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**Re: Hele On Kaka'ako and Complete Streets Demonstration, Sunday, May 12, 2013**

Dear Natalie,

The Alliance for Biking & Walking recognizes the health and livability benefits of connected, accessible, and vibrant public spaces.

In Hawai'i, it is an exciting time for non-profit community groups such as yours that are focused on improving physical health, mobility, and access for all generations. Following the adoption of Act 54 (2009 – "Complete Streets") by the Hawai'i State Legislature, your county, the City and County of Honolulu, through Bill 26 (2012), has now joined in the efforts of cities across the country to create a transportation network that fully serve all its users. This important policy advancement shows that leaders in Honolulu recognize the benefits to private business, citizens and community, and government that such a system brings.

We have become aware of your organization's exciting community event, *Hele On Kaka'ako*, being held Sunday, May, 12, 2013, in the Kaka'ako area of Honolulu. We are excited by grassroots efforts that support and promote healthy lifestyles and that work with government to create benefits for the whole community. We are also excited by the City's permissions and support to the community group, Cycle On Hawai'i, and the numerous professional and volunteer groups participating – including Alliance for Biking & Walking member Hawaii Bicycling League – to erect a temporary Complete Streets demonstration as part of the event.

This letter is to serve as recognition of yours and the City's efforts to host and demonstrate an event that promotes healthy lifestyles and the vehicles for transforming our environments to encourage such behaviors. We understand that the execution of new policies and practices (i.e., Bill 26 (2012)) can present legitimate, and perceived, concerns and hurdles. We would like to assure you, however, that though this may be the first such attempt for Honolulu, you are not the first city to create temporary Complete Streets demonstrations. Many cities across the country (Dallas, Memphis, Wichita and San Antonio just to name a few) have held this type of demonstration event, and successfully shown their community what a Complete Street looks and feels like.

Sincerely,

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