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April 14, 2015 2:45 PM State Capitol, Room 229

G.M. 806

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHAD TANIGUCHI, for a term to expire 6-30-2019

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the confirmation of Chad Taniguchi to the State Highway Safety Council. The Highway Safety Council advises the Governor on matters relating to the programs and activities within the State in the field of highway safety. Section 286-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Mr. Taniguchi currently serves on the State Highway Safety Council and continues to be a valued member.

Mr. Taniguchi has been a member of the Hawaii Bicycling League since 2003 and was selected as the Executive Director in July 2010. The mission of the Hawaii Bicycling League is to get more people to ride bicycles for health, recreation and transportation/environment through advocacy, education and events. As such, he will be an excellent resource to the board.

The DOT respectfully requests that this Committee confirm Chad Taniguchi to the State Highway Safety Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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April 13, 2015

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair and Members of the Committee on Transportation State Senate State Capitol, Room 229 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: Governor's Message 806 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Chad Taniguchi, for a term to expire 6-30-19.

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportations Services (DTS) strongly supports the nomination of Chad Taniguchi to the State Highway Safety Council for a term to expire 6-30-2019. DTS currently works very closely with Mr. Taniguchi in his role as Executive Director of the Hawaii Bicycling League (HBL). Mr. Taniguchi has been a leader in advocating for robust Complete Streets designs, greater and safer bicycle connectivity under the 2012 Oahu Bike Plan and improved pedestrian safety. I am confident Mr. Taniguchi will serve the State and the residents of Hawaii well as a member of the State Highway Safety Council.

Very truly yours,

Michael D. Formby

Director