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Support: 3

Oppose: 0

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HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORTATION, AND TECHNOLOGY
Wednesday, November 19, 2025 — 9:00 A.M.

Ulupono Initiative supports Bill 71, Relating to Shared Streets

Dear Chair Cordero and Members of the Committee:

My name is Micah Munekata, and I am the Director of Government Affairs at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food, renewable energy and clean transportation choices, and better management of freshwater resources.

Ulupono supports Bill 71, which addresses provisions related to shared streets by amending Chapter 15 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021.

Ulupono supports establishing a Shared Streets Program to create safe, accessible, and efficient spaces that prioritize pedestrians and non-motorized transportation users. The creation of designated shared street areas with traffic calming measures, enhanced accessibility features, and green infrastructure will help make our communities safer and more inviting for all who walk, bike, and roll. These types of programs have shown measurable benefits for local businesses, public wellness, and neighborhood vitality while also decreasing our island's carbon emissions. Investing in infrastructure that encourages safer street use and gets more people walking and biking is both urgent and necessary for building resilient, people-centered communities for Honolulu.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata

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Testimony of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

Honolulu City Council

November 19, 2025 at 9:00AM

City Council Chamber & Videoconference

Bill 71 (2025)

Relating to Shared Streets

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers,

The Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization **supports Bill 71 (2025)**, which establishes a Shared Streets Program to provide safe, accessible, and efficient spaces for all users, prioritizing pedestrians and non-motorized transportation and establishes a designated shared street area, requires the affirmative recommendations from the DTS Director, the opportunity for public participation, and Council approval by resolution.

This bill is consistent with several goals of the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) including supporting active and public transportation, promoting an equitable transportation system, integrating land use and transportation planning, and improving air quality and protecting environmental and cultural assets. By prioritizing pedestrians and non-motorized users and creating safe and accessible spaces, shared streets encourage more people to walk, roll, and bike. Creating safe, comfortable, and attractive shared spaces also improves mobility for those who cannot or choose not to drive.

Well-designed shared street areas serve as vital community spaces and encourage human-scale urban development patterns. Allowing the Council to establish a designated shared street area, with input from the public, and developing a corresponding implementation plan supports the ORTP's aim of enhancing quality of life through improved coordination between transportation and land use.

The OahuMPO is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization on the island of Oahu responsible for carrying out a multimodal transportation planning process, including the development of a long-range (25-year horizon) metropolitan transportation plan, referred to as the ORTP, which encourages and promotes a safe, efficient, and resilient transportation system that serves the mobility needs of all people and freight (including walkways, bicycles, and transit), fosters economic growth and development, while minimizing fuel consumption and air pollution (23 CFR 450.300).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Hawai'i Bicycling League Strongly Supports Bill 71 (2025), CD1, Relating To Shared Streets

Aloha Chair Cordero and Members of the Committee,

My name is Eduardo Hernandez and I am the Advocacy Director for the Hawai'i Bicycling League (HBL). We are a non-profit organization founded in 1975 with the mission of enabling more people to ride bicycles for health, recreation, and transportation. We strive to create communities across our islands that have safe, accessible, and inclusive environments for people to bike, walk, roll, and use public transit.

Hawai'i Bicycling League strongly supports Bill 71 (2025), because it adds key definitions and processes to the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu. These will help everyone to understand that our streets are a shared resource and affirm a commitment to municipal priorities including sustainability, complete streets policies, as well as Vision Zero goals to reduce traffic fatalities. These definitions align with our nonprofit's founding vision that a bicycle is a viable and accessible solution to many challenges facing individuals, families, and communities across the islands.

Oahu voters have repeatedly asked their government for solutions that help us to walk, ride, and roll safely on local roads while also building capacity for sustainability and resiliency in the face of a global climate crisis. In 2006, 72% of voters adopted an amendment to the Revised Charter to make the island more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly (codified as Section 6-1706). In 2016, nearly 55% of voters adopted a Charter Amendment to create the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency (codified as Section 6-107 and today known as the Resilience Office).

Bill 71 will further these voter-approved measures and help to highlight ways that we can collectively repurpose and adapt streets and roads so that they fulfill their shared purpose. I encourage you to approve this bill for further consideration.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Eduardo Hernandez
Advocacy Director