



**BICYCLE  
COALITION  
OF MAINE**

## **2022 Candidate Questionnaire - Active Transportation**

Maine residents throughout the state should all have access to safe places to bike and walk for work, school, recreation, or transportation. Currently, many people report that they do not feel safe walking and biking on Maine's roadways. By providing more active transportation (especially bicycle and pedestrian) facilities, we make every street safer for all users and create vibrant communities.

The Bicycle Coalition of Maine (BCM) invites you to share your position on issues related to making Maine a better and safer place to bike and walk. Your answers will be made public so voters can better understand your position on active transportation.

**Candidate Name**

Nathan Davis

**Candidate Office**

City Council

**Town/District**

Rockland

**Do you think active transportation should be a priority for the state?**

Yes

**Why do you think active transportation should/should not be a priority for the state?**

Active transportation is crucial to meeting our climate goals and is a tremendous boon for physical and mental health.

**Do you agree that Complete Streets (a design philosophy that provides safe accommodations for all users based on the context of the street) is the approach Maine needs to take when designing and reconstructing roads, even if it means prioritizing people walking or biking in certain contexts?**

Yes

**Do you support increasing funding for bicycle and pedestrian facilities, even if it means deferring some motorist roadway projects?**

Yes

**The number of pedestrian fatalities in Maine doubled in 2021 compared to 2020, and eight pedestrians and one cyclist have died on Maine roads in 2022 to-date (August). What will you do to make our streets measurably safer for people biking, walking, and using wheelchairs?**

I will continue to advocate for physical infrastructure to accommodate all users of public ways. This means spending tax money - but it's worth it.

**How would you support transportation options for the 24% of Mainers who don't or can't drive?**

Physical infrastructure like bike lanes and sidewalks, as well as public transportation.

**Forty years ago, more than 60% of school children in the US walked or rode a bicycle to school. Today, that figure is less than 10%. This decline in bicycling and walking and physical activity in general has been mirrored by dramatic increases in negative health impacts for kids. What would you do to reverse this trend?**

This is a complex question that involves many different issues, so I'll offer a broad answer: I'd like to weaken the assumption that driving is everybody's default mode of transportation. It's not, and it shouldn't be. To accomplish this, we need to elect people who view non-car transportation as valid and valuable, and even unremarkable.

**When was the last time you rode a bike?**

Within the last week

**Do you walk?**

For errands;For health/recreation;For other reasons

**Is there anything else you would like to share about active transportation in Maine?**

I am completely committed to promoting active transportation in Maine.