

TO: Members of the Committee on Transportation
FROM: Cycle On Hawaii
HEARING: 1:00 p.m. Thursday, March 3, 2016
SUBJECT: Bill 8 Regarding Complete Streets - OPPOSED

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Aloha Chair Manahan and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide testimony on Bill 8, which relates 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.

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.

It was stated at a prior committee meeting that the intent of Bill 8 is to have the council either approve or disapprove the checklists for every individual Complete Streets project. It is not clear how this would be implemented, however, given that all roadway projects go through the complete streets checklist process, and the bill requires approval before funding. We are therefore very concerned with Bill 8, as it would reduce the city's flexibility to implement complete streets and add costs and delays.

Cycle On Hawaii has joined the Complete Streets Coalition in expressing our concerns about Bill 8. We are thankful to have begun constructive conversations with the Council and look forward to working with you to better our Complete Streets policy.