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The Honorable Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Chair
and Members
Committee on Transportation
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Dos Santos-Tam and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: Bill 56 (2024) – Relating to the Use of Malls

The Department of Transportation Services ("DTS") and the Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR") support the intent of this bill to enhance the management and use of these important pedestrian spaces. The Bill would help the City's goal to revitalize the Downtown/Chinatown area. Additionally, the change would simplify the permitting process for the use of Downtown malls for public events.

DTS and the DPR support including the following Downtown/Chinatown malls within the scope of this legislation:

- College Walk Mall – As defined in § 13-1.1 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH);
- Fort Street Mall – The portion established as a pedestrian mall under § 15-25.1(b) of the ROH;
- Kekaulike Mall – The segment of Kekaulike Street between Hotel Street and King Street;
- Kila Kalikimaka Mall – The area adjacent to parcel TMK 1-7-026:010, spanning from College Walk Mall to Aala Street;
- Sun Yat Sen Mall – As defined in § 13-1.1 of the ROH;
- Union Mall – The portion established as a pedestrian mall under § 15-25.1(a) of the ROH; and
- Kauluwela Mall - Located across the stream of Foster Botanical Garden.

However, we respectfully request that the Council consider postponing this measure to allow for the preparation of a more comprehensive amendment to applicable provisions

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of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("ROH"). A preliminary review indicates that amendments may be necessary in at least the following chapters of the ROH:

- Chapter 13 (Streets, Sidewalks, Malls, and Other Public Places); and
- Chapter 15-25 (Pedestrian Malls).

We believe that a postponement would allow DTS, in coordination with DPR and other stakeholders, to draft a comprehensive amendment that ensures consistency and effectiveness across related ordinances.

Thank you for considering this testimony and for your continued attention to improving our city's public spaces. I am happy to answer any questions or provide additional information as needed.

Very truly yours,

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