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TO: Members of the Honolulu City Council

FROM: Cycle On Hawaii

HEARING: 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 17, 2016

SUBJECT: Bills 8 and 84, Regarding Complete Streets - **OPPOSED**

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide testimony on Bills 8 and 84, which relate to complete streets. We are a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose mission is to promote self-transportation in a safe, sustainable and sane environment. That environment includes complete streets and safe routes to school (SRTS).

We are very concerned with Bills 8 and 84, which when taken together, would not only reduce the city's flexibility to implement complete streets and add to costs and delays but would also erode the entire foundation of complete streets.

Complete streets is a transportation policy that places **equal importance on all roadway users** with the goal of **making our streets safe for keiki to kapuna**. It's an approach to transportation planning that considers the community and context in which elements such as crosswalks, ADA curb ramps, bike facilities and roadway design work together most efficiently.

We are also concerned that safe routes to school projects could be negatively impacted if these bills are passed. SRTS projects include many of the same elements that complete streets do.

Obesity among children is a significant contributing factor to health problems later in life. We should therefore strive to make it easier for students to walk, bike or use means other than motorized vehicle to get to school.

Please do not add red tape to our complete streets policy.

We urge you to vote "no" on these bills.