



The Senate

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HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

March 25, 2016

People for Bikes
Attn: Zoe Kircos, Grants Manager
1966 13th St
Suite 250
Boulder CO 80302

Dear Ms. Kircos:

I am writing in strong support of the grant application submitted by the Maui Bicycling League in cooperation with the County of Maui, the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance programs and community groups like Na Ala Hele. The West Maui Trail, a safe bicycle and pedestrian route, is part of our 2003 Maui Island Bike Plan as well as the most recent West Maui Community plan which envisions a bicycle and pedestrian greenway from the pali to Lahaina town and on to Kapalua. The Maui Bicycling League has reached out to landowners, user groups and others in our community to take a public/private approach to make this vision a reality.

I look forward to working them as the West Maui Trail will benefit residents and visitors alike. In addition to being a recreational amenity, the multi-use trail will provide a health benefit for our community, too, as we strive to create more pedestrian and non-automobile centered transportation options. The trail will encourage more people to get outside, explore and enjoy Maui's natural beauty and move. Because of our network of former cane haul "roads" the infrastructure is already in place to implement this vision. Private landowners can benefit from the State's liability protection law for recreational users on private lands so long as there is no fee charged.

The West Maui Trail project is a win-win for our community. I respectfully request your favorable consideration of their grant request.

Best regards,

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Sixth District – South and West Maui