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Aloha,
Please forgive the delay in getting these comments to you. I hope that they will still be considered.
Aloha,

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Dear Members of the Planning Department:

Congratulations on taking on the hard work of updating the Hawaii County General Plan Infrastructure section. Overall, it is a strong statement about the critical role that the County is playing to create a resilient, safe, healthy and livable communities.

The board of directors, staff and membership of PATH whole heartily support the following plan objectives, policy strategies and actions outlined in the presentation. As members of the bicycle and pedestrian advocacy movement in Hawaii, you have our whole-hearted support of the plan.

We concur with all of the following objectives, policy strategies and actions:

Multimodal Transportation & Connectivity

Sustainability Objective-Strive to achieve zero traffic deaths and serious injuries on County of Hawaii Roadways.

Policy Strategy-•Improve public health and safety by reducing speeding-related fatalities and injury. (182)

- Commit to adopting equitable traffic enforcement practices. (180)
- Focus on safe, reliable cross-island truck movement. (181)

Action-Develop a comprehensive, performance-based, island-wide multimodal transportation circulation plan and program. (2.85)

Mass Transit-

Sustainability Objective: Achieve a reliable mass transit system that serves the transportation, employment and social needs of our County to attract a 50% increase in ridership

Policy Strategy-

Prioritize expansions to the para transit and shared ride taxi programs for the elderly and disabled populations to ensure equitable access to services. (209)

- Create transportation hubs and bus stops with amenities that provide riders comfort and safety and that help support community and village gathering places. (213)
- Facilitate the transfer between modes of travel, such as

bike/transit transfer, and install racks on all buses to carry bicycles and surfboards, and develop bicycle lockers at transit hubs. (214)

Action-•Launch a public education campaign promoting transit services, tailoring them to target populations such as youth, commuters, and the elderly. (2.97)

- Investigate incentives to increase ridership, such as convenient bus ticketing systems,

reduced monthly rates for residents and special needs populations, adding airport and post office service, tourist passes, and online ticket purchase. (2.99)

- Upgrade equipment on all buses, such as bicycle racks and technology for transit mobile application, and expand maintenance facilities as needed to accommodate upgraded and expanded fleet.

(2.104, 2.107)

One additional comment:

We would also encourage the mention of expansion of the existing bikeshare systems in Kona and Hilo to add another transportation option for transit riders.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

