

# Transportation Questionnaire for Bay Area Candidates

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**Name:** Joseph Rubay

**Which office are you running for?:** California State Assembly District 16

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**1. Which counties does the jurisdiction of the office cover?**

Alameda, Contra Costa

**2. Which forms of transit and active transportation (bicycling, walking, scooters, wheelchair) do you use on a regular basis and for what types of trips-- and why?**

Bicycling for fun and occasionally trips to the office.

**3. Would you seek additional funding for Bay Area transit and what form of funding do you think makes sense?**

Yes, for the right project.

**4. Public transit in the Bay Area is highly fragmented, with 27 transit agencies, each with different fares, schedules, branding, and customer information. Do you believe it should be a priority for the region to create an well-coordinated transit system? And as an elected leader or potential member of a local transit agency board, would you support state legislation that advances a more integrated, high ridership system, even if it diminishes local control?**

Yes, I think that would be a good idea.

**5. Transportation is the largest single source of carbon emissions in California, and in the Bay Area, and the largest share of transportation emissions come from single occupancy vehicles. What are your top priorities to achieve substantial reduction in transportation-related GHG emissions?**

Improving bicycling routes.

**6. The Bay Area still has road projects under development that would increase Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), greenhouse gas emissions, and air pollution. What decisions would you make about projects that increase VMT and pollution?**

Decisions that would benefit my constituents.

**7. Transit priority improvements are proven to make taking the bus faster and more reliable, while also reducing operating costs. Should local governments be able to stop transit priority improvements on local roads?**

If the local government has a better sense of what is best for their residents.

**8. What do you think are the most important actions that can be taken to make public transit comfortable, accessible, and safe for all communities?**

Reduce the size of the buses that appear to have only one or two riders on them.

**9. Traffic violence and deaths in California are increasing annually; in 2021, 4,258 people died in vehicle crashes, a 10.7% increase from the prior year. If elected, what will you do to reverse the trend, increase street safety, save lives and reduce injuries in our community? What policies or specific projects would make the greatest impact?**

Bus lines that have very low ridership should be combined.

**10. What do you think are the biggest access and mobility needs for disadvantaged populations in your district, and how would you propose to solve them?**

The public transit in my district appears to be meeting the needs of the mobility disadvantaged.

**11. In what circumstances do you support removing parking or repurposing vehicle travel lanes to create safer and more efficient bus, biking, and walking options? How do you propose balancing the demands of different interest groups who may disagree on how streets should be designed?**

It is important to know your District and support changes that make good common sense.

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