CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 14-46

RESOLUTION

URGING THE MAYOR TO MAKE THE BERETANIA, YOUNG AND KING STREETS CORRIDOR A PRIORITY PROJECT FOR IMPLEMENTING THE CITY'S COMPLETE STREETS POLICY, AND TO INCORPORATE THE RECOMMENDATIONS PUT FORTH BY THE "BYK PROJECT" IN PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.

WHEREAS, in 2006, 76 percent of the island's voters adopted a City Charter amendment to make Oahu more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2012, the Council enacted the Complete Streets ordinance (Ordinance 12-15), which:

- States as a matter of broad public policy that the City is committed to encouraging the development of transportation facilities or projects that are planned, designed, operated, and maintained to provide safe mobility for users;
- Ensures that street designs accommodate all users (pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders) of the road, regardless of their age, ability, or preferred mode of transportation; and
- Reflects the importance of the Complete Streets concept that is found in other city policy and planning documents such as the Oahu General Plan, the Primary Urban Center Development Plan, and the 2012 Oahu Bike Plan;

and

WHEREAS, the Beretania Street, Young Street, and King Street corridor ("BYK Corridor") consists of parallel streets that together form a corridor stretching approximately 2.7 miles through urban Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, the BYK Corridor is centrally located within the "primary urban center," a designated growth area in the City's General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2000 Census (as cited by the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Environmental Impact Statement) reveals that over 25% of households in and around the BYK Corridor do not own an automobile; and

WHEREAS, the Beretania-Young-King Project ("BYK Project") is an organized community effort to make it safer, easier, and more enjoyable to walk, bicycle, and take public transit along the BYK Corridor; and

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WHEREAS, in order to achieve these goals, the BYK Project conducted a series of public meetings and workshops in 2012 and 2013 for the purpose of providing a forum for discussing problems and potential solutions in the BYK Corridor, and developing a "Vision Plan" on how to improve the BYK corridor (www.bykproject.com/dev/). This plan, which forms the basis of BYK Project efforts to secure funding in order to transform this vision into reality, includes the following recommendations:

- Pedestrian Recommendations: Improve pedestrian safety by 1) the construction and use of pedestrian islands and bulbs, which shorten pedestrian crossing paths, make pedestrians more visible to motorists, and allow pedestrians of all ages and abilities sufficient time to cross; 2) improving crosswalk markings; and 3) installing crosswalk signaling to alert drivers that they should stop for pedestrians;

- Bicycle Recommendations: Encourage safe bicycle riding by 1) constructing protected bicycle facilities, such as cycle tracks and bicycle lanes, on King and Beretania Streets; 2) installing traffic "speed lumps" to calm traffic on Young Street; and 3) constructing a multi-use path through Thomas Square to connect Young and Hotel Streets;

- Bus Recommendations: Improve bus travel speed by 1) constructing off-bus fare payment options at bus stops; 2) allowing multi-door boarding and the use of fare monitors on all buses; 3) incorporating passive wheelchair restraints on all buses that allow bus drivers to stay in their seats since there are no straps or other active restraints to affix to wheelchairs; and 4) creating bus lanes on King and Beretania Streets between Richards Street and Kalakaua Avenue;

- Bus Stop Recommendations: Make bus stops easier to use and more enjoyable by 1) posting bus schedules at all stops; 2) constructing map boards and wayfinding signs; 3) adding real time arrival information at major bus stops and transit stations; and 4) improving seating and shading at bus stops; and

- Community Recommendations: Improve the overall functionality of the corridor for residents and businesses by 1) making on-street parking permanent on King Street and Beretania Streets to provide customer parking, buffer sidewalks from motorized traffic, and implement curb bulbs and islands; 2) planting more street trees to provide shade, protect the sidewalk from motor vehicles and soften the look of the City; and 3)

provide more places for people to sit, foster community and support local businesses by creating miniature parklets in little-used pavement areas;

and

WHEREAS, the City is currently making efforts to implement the Complete Streets concept into transportation facilities and projects, including the following efforts:

- Conducting public hearings relating to Complete Streets Administrative Rules and a Complete Streets Checklist;
- Coordinating inter-departmental efforts to incorporate Complete Streets features into scheduled repaving projects, as well as incorporating Complete Streets concepts and features into future projects; and
- Designing and implementing three Complete Streets demonstration projects, including the Moiliili Demonstration Project centered on the Beretania Street and Isenberg Street intersection that is scheduled for completion in early 2014;

and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the City, in addition to using existing city plans, best practices of other jurisdictions, and current Complete Streets literature, can also benefit from the collective wisdom of the local community, including input and recommendations that are found in documents such as the Vision Plan of the BYK Project; and

WHEREAS, the BYK Corridor's central location and current transportation usage makes it ideal for a first-phase implementation of the City's Complete Streets policy that will be both prominent and popular within the community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Mayor is urged to make the BYK Corridor a priority project for implementing the City's Complete Streets policy, and to incorporate the recommendations put forth by the BYK Project in planning, design and construction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that monies already budgeted for Complete Streets projects in the Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Budget may be used for the BYK Corridor planning, design and environmental work; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after conducting planning, design and environmental work in 2014, the Administration consider Complete Streets funding for the implementation and construction of the BYK Corridor project as part of the Fiscal Year 2015 Capital Budget; and

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

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers