

COUNTY OF HAWAII`I

Proclamation

PLEDGE FOR THE EMBODIMENT OF THE COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

THIS PLEDGE FOR THE EMBODIMENT OF THE COMPLETE STREETS POLICY (hereinafter referred to as "Pledge") is made this 13th day of June, 2022, by the Mayor, the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Planning Director of the Planning Department, and the Administrator of the Mass Transit Agency of the County of Hawai'i. We gratefully acknowledge the efforts of the departments involved with the completion of the County of Hawai'i Street Design Manual towards the end of former Mayor Harry Kim's term and we now desire to formally implement such a manual to accomplish complete streets in the County of Hawai'i.

WHEREAS, increasing traffic congestion is harmful not only to roadway user, but to the environment and the economy of our County and State; and

WHEREAS, among the detrimental effects of increasing traffic congestion are increased fuel consumption and carbon dioxide emissions, as well as rising costs of transportation maintenance, new infrastructure, and lost productivity; and

WHEREAS a comprehensive plan to promote the use of non-motorized modes of transportation will serve to reduce traffic congestion and will be a first step in decreasing the County's and the State's dependence on foreign oil; and

WHEREAS the State Department of Transportation and the county transportation departments are required to adopt a complete streets policy that seeks to reasonably accommodate convenient access and mobility for all users of the public highways within their respective jurisdictions, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, and persons of all ages and abilities, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") section 264-20.5; and

WHEREAS the County adopted a Transit and Multi-Modal Transportation Master Plan as one key element in reducing traffic congestion, increasing mobility options, and enhancing public transportation opportunities, island-wide; and

WHEREAS, the County adopted a Vision Zero Action Plan with a goal of reducing traffic fatalities and serious injuries to zero, and calls for the implementation of complete streets design to ensure that all users of the transportation system of all ages and physical ability, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit users are adequately accommodated in all phases of project planning and development; and the safety and convenience of all users are considered in the planning, design and construction of a project; and

WHEREAS the administration is committed to fostering a sustainable Hawai'i Island where our keiki can thrive and succeed for generations to come; and

WHEREAS the County of Hawaii Street Design Manual is a tool that will be a major step towards accomplishing our goal of a sustainable Hawai'i Island by creating complete streets across our island.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned, pledge to the County of Hawai'i, in consideration of the above, to utilize and implement the County of Hawai'i Street Design Manual to build complete streets in Hawai'i County at every opportunity and to engage the public early and often in development thereof.

COUNTY OF HAWAI'I



Its Mayor / Mitchell D. Roth

6-13-2022

Date

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS




Its Director / Steven Ikaika Rodenhurst

6/9/22

Date

PLANNING DEPARTMENT



Its Director / Zendo Kern

6/13/22

Date

MASS TRANSIT AGENCY



Its Administrator / John Andoh

6/8/22

Date

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