

# LATE TESTIMONY

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Rep. Joseph M.Souki, Chairman  
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chairman  
Committee on Transportation

Testimony of Charley's Taxi  
HB 3004 relating to Transportation; Traffic  
TRN hearing Monday, Feb 11, 2008 at 9 am House Cf. Rm. 309

**IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 3004  
Rights-of-Way to Expand Capacity**

*Charley's was founded in 1938 and is Hawaii's oldest passenger ground transportation company. Charley's Taxi is a private, small business with about 250 taxicabs, vans and limousines. Our 300-plus drivers carry over 2.5 million passengers a year on Oahu. Charley's provides the finest, highest quality premium taxicab and limousine service in Hawaii. In addition to conventional taxicab services, Charley's offers boutique services such as MediCab, TaxiShuttle and Executive Taxi.*

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Charley's Taxi strongly supports HB 3004 to designate routes and rights-of-ways to address traffic congestion due to insufficient lane capacity on our state highways.

**ROAD RATIONING = TRAFFIC CONGESTION**

Hawaii is regularly vulnerable to natural disasters. Evacuation routes are woefully inadequate in coastal areas especially. Moreover, Hawaii can no longer ignore the challenges of congestion and capacity.

"One business at a time and one commuter at a time, congestion robs our nation of productivity and quality of life."

— Federal Highway Administrator Rick Capka, USDOT, 12/05/05 [i]

Since 1990, only 2.23 freeway miles has been added on Oahu despite substantial increases in residential units in West Oahu in that same period.

Traffic congestion today on H-1 today [ii] shows a Volume-to-Capacity (V/C) Ratio of 1.15 on H-1, Level of Service (LOS) F, (to become V/C 1.85 LOS F in 2030 with rail.)

Every county in the state has experienced a drop in road miles to population since 1970:

**1970 – 2000 POPULATION: ROADS, HIGHWAYS including unpaved roads**

**STATEWIDE:** Population increased 57% (769.9 to 1211.5 = 441,600)  
Roads, Highways increased 19% (3584.7 to 4256.1 = 676.4 miles)  
4.7mi/1000 population – 3.5mi/1000 population

**KAUAI:** Population increased 110% (27.9k to 58.5k = +30,600)  
Road/highway miles increased 28% (320.51m to 412.41m, net +91.89)

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11.5mi/1000 pop - 7mi/1000 pop

**MAUI:** Population increased 231% (38.7k to 128.2k = +89,500)  
Road/highway miles increased 19% (519.92m to 620.08m, net +100.16)  
13.3mi/1000 pop - 4.8mi/1000 pop

**HAWAII:** Population increased 134% (63.5k to 148.7k = +85,200)  
Road/highway miles increased 8% (1380.3m to 1493.7m, net +113m)  
21.6mi/1000 pop - 10.0mi/1000 pop

**OAHU:** Population increased 39% (630.5k to 876.2k = +245,700)  
Road/highways increased 28% (1212.2m to 1547.6m, net +335.4m)  
1.9mi/1000pop - 1.8mi/1000 pop

The need for HB 3004 is obvious. It is HDOT's primary duty to preserve rights of way for future needs.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Dale Evans, President & General Manager

Notes & References:

[i] <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/pressroom/re051205.htm>

[ii] Table 3-12, A.M. Peak Hour Screenline Volumes and Level of Service, H-1 Freeway, Kalauao Stream, Koko Head bound, Honolulu High-Capacity Transit corridor Project, Alternatives Analysis Report, Nov 1, 2006, [http://www.honolulustransit.org/more\\_info/library/files/Alternatives\\_Analysis\\_Chapter3\\_to\\_End.pdf](http://www.honolulustransit.org/more_info/library/files/Alternatives_Analysis_Chapter3_to_End.pdf)

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Testimony of Hawaii Highway Users Alliance  
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The Hawaii Highway Users Alliance (HHUA) is a state conference of the American Highway Users Alliance (AHUA, commonly known as "the highway users.") HHUA's mission is to promote highway safety, congestion relief, quality growth and freedom of mobility, to ensure a strong and efficient transportation infrastructure and distribution system for Hawaii.

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HHUA strongly supports HB 3004 to require Hawaii Department of Transportation to identify all existing and possible rights-of-way within each county that would facilitate the building of more lane miles and increase the carrying capacity of the highways within its jurisdiction.

According to U.S. Census figures for 2006, Hawaii's commuters had the 12th longest mean travel time in the country with a 25.5-minute drive time. The national mean travel time was 25 minutes in 2006.

Motorists are frustrated, sick and tired of chronic traffic congestion on our state highways, statewide. This measure is long overdue and needed.

Sincerely,

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> Testimony of Charles H. Carole

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> TO: Rep. Joseph M. Souki, Chair  
> House Committee on Transportation  
> SUBJECT: HB3004 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION  
> DATE: MONDAY, February 11, 2008  
> TIME: 9:00 am  
> PLACE: State Capitol Conference Room 309

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> My name is Charles H. Carole, Honolulu resident, supports HB 3004, which requires DOT to identify all existing and any possible rights-of-way within each county that would facilitate the building of more lane miles and increase the carrying capacity of the highways within its jurisdiction. For example, the City's Alternatives Analysis Report said that the level of service was F (congestion) on H-1 in 2005 and projected a level of service of F on H-1 in 2030 with transit improvement. The State DOT has not suggested any improvements to H-1. They are not now in the business of building new highway lanes according to the State's 2007 Program Memorandum.

> Elevated lanes in existing rights-of way should be considered as a possible way to increase carrying capacity of highways. I understand that funds not available to design and construct these improvements at this time, but this should not be a criterion to identify possible solutions for this report. Funding would be considered after this report.

> Under the Bill Section 2, DOT should be require to solict ideas and comments from engineering firms and academy as well as the cooperation with the counties.

> I hope you will pass this bill on to next committee.

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