



Bodi White

1) Are you aware of Baton Rouge's increasing bicycling community and their demands for safer Infrastructures?

Yes

2) What are your plans regarding the development of safer environments for bicyclists in the city?

I support Complete Street policies that will develop safe bike paths and sidewalks along newly constructed roads and where improvements are being made with existing roads. I also like the idea of increasing the connectivity of the parish. If we can connect neighborhoods and areas of town then bicyclists have the option to avoid busy roads, which can be dangerous.

3) Baton Rouge has had two bicycle master plans, one in 1974 and the other in 1996; neither were implemented. Will you and your team listen to the concerns of your constituents regarding bike safety and commit to a bicycle/pedestrian master plan? What would be the timeline for implementing this plan?

I would be willing and ready to listen to community members who are advocating for safer environments for bikers and pedestrians in East Baton Rouge. Improving infrastructure in the parish is one of my top priorities and I believe the construction of bike lanes falls into that category. Addressing our infrastructure issues is something I will begin to work on as soon as I take office.

4) The position of Urban Transportation Coordinator has been left vacant since 2009 in spite of the fact that it is already budgeted for. When will you fill that essential position?

I can't give an exact timeline, but I will handle filling this position like I will handle all other positions. There will be an interview process of qualified candidates and then I will make a decision based on who I feel can best serve the people of East Baton Rouge Parish.

5) Bike Baton Rouge is committed to ensuring the safe access to bicycling on roads

across the city. North Baton Rouge is home to most of the city's bicycle commuters. What will you do to improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in North Baton Rouge?

I think it is important that bikers have a safe space along roads for them to travel, but I also think education and awareness are very important. It is important that drivers know how to share the road with bikers on streets where there isn't a bike line. I also think it is important for all bicyclists to learn about safety programs like Light the Night. Going forward, I would like the city to embrace smart growth and plan for future streets to be bicycle and pedestrian friendly. I would work closely with an Urban Transportation Coordinator to make these improvements.