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Metropolitan **Planning Council**

April 13, 2022

Memorandum

To: Candidates for Secretary of State of Illinois

From: Active Transportation Alliance, Metropolitan Planning Council,  
and Ride Illinois

Re: Candidate and Voter Education Questionnaire

Active Transportation Alliance, Metropolitan Planning Council, and Ride Illinois are 501(c)3 non-profit organizations working across the state to promote better walking, biking, and transit. On behalf our thousands of members and tens of thousands of supporters, we encourage you to complete the following questionnaire. To educate voters, we will share your answers via our web site.

Please answer the following questions and email your responses to [kyle@activetrans.org](mailto:kyle@activetrans.org) by Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, please contact Active Trans Managing Director of Public Affairs Kyle Whitehead at 312-216-0473. Thank you.



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## 2022 Illinois Secretary of State Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

1. We live in an era when more Illinoisans from the ages of 8 to 80 are choosing to walk, bike and ride public transit. How do you incorporate walking, biking and public transit into your everyday life? **Do you routinely walk, bicycle or use transit for any of the trips listed below? If so, please circle.**

Walk:           to work or school           for shopping or errands           for recreation or exercise

Bike:           to work or school           for shopping or errands           for recreation or exercise

Transit:       to work or school           for shopping or errands           for recreation

Comments:

2. Transportation is linked to many of the challenges Illinois faces today in areas including public health and safety, the environment and climate change, and racial and social equity. What role do you see transportation playing in helping the state address these challenges?

Comments: *I AM DOING MORE RESEARCH.*

3. The pool of questions that could appear on Illinois driver exams includes several questions about how drivers should interact with vulnerable people walking and biking, but because the pool is so large (more than 400 questions) many drivers complete and pass exams without ever being asked about pedestrian and bicycle safety. Do you support or oppose requiring drivers to answer questions related to driving safely near pedestrians, bicyclists, and other vulnerable road users in order to complete their exam?

- Strongly support  
 Support  
 No position  
 Oppose  
 Strongly oppose

Comments:

4. Under Illinois Law and the Secretary of State's Rules of the Road, it is currently illegal for pedestrians to cross the street (when traffic permits) outside of marked/unmarked crosswalks or the walk cycle of a traffic signal. Fines vary by jurisdiction but generally start at more than \$100 for the first offense. Do you support or oppose reviewing Illinois' jaywalking laws and rules for their impact on safety and racial and social equity, and pursuing appropriate changes?

- Strongly support  
 Support  
 No position  
 Oppose  
 Strongly oppose

Comments:

5. Under Illinois Law and the Secretary of State's Rules of the Road, it is currently illegal for bicyclists approaching a stop sign to slow down and roll through the stop sign if no other traffic is present, rather than coming to a complete stop and restarting again. Fines vary by jurisdiction but generally start at more than \$100 for the first offense. Do you support or oppose reviewing Illinois stop sign laws and rules for bicyclists for their impact on safety and racial and social equity, and pursuing appropriate changes?

- Strongly support
- Support
- No position
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose

Comments: