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The Honorable Ernest Y. Martin
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Martin and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Draft Resolution Supporting Bikeshare in the City and County of Honolulu

We respectfully request approval by the Council of the attached draft resolution supporting the establishment and implementation of a bikeshare program in the City and County of Honolulu. Bikeshare programs provide short-haul transportation alternatives, enhance transit access and support transit-oriented development.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this request.

Very truly yours,

Michael D. Formby
Director

Attachment

APPROVED:

for Ember Lee Shinn
Managing Director



RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING BIKESHARE IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

WHEREAS, bikeshare is a low-cost, flexible public transportation service that provides on-demand access to a network of publicly-rentable bicycles; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, a Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative (HCEI) Transportation Vehicle Miles Traveled reduction working group and the State Department of Health identified bikeshare as a key strategy for reducing vehicle miles traveled and achieving healthy outcomes; and

WHEREAS, this led to the creation of a Bikeshare Working Group (BWG) with the goal of bringing a public bikeshare program to Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, the BWG was a collaborative group of public and private sector partners and individuals, including the City and County of Honolulu, the State of Hawaii, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, private foundations and educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu has an Oahu Bike Plan dated August 2012 that guides the Department of Transportation Services in bikeway planning for the entire island of Oahu; and

WHEREAS, the Oahu Bike Plan was prepared with broad public input via workshops, website questionnaires and draft reviews; and

WHEREAS, the Oahu Bike Plan encourages establishment of a bikeshare program on Oahu; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the League of American Bicyclists ranked Honolulu 12th among the country's largest cities for bicycle commuting; and

WHEREAS, with the support of the BWG, the City and County of Honolulu funded a Bikeshare Organizational Study which identifies the vision, goals and objectives for bikeshare in Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, bikeshare programs provide enhanced transit access and support transit-oriented development; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii enthusiastically endorsed bikeshare in 2013 and committed to partner with the City and County of Honolulu and private interests in the implementation of a bikeshare program; now, therefore,



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it hereby finds the establishment and implementation of a bikeshare program in the City and County of Honolulu to be in the public interest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council strongly endorses and supports a bikeshare program in the City and County of Honolulu; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council urges the Departments of Transportation Services and Planning and Permitting to devote their best efforts to the establishment of a public purpose bikeshare program in the City and County of Honolulu; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director and the Directors of the Departments of Transportation Services and Planning and Permitting.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers