

Testimony: David Anglin, 08/21/2019

I have been riding bicycles for decades and strongly support any community that wants to get bicycles off the streets by creating affordable bicycle paths that are safely away from any motor vehicles. I have seen and heard of too many car/bicycle accidents which always make me try to ride in an area, preferably a bike path, where it is void of motor vehicles for my own safety and reducing my stress level.

I appreciate the communities that promote “share the road” policies, but in reality they really don’t work. There are a percentage of drivers who really don’t care about bicyclist and don’t care how close they get to them and thus putting a bicyclist in possible precarious positions. Just by honking the horn can cause a bicyclist to accidentally swerve the into the wrong direction and unfortunately most drivers don’t understand that this simple act of “alerting” the bicyclist can rattle even the most experienced bicyclist and possibly cause an accident. Not to mention the hazards of riding by parked cars and hoping no one suddenly opens their door. Even a very cautious bicyclist always stands a chance of being injured or killed.

Building affordable bike paths around the community will keep bicyclists safer in the long run and possibly reduce the need for emergency vehicles due to car/bicycle accidents, saving money and possibly lives, well worth the investment. I understand that you can’t prevent all accidents, but this is a great start. Safety first!

West Maui desperately needs bike paths, so I support any efforts to make our community safer and more enjoyable for all bicyclists.

Sincerely,

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