:

The speeds that people travel on the highways through municipalities is of great concern. Oftentimes, drivers do not slow down to the posted speed limit, creating major safety concerns. There is currently a massive construction project happening on Highway 75 that makes it even more dangerous than it had previously been. There is no safe way for pedestrians or cyclists to cross 75 in Plattsmouth.

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:

In general, I'm not fully in favor of automated enforcement measures, but I absolutely see the need in high risk areas, such as near schools. I'm also concerned with the fact that in Plattsmouth, where I live, some of the main roads that kids walk on to and from school don't have any sidewalks at all.

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:

I would like to look more into a light rail system that would run between Lincoln and Omaha. It would save a lot of folks vehicle expenses and commute frustrations. And getting bus systems in place that can better service the suburbs into the cities would be a huge help as well. More park & ride options.