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SUPPORT FOR SCR138/SR122 Proposed SD1 April 5, 2022

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of this resolution and special thanks to Senator Lee for introducing this resolution.

The Thielen and Rodgers 'ohanas have been thinking for over a year on how to help celebrate the 50th year of the Lanikai Bikeway. When the bikeway first opened in 1972, the Lanikai Association threw a week-long schedule of festivities to celebrate (see the attached flyer) and this honor is a pleasant surprise to add to the celebration of the anniversary.

When our family first moved to Lanikai in 1968, Mokulua and 'A'alapapa Drives were both two-way streets – it's hard even for us older kids to remember what that was like, but we do remember the space being very constricted and we often rode our bikes on the grassy, sandy edge of the road always looking over our shoulders for cars.

Then in 1971, a near-collision affecting our friend Linda Bell led to a new focus on safety and involved some truly out-of-the-box thinking for that time. The creation of the bikeway was a boon not just for the community – kids could then ride their bikes more safely to school – but also to the wider Kailua community – many, many people each day use the bikeway to run, ride, skate, walk their dogs, or just walk safely to the beach. Our dad and the rest of the group continued working to extend the bikeway into Kailua town and this effort was finally rewarded with a ceremony in 1998 opening that section of the bikeway extending to Kailua. That extension vastly increased the safety and accessibility of the bikeway (especially with the new bridge over the Ka'elepulu Stream!)

It is truly a delight to see the stream of people enjoying the bikeway from our front door. However, on a more personal note, we cannot tell you how much joy it brought to our mom Barbara, who passed away in December, this past pandemic year in Lanikai – she delighted in greeting the many neighborhood dogs as they passed by with their owners.

Thank you so much for recognizing the achievements of our dad Ted Rodgers, our friend Cynthia Thielen, and the many other community members including current users Mollie Foti and Hoppy Smith, who worked so hard to bring this project to fruition.

Mahalo nui loa from the Rodgers Kids (Lynne, Sharon, Christie and Steve)

# LANIKAI BIKE WEEK

JULY 1 - JULY 9

PROGRAM OF EVENTS (Please Post) 3

Eight days of activities for young and old, for bikers and walkers, for doers and lookers. In dedication of the first community bike-hike way in the State of Hawaii. All are welcome. All events are FREE. So...On your bike and on your "Way".

SAT. July 1 GRAND OPENING OF BIKEWAY Dedication, remarks by representatives of State and City and County government, tape cutting, Bike-Hike Parade led by Royal Hawaiian Band, Bike Rodeo competitions. PRIZES! PRIZES! Drawing for 10-speed Panasonic bicycle donated by Eki Cyclery. Bike safety film, bike engraving, license applications. Refreshments available...bring sandwiches. Place...Lanikai Park. Time...Ceremonies start at 10 AM.

SUN. July 2 MUSICYCLE IN THE PARK...smash musical review by Fred Smith and Jim Haskins. Lyrics and Libations. Place...Community Center. Time...8:15 PM

MON. July 3 BIKE-IN CHESS AND CHECKER TOURNEY...Three boards, no waiting. Young and old. PRIZES. Place...Corner Lanipo and Aalapapa. Time...7:00 PM

TUES July 4 FIREWORKS Place...Lanikai point overlooking Flat Island. Time...Dusk

WED. July 5 KRAFTS FOR KIDS---All kinds Place...Community Center. Time...10-12 AM

THRS July STAR GAZING---Look at the stars over Hawaii with Will Kyselka, author of The Hawaiian Sky. Telescopes and staff help, courtesy of Bishop Planetarium. Place...Community Center. Time...8:00 PM

THRS July 6 COFFEE-IN Cycle, stroll, and sip Place...Community Center. Time...9-11 AM

CANOE CLUB CAPERS...Your chance to ride and race in an outrigger canoe with paddlers of Lanikai Canoe Club. All welcome. Place...Right-of-Way between Aala Drive and Pokole Way. Time...4:30-6:00 PM

SUNSET RIDGE HIKE...A guided stroll along Kaiwa Ridge Trail by William Dunford. Place...meet at Community Center. Time...6:00 PM (Finish 7:15)

FRI. July 7 MOVIE COMEDY NIGHT...Funny flicks for young and old. Compliments of HOPACO A.V. Department. Place...Community Center. Time...8:00 PM

SAT. July 8 FLORA, FAUNA, AND HISTORICAL WALK-A-TOUR OF LANIKAI...Starting in the garden of Mrs. Herbert Dowsett, a stroll through Lanikai with guides Mrs. Wm. Dunford and Mrs. Geo. Lipp, pointing out sights of scenic and historical interest. Place...Dowsett home, 1422 Mokulua. Time...9:30 AM

SUN. July 9 SUNRISE SERVICE...A brief non-denominational service on the beach as a new day begins. Doug Colbert Place...Right-of-way between Aala Dr. and Pokole Way. Time...6:00 AM

THE GREAT BIKE RACE...Twenty miles around the bikeway. Club race, sponsored by Hawaii Bicycling League. Refreshments for racers. Place...Community Center. Time...8:30 AM

BEACH VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY Place...Lanipo Right-of-way. Time...Sign-ups 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Our KOKUA to the following who have donated prizes for our Bike Week events: EKI CYCLERY, LIBERTY HOUSE, ECONOMY CYCLERY, UNIVERSITY CYCLERY, KAILUA HARDWARE.

CHANCE FOR MEN'S 10-SPEED PANASONIC BICYCLE!!!!!!  
Donated by Eki Cyclery) One entry per person. MUST be entered in person at Lanikai Park Bikeway Opening July 1, 10:00 AM. Drawing about 1:00 PM. MUST be resent to win. USE this form

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