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**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
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April 12, 2022  
3:00 P.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 224/Teleconference

**G.M. 841**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL PACKARD, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.**

Senate Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the nomination of Michael Packard, to the State Highway Safety Council (SHSC).

Chapter 286-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, establishes the SHSC which advises the Governor on matters relating to the programs and activities of the state in the field of highway safety. The state has adjusted the makeup of the committee from a group that was primarily government officials and safety advocates, to one that includes cross sections of all users of the highway system in our community. We believe the Gubernatorial Nominees will bring knowledge, experience and passion that will add tremendously to a council that will advise the department on eliminating roadway fatalities while modernizing the system to meet the current and future needs of our state.

Mr. Packard is a professional traffic engineer who has spent much of his career addressing solutions to improve transportation safety. He has worked with all county and state transportation agencies on policy, planning, design, and construction oversight of our roads and paths.

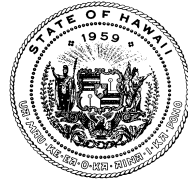
Much of this work has concentrated on improving safety and accessibility for the most vulnerable users, including those traveling on foot and on bicycle. Mr. Packard served as the first Complete Streets Administrator for the City and County of Honolulu. As administrator, he advanced efforts to implement complete street oversight on all city roadway projects through the coordination of a team comprised of multiple city agencies.

Additionally, he worked with the DOT on multiple roadway safety projects, including pedestrian studies and implementation along Kalaniana'ole Highway, the roundabout

study and design at intersections along Keaau-Pahoa Road, and the study and design of improvements for all users along Queen Kaahumanu Highway.

The DOT respectfully requests that this Committee confirm Michael Packard to the SHSC whose members serve without compensation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 841**  
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STATE**  
**HIGHWAY SAFETY COUNCIL, GUBERNATTORIAL NOMINEE**  
**MICHAEL PACKARD FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025**

SENATOR CHRIS LEE, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Hearing Date: 4/12/2022

Room Number: Room 224 and Via  
Videoconference

1 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) strongly supports Governor's  
2 Message 841 (GM 841) appointing Michael Packard to the State Highway Safety Council for the  
3 term expiring on June 30, 2025.

4 Mr. Packard is highly qualified to serve on the Highway Safety Council with his  
5 extensive knowledge and experience in multi-modal transportation planning as a Senior Traffic  
6 Engineer at SSFM International. He has worked on projects and plans statewide that focus on  
7 making Hawaii's streets and highways safer and more accessible for all modes of transportation.

8 DOH has partnered with Mr. Packard on a wide variety of projects over the past ten years  
9 that range from designing and implementing a wayfinding signage project on Oahu's windward  
10 side, to planning and participating in trainings and capacity building opportunities for  
11 transportation leaders, staff, and stakeholders, and elected officials from across the state.

12 DOH supports GM 841 and Mr. Packard's appointment to the State Highway Safety  
13 Council. He has a wealth of experience as a traffic engineer and an impressive track record in  
14 designing safe, accessible streets and networks to support, multi-modal travel and active  
15 transportation in Hawaii and will be an excellent addition to the State Highway Safety Council.

16 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**GM-841**

Submitted on: 4/8/2022 8:57:35 AM

Testimony for TRS on 4/12/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nolly Yagin	Testifying for County of Maui	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the confirmation of Michael Packard to the State Highway Safety Council. Michael is committed to the people of Hawaii and would bring great value to the Council.

Even prior to being made aware of Governor Ige's request before you to consider Mike for appointment to the State Highway Safety Council, I've felt that he brings the right mix to initiating change in the area of traffic safety here in Hawaii. Being one of only a handful of certified Professional Traffic Operations Engineers in Hawaii, he undoubtedly has the technical knowledge in the traffic field. The one characteristic that makes him stand to me is his enthusiasm. Anyone can say they want to make a difference. He doesn't just speak it, he shows it. His interest in learning, learning more, application of what he's learned, and his openness to innovations in the transportation field make him the right person. I know, I've worked with him.

I respectfully request your strong support toward the confirmation of Michael to the State Highway Safety Council.

# OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR

MICHAEL A. DAHILIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

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Testimony of

**Michael A. Dahilig**

Managing Director, County of Kaua'i

Before the

**Senate Committee on Transportation**

April 12, 2022 at 3:00 PM

In consideration of

**GM 841– Michael Packard**

**Gubernatorial Nominee for the  
State Highway Safety Council**

Honorable Chair Lee, Honorable Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of Mr. Michael Packard's nomination to the State Highway Safety Council. As a nominee, he is well qualified to fulfill this responsibility given his professional and life experiences, his temperament, and desire to serve.

I have known Mr. Packard in various community capacities for over a decade, largely in his work with the County with our community, land use, and transportation planning efforts – and have learned a great deal from him as well. I can attest to his cooperative and collaborative style, intellect, and good character. His experience in understanding how Hawai'i works makes his unique skill set in transportation planning a complementary addition to the Council. Also, his command of business experience and aloha lends to his ability to understand how we move, and how that translates into health outcomes for our community.

Mr. Packard has served both in the public and private sectors as a foremost expert in complete streets administration. In a consulting role with the County, he helped us secure a \$18M TIGER grant under the Obama Administration that lent to the redevelopment of our Lihue Town Core area in a manner that promoted multi-modal transportation options for our seat of county government. This work has spurred both more real-time equitable and healthy transportation modes, while spurring an economic renewal in our downtown area. He has also done a great deal of work during his time with the City and County, where we have aimed to emulate some of the innovative traffic initiatives he implemented on the ground.

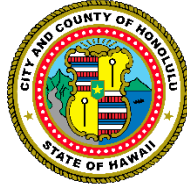
Mr. Packard's track record for service in other venues is well established. He has served on various community committees over the years, including professional chapters and bicycling leagues.

The Board and the State will undoubtedly be enriched by his service on this critical council. I have confidence in Mr. Packard's ability to make sound and deliberative choices in the transportation safety management of our state and respectfully ask this honorable committee to **ADVISE AND CONSENT** to his nomination.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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RICK BLANGIARDI  
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DAWN TAKEUCHI APUNA  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

April 11, 2022

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Transportation  
Hawaii Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Lee and Committee Members:

**Subject: Support for Strategic Highway Safety Council,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, Michael Packard**

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) **strongly supports** Michael Packard's candidacy to serve on the Strategic Highway Safety Council. The DPP staff have worked with Mr. Packard for many years on issues such as complete streets, transportation network analysis, and designs for street and intersection improvements.

Mr. Packard is highly qualified to serve on the Strategic Highway Safety Council with his extensive knowledge and experience of transportation safety, facility design and engineering, transportation policy, and how to implement innovative projects. As a Senior Traffic Engineer with SSFM International, he led the design and engineering of many complete streets and roadway safety projects, and supported several planning and policy initiatives for complete streets and transit-oriented development. He is accomplished at researching what kinds of innovative roadway designs have worked nationally and internationally, and understanding whether and how those new ideas can be applied in Hawaii.

In addition to his technical and design expertise, Mr. Packard has significant experience in educating community members and city staff, conducting design workshops and field audits, and is a strong advocate for making our neighborhoods and streets safe, comfortable and convenient for travel by pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

Dean Uchida  
Director



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**The State Legislature  
The Senate Committee on Transportation  
Tuesday, April 12, 2022  
3:00 p.m.**

TO: The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair  
The Honorable Lorraine Inouye, Vice-Chair

RE: Support for State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Michael Packard  
GM 841

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Keali'i Lopez and I am the State Director for AARP Hawai'i. AARP is a membership organization of people age fifty and over, with over 140,000 members in Hawai'i. AARP strongly supports the confirmation of Michael Packard to the State Highway Safety Council. Michael is committed to the people of Hawaii and would bring great value to the Council. AARP Hawaii has had the opportunity to work with Michael for many years. He is deeply knowledgeable about transportation, committed to multi-modal transportation options, and well connected with engaged individuals and organizations in our communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to support the confirmation of Michael Packard to the State Highway Safety Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keali'i Lopez". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Keali'i Lopez, State Director



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 — 3:00 p.m.

**Ulupono Initiative strongly supports GM 841, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, gubernatorial nominee, Michael Packard, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.**

Dear Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

My name is Micah Munekata, and I am the Director of Government Affairs at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food, renewable energy, clean transportation, and better management of freshwater and waste.

**Ulupono strongly supports GM 841.** Mr. Packard has over 20 years of transportation engineering experience and unparalleled insight in implementing safer streets across Hawai'i. His expertise and knowledge will provide important context to the many important discussions and decisions made at the State Highway Safety Council.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata  
Director of Government Affairs

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**GM-841**

Submitted on: 4/7/2022 6:49:49 PM

Testimony for TRS on 4/12/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael P. Matsumoto	Testifying for SSFM International, Inc.	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am submitting this testimony in favor of Michael Packard's appointment by Governor David Ige to serve on the State Highway Safety Council.

I have personally known Mr. Packard for approximately 13-years in his capacity as a Traffic & Transportation Engineer with SSFM International. He has demonstrated a high level of commitment to highway and roadway transportation issues and enhancements for the State of Hawaii. He has also consistently demonstrated a high level of professionalism in providing services to all of his clients and throughout his work activities with peers.

The State of Hawaii and the State Highway Safety Council will greatly benefit from Mr. Packard's membership on the Council.

With warmest regards,

Michael P. Matsumoto, P.E., S.E., FACEC

President/CEO

**GM-841**

Submitted on: 4/8/2022 10:01:26 AM

Testimony for TRS on 4/12/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lori McCarney	Testifying for Hawaii Bicycling League	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senate Transportation Chair Chris Lee and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Hawaii Bicycling League, I am writing in strong support of Michael Packard's appointment to the State Highway Safety Council. Michael has strong experience and skill in the design of our roads to improve safety for all users, especially vulnerable road users.

Thank you for your consideration to affirm Michael Packard.

Sincerely,

Lori McCarney

Executive Director

Hawaii Bicycling League



The Honorable Ronald Kouchi, President,  
and Members of the Senate  
State Legislature Hawai'i State Capitol,  
Room 409 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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Dear Senate President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

I wish to submit my wholehearted and strong support for the confirmation of **Michael Packard** as a State Governor's representative to the Hawaii State Highway Safety Council.

I have worked with Michael for almost four years in his multiple roles affecting transportation in Hawaii through his work with SSFM and the City. [Plus, I bike commute on many of his project bikeways and complete streets.]

He will bring an important viewpoint and skills set relating to the programs and activities of the State in the area of 'highway' safety especially as it supports Vision Zero goals and implementing best practices roadway design for safer active transportation on state highways (complete streets). His many years of professional engineering work in Honolulu in the design and operation of the bikeway network has built the physical foundation that has allowed Biki to be the success that it has become, as the 6<sup>th</sup> most ridden docked bikeshare system in the US.

The Biki system, which makes up a super majority of the daily bike traffic in Honolulu, has a very low reported injury rate, as compared to shared micro-mobility overall (i.e. 1/60<sup>th</sup> to 1/100<sup>th</sup> that of e-scooters nationally).

Thus far, the Biki system has served over 300,000 users who rode over 5 million trips which is equivalent to:

- Over 11 million miles travelled (half of which would have been car trips);
- Over 13 million pounds of CO2 avoided (vs mitigated);
- Over 444 million calories burned (important for type 2 diabetes avoidance).

Best regards,

Todd Boulanger  
Executive Director

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Executive Director

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Hawai'i Farm to School Hui

Hawai'i Oral Health Coalition

Hawai'i Public Health Training Hui

Healthy Eating + Active Living

Kūpuna Food Security Coalition

Date: April 11, 2022

To: Senator Chris Lee, Chair  
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee on Transportation

Re: Support for GM841, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL PACKARD, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Hrg: April 12, 2022 at 3:00 PM in Conference Room 224 and via videoconference

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Hawai'i Public Health Institute (HIPHI) appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in support of GM841 and Michael Packard's appointment to the State Highway Safety Council.

HIPHI is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the health and wellness of the people and islands of Hawai'i. HIPHI strives to be a bridge between community and partners from government and healthcare so that all relevant stakeholders throughout the Hawai'i are involved in decisions related to public health policy, programs, and investments. We believe we can play a significant role in the shift of public health from being primarily about treating disease to the promotion of preventing it. Our work includes food and agriculture, transportation and public safety, oral health, healthy eating + active living (HEAL), drug and alcohol prevention, tobacco prevention and control, COVID-19 response efforts and workforce development.

Mr. Packard is a senior engineer in SSFM's Strategic Services, with over 20 years of progressive traffic engineering and transportation planning experience. Mr. Packard has worked on several projects with HIPHI, with the most recent being a quick build demonstration project at the intersection of Papa Avenue and Mā'alo Street on Maui in March 2021. About 200 residents and Lihikai School staff, teachers and families participated in a survey last fall, sharing their experiences using the Papa Avenue – Mā'alo Street intersection. Public input was instrumental in the project design and street beautification. Aligned with Complete Streets principles and Vision Zero Maui initiatives, this quick build project included enhanced bike and pedestrian crossings, improved sight lines, back-in angled parking, and traffic calming features. The project also featured designs Maui artist Matthew Agcolicol to help beautify the intersection,

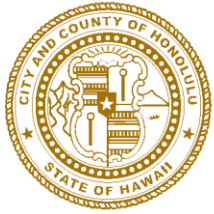
honoring the area's rich plantation history and giving a nod to the Lihikai Surfers.

Mahalo for the opportunity to strongly support Mr. Packard's gubernatorial nomination to the State Highway Safety Council.

Mahalo,

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Amanda Fernandes, JD  
Policy and Advocacy Director



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The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair  
The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair  
And Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation

**Subject: Testimony in Support of GM 841: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL PACKARD, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.**

Hearing: Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., Conference Room 224

I am writing in strong **support** of Governor's Message Number 841, relating to the consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council of Michael Packard, for a term to expire 06-30-2025. I have worked with Mr. Packard in my capacity as a City & County of Honolulu Councilmember and appreciate his knowledge, commitment and efforts to all aspects of transportation, including safety, as evidenced in his work in developing the City's Complete Streets program and in moving forward the Oahu Pedestrian Master Plan.

I respectfully request that this Committee confirm Michael Packard to the State Highway Safety Council as I am certain his expertise and experience will benefit the Safety Council's goal of improving highway safety across the islands.

Mahalo!

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Brandon Elefante

**GM-841**

Submitted on: 4/7/2022 6:40:21 PM

Testimony for TRS on 4/12/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Melissa May	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in strong support of the confirmation of Michael (Mike) Packard to the State Highway Safety Council. Mike has been a valued colleague since 2013, and I have worked closely with him on many transportation planning and design projects both in his capacity as a traffic engineer with SSFM International and as the City and County of Honolulu Complete Streets coordinator.

I can say without any reservations that Mike is wholeheartedly dedicated to the endeavor of providing safe transportation for all users of Hawaii's travelways, and that shows through in all of his personal and professional endeavors.

Mike's traffic engineering expertise has contributed to a multitude of significant projects statewide, notably the Waimea Regional Safety Study and Kawaihae Bypass Study on Hawaii Island, the Farrington Highway Corridor Study and Kalaniana'ole Highway Improvements on O'ahu, and many others.

Mike is a well established thought leader in planning and design for complete streets and multimodal transportation, having led the preparation of complete streets design manuals for two counties (Hawaii Island and Honolulu), and having served an instrumental role in Hawaii's first Vision Zero Action Plan for Hawaii Island, which was the recipient of a 2021 APA Hawaii Transportation Planning Award.

Mike tirelessly devotes his spare time to advocating for safer and more livable communities through participation in the Kailua Urban Design Task Force, Hawaii Bicycling League, and other organizations. He was instrumental in achieving SSFM's designation as a Bicycle Friendly Business (one of only two in Hawaii) and in establishing employee incentives for multimodal transportation.

In closing, I believe that the State Highway Safety Council is gaining a great asset with the appointment of Michael Packard and I respectfully request your strong support toward his confirmation.

Sincerely,

Melissa May, Senior Planner & Resilience Practice Leader, SSFM International



**GM-841**

Submitted on: 4/8/2022 6:06:00 AM

Testimony for TRS on 4/12/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ron Terry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

April 8, 2022

HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

TESTIMONY ON GM 841

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Michael Packard

DATE: Tuesday, April 12, 2022  
TIME: 3:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the confirmation of Michael Packard to the State Highway Safety Council. In both my professional practice as an EIS preparer and as a cycling enthusiast I have worked with Mike for 15 years in his professional practice as a traffic engineer. He is one of the bright lights in the State ensuring practical, safe multimodal transportation options as a regular design practice for State and County facilities. His experience, commitment, work ethic and intelligence will be invaluable to the Council and to the people of the State of Hawaii.

I respectfully request your support of Mike's confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council.

Ron Terry, Hilo, 969-7090, rterry@hawaii.rr.com

April 8, 2022

HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

TESTIMONY ON GM 841

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DATE: Tuesday, April 12, 2022  
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PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the confirmation of Michael Packard to the State Highway Safety Council. Mr. Packard is committed to the people of Hawaii and would bring great value to the Council. Mr. Packard is a passionate transportation engineer who can move technical work into practical application. He is not afraid to push for a great product, which will benefit all users of the roadway. Mr. Packard has more than twenty years of professional experience that has ranged from regional transportation planning all the way to design and construction management for critical transportation facilities.

I respectfully request your strong support toward the confirmation of Michael Packard to the State Highway Safety Council. We are fortunate to have some one of his caliber volunteer for such a critical position.

Sincerely,  
Chris Clark, AICP  
PO Box 1901  
Kailua, HI 96734

**GM-841**

Submitted on: 4/8/2022 7:38:37 AM

Testimony for TRS on 4/12/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
April J Surprenant	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the confirmation of Michael Packard to the State Highway Safety Council. He is committed to the people of Hawaii and will be a great asset to the Council. Mike is a leader in the transportation community statewide and is dedicated to implementing creative solutions to very challenging transportation issues. He has worked in all of Hawaii's counties and thereby will bring a well rounded and equitable perspective.

I respectfully request your strong support toward the confirmation of Michael Packard to the State Highway Safety Council.

**GM-841**

Submitted on: 4/8/2022 7:39:57 AM

Testimony for TRS on 4/12/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Stacey Miyamoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have known Mike Packard for many years and his passion for safe and efficient transportation is off the charts. He has been an advocate for complete streets and multimodal transportation for many many years and has done it in a way that inspires others to take a different perspective on transportation. In my 25 years in the engineering industry, Mike is the go to champion for anything related to traffic planning and engineering. He is one of the best. He continuously reaches out to his global networks to learn and grow in this ever changing environment. He is a thought leader on the subject and an expert in the field.

I support this appointment and wholeheartedly trust in his experience and commitment to the safety of the traveling public (car, bike, walking, etc.).

Please vote yes for Mike Packard.

Stacey Miyamoto

April 8, 2022

HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the confirmation of Michael Packard to the State Highway Safety Council. Michael Packard is committed to the people of Hawaii and would bring great value to the Council. He has volunteered his time to help our HBFT, Inc., and never hesitates to answer our questions. He is more than qualified to serve on the State Highway Safety Council and he deeply cares about the safety of our highways not just for cars, but for pedestrians and bikes as well.

I respectfully request your strong support toward the confirmation of Michael Packard to the State Highway Safety Council.

**GM-841**

Submitted on: 4/8/2022 11:59:40 AM

Testimony for TRS on 4/12/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mark Garrity	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Michael Packard to serve on the State Highway Safety Council. I have known and worked with Michael for several years. His background and experience as a traffic engineer, combined with his personal commitment to improve safety for all users of the transportation system, will make him an ideal member of the Council. I urge your support of his confirmation.

Mahalo,  
Mark Garrity

April 8, 2022

HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

TESTIMONY ON GM 841

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, **MICHAEL PACKARD**.

DATE: Tuesday, April 12, 2022  
TIME: 3:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the confirmation of **MICHAEL PACKARD** to the State Highway Safety Council. **MICHAEL PACKARD** is committed to the people of Hawaii and would bring great value to the Council. He has shown integrity, honor and respect to the people of Hawai'i, in his work as well as in his personal life and civic engagement.

I respectfully request your strong support toward the confirmation of **MICHAEL PACKARD** to the State Highway Safety Council.

**GM-841**

Submitted on: 4/9/2022 12:37:24 PM

Testimony for TRS on 4/12/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kevin Butterbaugh	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have known Mike Packard for about 10 years. We have served on the Kailua Urban Design Task Force (KUDTF) together for most of that time. KUDTF is a 501c3 non-profit organization focused on sound design and planning solutions for our Kailua community. Mike has brought a wealth of experience and solid ideas to the group over the years. Through his unwavering and proactive approach he has played a big part in getting pedestrian-friendly solutions implemented for Kailua.

Mike is also someone of upstanding character. He cares about others, is responsive, and trustworthy. I wholeheartedly support his confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council.

Mahalo -

Kevin Butterbaugh



**GM-841**

Submitted on: 4/9/2022 8:01:06 PM

Testimony for TRS on 4/12/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jon Young	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have known Mike for many years. His passion for road safety is evident in his work and his LinkedIn and Facebook posts. Mike is a strong advocate for roundabouts, which improve intersection safety. He is not only concerned about vehicular traffic; he also has demonstrated a passion for safe bike lanes for bicyclists and complete streets for all users for our right-of-ways. I support his appointment to the State Highway Safety Council.

April 11, 2022

Senator Chris Lee  
Chair, Committee on Transportation  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM841 – Michael Packard

Dear Chair Lee and Members of the Committee,


I support the confirmation of Michael Packard to the State Highway Safety Council.

Mr. Packard will bring tremendous experience in traffic engineering, transportation planning and management, and transportation design to the State Highway Safety Council. Having worked on numerous transportation projects throughout the State, he has extensive knowledge of traffic safety and enforcement, transportation corridors, circulation analysis, route location and the impacts traffic has on our State.

Mr. Packard's background in traffic engineering, planning, and design will provide tremendous benefit to State Highway Safety Council and I humbly ask you to confirm Michael Packard to the State Highway Safety Council

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Mr. Packard.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott W. Hayashi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a long, sweeping underline.

Scott W. Hayashi

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Submitted on: 4/11/2022 2:50:38 PM

Testimony for TRS on 4/12/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Natasha Soriano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support the confirmation of Michael Packard to the State Highway Safety Council. Mike is committed to the people of Hawaii and would bring great value to the Council. His extensive knowledge of Complete Streets principles and work in all 4 counties to develop complete streets polices have improved roadway safety conditions for the most vulnerable users across the state. His dedication to traffic engineering with the focus of transportation for all modes of travel is unparallel.

I respectfully request your strong support toward the confirmation of Michael Packard to the State Highway Safety Council.

Natasha Soriano

**LATE**

**GM-841**

Submitted on: 4/11/2022 5:23:09 PM

Testimony for TRS on 4/12/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
austen drake	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Committee,

I am writing to express my support of this appointment. I have known and worked with Michael Packard for ten years. His knowledge and expertise as it relates to traffic safety is second to none. He is a perfect fit for this position and will serve Hawaii well.

Thanks for your consideration.

Austen Drake, P.E.

**LATE**

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Submitted on: 4/11/2022 9:41:14 PM

Testimony for TRS on 4/12/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chad K Taniguchi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Michael Packard will be a valuable asset to the State Highway Safety Council. An accomplished and respected traffic engineer, Mike has the knowledge and experience to know what safety countermeasures are appropriate for different locations to bring about measureable safety changes.

He has worked as an engineering consultant for pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle projects statewide. He also worked as part of the Honolulu Mayor's team to bring together different departments for a common purpose -- to make streets complete for all users. This involved implementing new protocols and changing the mindsets of departments familiar with working internally, to have them work together efficiently to create complete streets as an integral part of their basic mission.

Mike has volunteered in his Kailua community to design a more walk and bike friendly community. When a bicyclist was critically injured in front of his home in the Awakea/Aumoe Street area of Kailua, Mike helped the victim recover and then helped the community organize to advocate for a non-ambiguous street design with speed humps to slow drivers down, and provide clear direction for road users.

Mike Packard is a dedicated and passionate advocate for road and highway safety in Hawaii.

**LATE**

**GM-841**

Submitted on: 4/12/2022 10:39:25 AM

Testimony for TRS on 4/12/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rowena Dagdag-Andaya	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation:

My name is Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, and I am currently the County Executive for the Maui County Office on Aging, and formerly the County of Maui Director of Public Works. Today however, I am submitting this testimony as an individual in strong support of GM841 submitted by the Governor for consideration and confirmation of Mr. Michael Packard as a member of the State Highway Safety Council.

I have known Mike for over 10 years while working as a planner in the private sector and during my tenure as Deputy Director and Director for the Maui County Department of Public Works. I have had the honor of working alongside Mike on various projects and initiatives focused on improving traffic safety and the built environment.

Our most recent project together involved a “quick build” demonstration project fronting Lihikai Elementary School in Kahului, Maui. It was a collaborative effort with the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Maui Department of Public Works, the Health Eating + Active Living Coalition of the Hawai’i Public Health Instituted, local artist Matthew Agcolicol and Lihikai Elementary School that combined traffic safety elements and public art to make the area fronting the school, safer and vibrant. A video of that project can be found online at <https://vimeo.com/573225406>.

Mike has traveled to many communities throughout Hawai’i, has met with their residents, leaders, and stakeholder groups. He will be able to his knowledge of the needs of our communities (especially the safety needs of our Kupuna) to the State Highway Safety Council.

I strongly support his appointment and am confident that he will be a valuable member of this group.

Aloha,

Rowena M. Dagdag-Andaya

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TESTIMONY TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (TRS)

APRIL 12, 2022

**IN SUPPORT OF**  
**GM 841 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway**  
**Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee MICHAEL PACKARD,**  
**term to expire 6-30-2025**

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services (DTS) supports the appointment of Mr. Michael Packard to the State Highway Safety Council.

Safety for all users of roads and highways is paramount. DTS is responsible for promoting the safe, efficient, and effective use and operation of the City's streets, administering the City's bikeway, pedestrian and traffic safety education programs, and implementing Honolulu's Complete Streets and Vision Zero programs. The work of the State Highway Safety Council is aligned with the DTS mission and objectives related to traffic safety.

Mr. Packard is an experienced traffic engineer who served as the City's first Complete Streets Program Administrator. During his tenure, he successfully implemented Complete Streets projects in downtown Honolulu's urban core and Chinatown, as well as Complete Streets planning projects Nuuanu/Liliha, Waikiki, Windward Oahu, and Pearl City. Currently, Mr. Packard is part of the consulting team that advises the Hawaii Department of Transportation's red light safety camera's project team. The inclusion of this voice and experience on the State Highway Safety Council ensures the safety solutions are effective, compliant with regulations for traffic control devices, and aligned with parallel safety initiatives of both the City and State.

Thank you for consideration of this measure and for the opportunity to provide this testimony.