



DRAFT O'AHU BIKE PLAN IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT!

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Transportation Services has a new Draft O'ahu Bicycle Master Plan available for public comment. The 2009 O'ahu Bike Plan covers the entire island of O'ahu and provides recommendations to better integrate bicycles into the City and County of Honolulu's existing and future transportation system, to ensure transit is bicycle-friendly, and to help guide O'ahu towards becoming a bicycle-friendly community.

O'ahu Bike Plan themes

- > improved safety
> increased bicycle amenities
> connectivity and accessibility throughout the island
> improved education and enforcement for all roadways users
> improved social acceptance of bicycling

The City and County of Honolulu's current efforts towards achieving bike-friendly status include outfitting all City buses with bike racks; an extensive network of bikeways; a bike rack installation program; and a "BikeEd" program for O'ahu's 4th graders. The O'ahu Bike Plan identifies additional programs and policies to improve on current efforts, and identifies new bikeway projects to create a better connected and accessible bikeway network throughout the island.

The City welcomes public comments on the Draft Plan accessible at www.oahubikeplan.org. Comments should be submitted via the website comment page by August 31 2009.

PROGRAMS & POLICIES

The O'ahu Bike Plan includes a variety of Programs and Policies to help O'ahu become a successful and vibrant bicycle-friendly community, including:

- > Encouragement - to inspire and support residents to change their transportation habits to include bicycle use such as employee incentives and Bike to Work week.
> Engineering - to support the physical improvements built on the ground for bicyclists such as installing more signs and improving roadway maintenance.
> Education - to give bicyclists, motorists, and pedestrians the knowledge and confidence necessary to safely share the road such as expanding the 4th grade BikeEd program, and providing multi-modal access guides.
> Enforcement - to help bicyclists ride more often and more safely such as a traffic school option for bicycle-related tickets and strictly enforcing speed limits.
> Evaluation - such as conducting annual counts and surveys of bicycle trips to track trends, and compiling and publishing data on crashes/fatalities-all to provide feedback on whether implementing plan recommendations results in desired changes.



Keiki riders enjoying Bike Ed



PROJECTS

The O'ahu Bike Plan identifies projects for communities throughout the island, ensuring that facilities are where people need them, are connected, and serve high volume areas. A mix of lanes, paths, routes, and shoulder bikeways will create a diverse range of riding experiences while connecting existing facilities and creating an extensive island-wide network. High priority projects include expansion of Young Street bike lanes to anchor Honolulu's crosstown route; the Kalāheo Avenue bike route in Kailua and the Haleiwa Road bike path as part of the lei of parks; the Waianae Valley bike route as a loop ride; and the Mokuola Street bike lane extension in Waipahu to improve transit access. If all of the proposed facilities in the Bike Plan are built, O'ahu will have nearly 700 miles of bikeways.



Young Street bike lane

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PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Implementing plan recommendations will take time, money, and commitment. There are opportunities to creatively bundle "bikeway projects" into maintenance and new roadway budgets, park improvement and public works projects, and even community reinvestment projects. While new bikeways will certainly help to increase bicycling, it is the less costly, often more easily implemented programs and policies that will ensure bicycling permeates into the transportation culture. This requires active coordination with and participation by a broad array of agencies, organizations, interest groups, and active citizens to ensure successful implementation of the Plan.

CREATING THE PLAN

Creating the Bike Plan has involved considerable public outreach, alternatives analysis, and evaluation to ensure the Plan addresses all aspects of a bicycle-friendly community. Comments and advice received on the Draft Plan will be analyzed and incorporated into the Final Plan, which is targeted for release in Fall 2009.

