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Today, Honolulu ranks as number 3 as worst cities for traffic in USA. In 2013 it was number 2. Oahu planners and administrators did not plan properly to accommodate the population's transportation needs. Short sighted exclusive reliance on the automobile and creating infrastructure focused only on the automobile was a mistake. Now the struggle is how to mend the problem?

I beg CPAC members grasp of the potential danger we face here on Maui as well and start studying and supporting alternative means of transportation in your policies, using of the latest and best design criteria and guidelines, while recognizing the need for flexibility to balance user needs.

I am encouraged by the Maui Public Works Presentation to CPAC tonight in support of Complete Streets representing the recognition for the need to create a comprehensive, integrated and connected network transportation including walking and bicycling for improved safety, better health, increased efficiency and convenience of choices.

Bike paths exemplify the connectivity of a community to resources with the lowest possible impact to the environment and the maximum potential for public enjoyment.

People of Hawaii have long had a love affair with big cars. Cycling in general has never been very popular in Hawaii. We do have the best climate and topography in the world for bike commuting, but we don't do it.

Lots of people resent cyclists. They want them to disappear. No one wants to ride anymore – there are no bike lanes and it's dangerous. More often, motorists just don't or can't see them and run them over.

In likeness I have been asked to present a letter to County Officials from Carmella Jankowski whom writes;

*On March 19, 2015, my husband and I rented bicycles for one of our vacation activities. During the rental period, I suffered extensive bicycle injuries.*

*My husband and I biked to the coffee plantation which had very little traffic and allowed new bicycle riders an opportunity to become more familiar with the features of the bicycle. We then had to ride along the highway in order to bike near the beaches. On the way to return the bikes we again had to ride along the highway. It was approximately 2:30 p.m. and traffic was fairly heavy. When approaching the traffic signal (can't remember name of street, it is one light north of the Westin Kaanapali ocean villas), north and southbound traffic had the green light. As we proceeded to cross the intersection, a car pulled into traffic not looking both ways and nearly struck me. I had to immediately swerve to avoid colliding with the car. In doing so, I swerved with the bike and fell to the ground. Both of my legs were badly bruised and after seeing the hotel physician, I was instructed to immediately go to the Maui Emergency Room.*

*There I had xrays to detect injuries. Needless to say, it put quite a damper on the rest of my vacation.*

*The reason for this letter is to ask that Maui County provide an area where tourists (locals as well) can ride bicycles and feel safe while participating in family activities. We come to Maui to enjoy this beautiful island and be able to enjoy outdoor activities without worry of being injured.*

*I understand that there is a road that runs along the highway that would be great for this activity. It is the Lower Cane Haul Road. If this were available to use for bicycling, I think more tourists would take advantage of this activity. I would not feel comfortable riding along the highway if I had*

younger children with me. I just feel that a pathway that is not congested with traffic would encourage more tourists as well as locals to ride more.

Please forward my letter to the appropriate department so that as a yearly visitor to the island there could be a safe road for this activity. Mahalo

Carmella Jankowski

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Explicitly stating, safe walking and bicycling environment is essential to improving public transportation. Proper planning, budgeting and implementation to provide for public transportation customers and transit vehicles can create new partnerships and a transportation network that encourages healthy, active travel and reduces congestion.

We still have a chance here on Maui if we start now by providing infrastructure understanding that people who travel by foot or on bicycle are legitimate users of the transportation system and equally deserving of safe facilities to accommodate their travel.