



# KAILUA URBAN DESIGN TASK FORCE

*The purpose of the Task Force is to create, assist, coordinate, and implement urban design strategies for Kailua's Central Business District.*

**Date:** 17 February 2016  
**Subject:** City Council Bill 8(2016): Relating to Complete Streets

Honorary Council Members:

The Kailua Urban Design Task Force opposes the subject City Council Bill 8. Established in 1994, we are a 501(c) that advocates quality urban design in Kailua Town's Central Business District. Throughout many cities and towns across the United States, Complete Streets are becoming a mainstay of re-energizing safe streets for all.

This is a poorly written bill, narrowly tailored to favor automobile travel at the expense of other modes. In light of Honolulu's Charter provision [Section 6-1706. Pedestrian and Bicycle Friendly City -- It shall be one of the priorities of the department of transportation services to make Honolulu a pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly city.],

Bill 8 requires that every project's Complete Streets checklist be brought before the Council for approval before the project can receive any funding. The bill also requires that the Complete Streets design standards and guidelines developed by the City departments be brought before the Council for approval. In both cases, the Council would have 45 days to act or items would be considered accepted. This review would apply to projects on all of Oahu, not just the PUC.

The Complete Streets checklist must be completed for every transportation project, meaning that every individual project would have to be brought before the Council for approval. This is problematic in a number of ways - a) It would add significantly to the schedule of every project; b) It would represent an extremely high volume of projects having to be brought before Council; c) It would provide Council project-by-project approval over any Complete Streets elements to be included on any project; and d) the Complete Streets checklist is completed during the planning and design phase for most projects, which means the project must have already received this planning and design funding, yet Bill 84 doesn't allow for funding until it's complete and accepted.

We ask that the City Council vote to deny passage of Bill 8(2016).

Very Respectively,

Kevin Butterbaugh, Chair  
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cc: KUDTF Board of Directors