RESOLUTION

REQUESTING AN AUDIT OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR BICYCLE PROJECTS.

WHEREAS, bicycling has many benefits for the community, as well as for large and growing numbers of bicyclists on Oahu, including:

- Providing a convenient, effective, and alternative form of transportation that helps reduce traffic congestion and parking requirements;
- Supporting and enhancing physical health in an outdoor environment through exercise and recreation; and
- Representing an environmentally friendly activity that does not rely on the consumption of fossil fuels and produces no pollution. Every bicycle on the road represents one less automobile adding to pollution emissions;

and

WHEREAS, during the 2006 general election, Honolulu voters overwhelmingly approved a city charter amendment that makes it a priority for Honolulu to be a pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly city; and

WHEREAS, this priority is reflected in the General Plan of the City and County of Honolulu, which includes the following policy:

“Develop and maintain an integrated ground transportation system consisting of ... bikeways for recreational activities and trips to work, schools, shopping centers, and community facilities ...”;

and

WHEREAS, in order to implement this city priority and policy, the city council appropriated $1 million for bicycle projects (project number 1979063) in the Executive Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2008 (“FY 2008”; Ordinance 07-25); and

WHEREAS, the report: “Line-Item Details on the Capital Budget for FY 2008” (2007 Dept. Com. No. 148) reveals the funds would be used for various projects including updating the Honolulu Bicycle Master Plan, as well as providing planning, design and construction funds for bicycle improvements on Metcalf Street, Meheula Parkway, Kapahulu Avenue and the University of Hawaii area; and
WHEREAS, according to the Office of Council Services' report: "Issue Profile—Status of the City's Finances, 2010," over half (53.6%) of the $1 million appropriated for bicycle projects in FY 2008 lapsed; and

WHEREAS, in FY 2007, no bicycle projects were budgeted, and in FY 2006, over ninety percent of the $447,000 appropriation for bicycle projects lapsed; and

WHEREAS, the city council finds that this funding history for bicycle projects hinders the city's priority and policy to make Honolulu a bicycle-friendly city and to develop an integrated transportation system that includes bikeways; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it requests the city auditor to conduct an audit of the funds appropriated for bicycle projects to determine why such funding lapses at such a high rate and receives such low priority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council urges the city administration to recommit the city to help Honolulu become a bicycle-friendly city, and to ensure that all current and future funding for bicycle projects help further this goal; and
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the mayor, managing director, and the directors of transportation services and budget and fiscal services.

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

OCT 15 2010

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers
RESOLUTION 10-297

Introduced: 10/15/10 By: DONOVAN DELA CRUZ

Committee: EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

Title: RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN AUDIT OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR BICYCLE PROJECTS.

Links: RES10-297 CR-362

NOTE: EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2, 2010, COUNCILMEMBER DONOVAN DELA CRUZ, REPRESENTING COUNCIL DISTRICT II, RESIGNED FROM OFFICE. (Refer to Communication CC-i 192)

ON NOVEMBER 8, 2010, THE APPOINTMENT OF REED MATSUURA WAS APPROVED (Refer to RES10-313) AND HE WAS SWORN INTO OFFICE AS A MEMBER OF THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTING DISTRICT II TO FILL THE REMAINING TERM OF FORMER COUNCILMEMBER DONOVAN DELA CRUZ.

NOTE: EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 8, 2010, COUNCILMEMBER TODD APO, REPRESENTING COUNCIL DISTRICT I, RESIGNED FROM OFFICE. (Refer to Communication CC-i 193)

EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS 11/10/10 CR-362 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.

COUNCIL 11/22/10 CR-362 AND RESOLUTION 10-297 WERE ADOPTED.

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MATSUURA Y OKINO Y TAM Y

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

BERNICE K. N. MAU, CITY CLERK

NESTOR R. GARCIA, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER