

# Appendix A: Survey Instrument

## Healthy Hawai`i Initiative

### A Survey of Policies and Local Ordinances Supporting Physical Activity in Local Communities

The purpose of this survey is to provide a baseline assessment of the current policies and ordinances related to the built environment. The Department of Health has developed the Healthy Hawai`i Initiative (HHI) with funds from the tobacco settlement funds to reduce the personal and societal burden of chronic disease. The HHI continues to work with schools, communities and coalitions to show how three lifestyle choices, nutrition, physical activity and living tobacco free, can reduce the risks of disease.

There is growing recognition that the built environment -- the man-made physical structures and infrastructure of communities -- has an impact on our health. Decisions about zoning, transportation, land use and community design influence the distances people travel to work, the convenience of purchasing healthy foods, and the safety and attractiveness of neighborhoods for walking. As the HHI implements this comprehensive, statewide initiative, we must understand the policy issues related to physical activity in local communities and make contact with individuals, agencies and organizations that can participate in the development of the initiative.

We would appreciate your expertise regarding community planning ordinances. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and mail it back in the self-addressed stamped envelope by Friday, January 27, 2006.

**City/Municipality:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Person Completing Survey:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## SIDEWALKS

These questions pertain to local ordinances related to sidewalks, or the portion of a highway, road or street intended for pedestrians.

**Do you have an ordinance requiring the building of paved sidewalks in *new* communities?**

Please check one.

- We have an ordinance
- We intend to have an ordinance within one year
- We do not have an ordinance

**Do you have ordinances requiring the building of paved sidewalks in *redeveloped* residential communities?**

- We have an ordinance
- We intend to have an ordinance within one year
- We do not have an ordinance

**Do you have ordinances requiring the building of paved sidewalks in *mixed-use* communities?**

- We have an ordinance
- We intend to have an ordinance within one year
- We do not have an ordinance

## COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

**Do you have ordinances that require new commercial buildings and site plans to incorporate amenities that encourage physical activity, and bike and pedestrian commuter traffic (e.g. pedestrian walkways, sidewalks, bikeways, and well-lit stairways)?**

- We have an ordinance
- We intend to have an ordinance within one year
- We do not have an ordinance

## BIKE LANES

These questions pertain to ordinances requiring bike lanes, as established with pavement markings and signing along street corridors.

**Do you have an ordinance requiring the building of bike lanes in *new* communities?**

- We have an ordinance
- We intend to have an ordinance within one year
- We do not have an ordinance

**Do you have an ordinance requiring the building of bike lanes in *redeveloped* communities?**

- We have an ordinance
- We intend to have an ordinance within one year
- We do not have an ordinance

**Do you have an ordinance requiring the building of bike lanes in *mixed-use* communities?**

- We have an ordinance
- We intend to have an ordinance within one year
- We do not have an ordinance

## SHARED-USE PATHS

These questions pertain to ordinances requiring the development of shared paths (or trails), as defined as corridors of travel for recreation and/or transportation within a park, natural environment, or designated corridor that is not classified or served by highways, roads, or streets.

**Do you have an ordinance requiring the building of shared-use paths (or trails) that are dedicated for pedestrians, joggers, dog walkers, in-line skaters, wheelchairs, baby strollers, and the like?**

- We have an ordinance
- We intend to have an ordinance within one year
- We do not have an ordinance

**Do you include in you master plan, policies to build shared-use paths in easements that are dedicated for the above?**

- We have an ordinance
- We intend to have an ordinance within one year
- We do not have an ordinance

## GREENWAYS

These next 3 questions pertain to ordinances requiring greenways, defined as facilities that tie park system components together to form a cohesive park environment.

**Do you have an ordinance requiring the building of greenways in *new* communities?**

- We have an ordinance
- We intend to have an ordinance within one year
- We do not have an ordinance

**Do you have an ordinance requiring the building of greenways in *re-developed* communities?**

- We have an ordinance
- We intend to have an ordinance within one year

- We do not have an ordinance

**Do you have an ordinance requiring the building of greenways in *multi-use* communities?**

- We have an ordinance  
 We intend to have an ordinance within one year  
 We do not have an ordinance

## RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

These 3 questions pertain to the development of recreational facilities related to parks, open space, and pathways as defined as neighborhood, school and community parks, park and connector trails, and the like.

**Do you have an ordinance requiring the building of these types of facilities in *new* communities?**

- We have an ordinance  
 We intend to have an ordinance within one year  
 We do not have an ordinance

**Do you have an ordinance requiring the building of these types of facilities in *re-developed* communities?**

- We have an ordinance  
 We intend to have an ordinance within one year  
 We do not have an ordinance

**Do you have an ordinance requiring the building of these types of facilities in *multi-use* communities?**

- We have an ordinance  
 We intend to have an ordinance within one year  
 We do not have an ordinance

**THANK YOU!**