

Ivan Harmon

Introduction

- ❖ Please briefly describe yourself and why you are running for Knoxville City Council.
 - *My name is Ivan Harmon. I am running because I love Knoxville and I have 5 grandchildren that I want to see that they have the same love that I have for our city. I have served 2 yrs on the old city school board and 12 yrs on city council of Knoxville and served 8 yrs on Knox County Commission. No other candidate has that much experience in our local gov.*

Use of Active Transportation

- ❖ How often do you walk for transportation?
 - *Occasionally*
- ❖ How often do you walk for recreation?
 - *Somewhat frequently*
- ❖ How often do you ride a bicycle for transportation?
 - *Very infrequently*
- ❖ How often do you ride a bicycle for recreation?
 - *Occasionally*
- ❖ How often do you take public transportation?
 - *Very infrequently*

Allocation of Resources for Active Transportation

- ❖ How do you feel about the current allocation of City resources to pedestrian infrastructure?
 - *Needs to be greatly increased*
- ❖ Please explain the reasoning behind your response.
 - *We need to make it more clear as to where the infrastructure needs more attention*
- ❖ How do you feel about the current allocation of City resources to bicycle infrastructure?
 - *Needs to be somewhat increased*
- ❖ Please explain the reasoning behind your response.
 - *Safety is the number one reason making the streets are marked for bike riders understand the routes*
- ❖ How do you feel about the proposed sales tax increase?
 - *Strongly disfavor*

- ❖ Please describe your thoughts on the proposed Five-Year Neighborhood Investment Plan as it relates to active transportation.
 - *It needs to be more clear as to what is being interdicted to the constitutions . And be aware of future developments.*
- ❖ Please describe what your active transportation priorities would be as a member of the Knoxville City Council.
 - *We need to be aware just how new developments effects the traffic flow in the areas to make it sale bikers.*

Vision Zero and Active Transportation Safety

Knoxville has made a commitment to [Vision Zero](#), setting the goal to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries on Knoxville's streets by 2040. A critical aspect of Vision Zero is focusing on safety for vulnerable road users, as [cyclists and pedestrians are 21 times more likely to be killed in a traffic crash compared to a motorist](#) according to the Knoxville Regional TPO. The City of Knoxville has a [Vision Zero Action Plan](#) to highlight the strategies and actions our community can take to make our streets safe for all users.

- ❖ As a member of the Knoxville City Council, what would your priorities be regarding safety for all roadway users, especially vulnerable roadway users such as cyclists and pedestrians?
 - *Streets being properly marked for bikers and utilize traffic calming to slow the traffic down. Speed bumps and some cases speed humps.*
- ❖ What opportunities do you see for the City of Knoxville to pursue the goal of zero roadway deaths and serious injuries?
 - *Educating bike rider of road conditions in some ares . And better street marking for all traffic.*

Active Transportation Infrastructure

- ❖ Please indicate your support for the following:
 - Sidewalks
 - *Strongly favor*
 - Please explain the reasoning behind your response.
 - *Pedestrians walking to work and exercising by walking on sidewalks.*
 - Unprotected bike lanes (bike lanes without any physical barriers providing separation from the lane of vehicular traffic)
 - *Somewhat favor*
 - Please explain the reasoning behind your response.

- *Barrie's would keep the bikers out of harms way. Unfortunately some streets aren't wide enough for barriers then street marking would help.*
- Protected bike lanes (bike lanes with physical barriers providing separation from the lane of vehicular traffic)
 - *Strongly favor*
- Please explain the reasoning behind your response.
 - *This would give protection from the traffic and bikers*
- Greenways
 - *Somewhat favor*
- Please explain the reasoning behind your response.
 - *Some greenways causes some Maintnace problem. But most greenways helps people to maintain there health by using thrm*
- Traffic calming (improvements in non-motorist safety, mobility, and comfort typically achieved by reducing vehicle speeds or volumes on a single street or a street network)
 - *Somewhat favor*
- Please explain the reasoning behind your response.
 - *Traffic calming helps slow traffic on cross streets from one area of town to the other. . Also slows traffic down in neighborhood streets*
- ❖ Please describe your vision for active transportation infrastructure in Knoxville, and how you would use your position as a member of the Knoxville City Council to achieve that vision.
 - *I would make sure our traffic engineering was doing studies as to what is need in each area of the city.*

Miscellaneous

- ❖ In respect to active transportation in Knoxville, what do you think the City has done well?
 - *Somewhat satisfying but there is room for improvement.*
- ❖ In respect to active transportation in Knoxville, what do you think the City could do better?
 - *Keeping Stormwater from running on to streets By keep drain pipes cleaned out.*
- ❖ Is there anything else you would like to share related to active transportation, safety, and/or infrastructure?
 - *Maybe let the engineering dept introduce a dept to oversee some problems in advance of it becoming a problem*