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October 29, 2001

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Share the Road Safely

Every bicycle on the road means one less car!
Please treat bicyclists with respect and courtesy.

AS A MOTORIST ARE YOU AWARE THAT:

Most accidents involving cars and adult bicyclists are caused by motorist error rather than bicyclist error. Bicyclists may use the full right lane. This may occur when the road is too narrow to fully accommodate both car and bicycle.



Bicyclists are legally considered drivers of vehicles. They must obey traffic signs and signals, as well as be accorded the same respect as other legitimate road users.

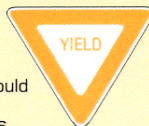
Bike paths are great for recreational bicyclists but for commuters and bicyclists travelling at higher speeds, streets are safer. Respect a bicyclist's right to choose either the path or the road.

Bicyclists are ticketed for traffic violations ...and are subject to fines equal to those for motorists.

Not all bicyclists are alike. As with car drivers, there are good and bad, experienced and inexperienced bicyclists. Your courtesy will inspire the same in others.

It is a traffic violation to open a car door unexpectedly so as to create a hazard to bicyclists. Please check your mirror before opening your door.

The bicyclists you pass may be travelling 25 to 30 miles per hour. When changing lanes or making a turn near a bicyclist, assess the bicyclist's speed and yield as you would to any other vehicle. If you are about to make a right-hand turn after passing a bicyclist, make sure that you have enough space, otherwise wait for the bicyclist to go through the intersection before making your turn.



Look out for bicyclists going around obstructions in their path. While they should look before moving farther into the lane, bicyclists sometimes swerve around potholes, sewer grates and even parked cars without glancing over their shoulder to make sure the coast is clear.

Pass a bicyclist only when it can be done safely while maintaining a "safety zone" of three feet to avoid cutting the bicyclist off. Realize that the air turbulence created by your car at high speeds can cause problems for bicyclists.

SHARE THE ROAD

SAFETY TIPS FOR BICYCLISTS

- 1** Wear a helmet every time you ride. Even if you just ride on bike paths or for a short distance, make sure you put on your helmet before you go. You don't have to be going fast or far to risk serious head injuries.
- 2** Obey traffic laws. Your bike is a vehicle, and just like a car, you must stop for stop signs and stop lights.
- 3** Always ride with the direction of traffic. Even if you are riding a short distance, it is never safe to ride against traffic. Also, it is unlawful to ride facing traffic in Hawaii, as it is in all 50 states. "The right side is the right side."
- 4** Ride in a straight line. Don't swerve in and out of parked cars, or do anything that would surprise motorists.
- 5** Be visible. Wear light-colored clothes and a bright helmet when you ride. If you ride at night, you must have at least a white front light and a red rear reflector on your bike.

Bike Safety Rodeo!

Saturday, October 27, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Shriners Hospital for Children
State Farm Insurance's annual Bike Safety Rodeo is free and open to all elementary school-age children. All participants will receive goodie bags and become eligible to win a new bicycle or safety helmet. For more information, call State Farm Insurance at 523-1178.

Bicycle Master Plan Workshops on Oahu

- November 1, 7 p.m., JW Marriott Ihilani Resort and Spa, Conference Room
- November 13, 6:30 p.m., Kaneohe Community and Senior Center
- November 14, 6:30 p.m., Aina Haina Elementary School, Cafeteria
- November 15, 6:30 p.m., Mililani Mauka Elementary School, Cafeteria

The Hawaii State Department of Transportation will hold a series of two-hour community workshops that will provide the public with information on Hawaii's statewide Bicycle Master Plan. Participants will help identify potential bikeways, hazardous areas for bicyclists and other important issues. For Neighbor Island workshops or more information, visit www.state.hi.us/dot/highways/bike or call Kimura International, Inc. at 944-8848.

Let's share Hawaii's roads safely.

This message is brought to you by:
State of Hawaii Department of Transportation
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Sample Invitation Letter—Workshop 1

Friday, October 12, 2001

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Dear Fellow Bicyclists,

Community Workshop for Bike Plan Hawaii

Kimura International, Inc. has been contracted by the State Department of Transportation to update the 1994 statewide bicycle master plan. As part of the planning process, we are holding community workshops across the state to gather initial public input. We cordially invite you to attend the Kauai workshop scheduled for **Wednesday, November 7, 6:30-8:30 pm at the War Memorial Convention Hall.**

The bike plan is particularly important because it will be used to support future requests for federal transportation funds to design and construct bicycle facilities. Participants at the community workshop will help us identify potential new bikeways, areas that are hazardous for bike riders, and other bicycling issues.

We would also appreciate it if you would inform other interested persons of the upcoming planning meetings.

If you have any questions, please call me or Nancy Nishikawa at 944-8848.

Sincerely,
KIMURA INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Glenn T. Kimura
President

cc: Vincent Llorin, State Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator,
Department of Transportation

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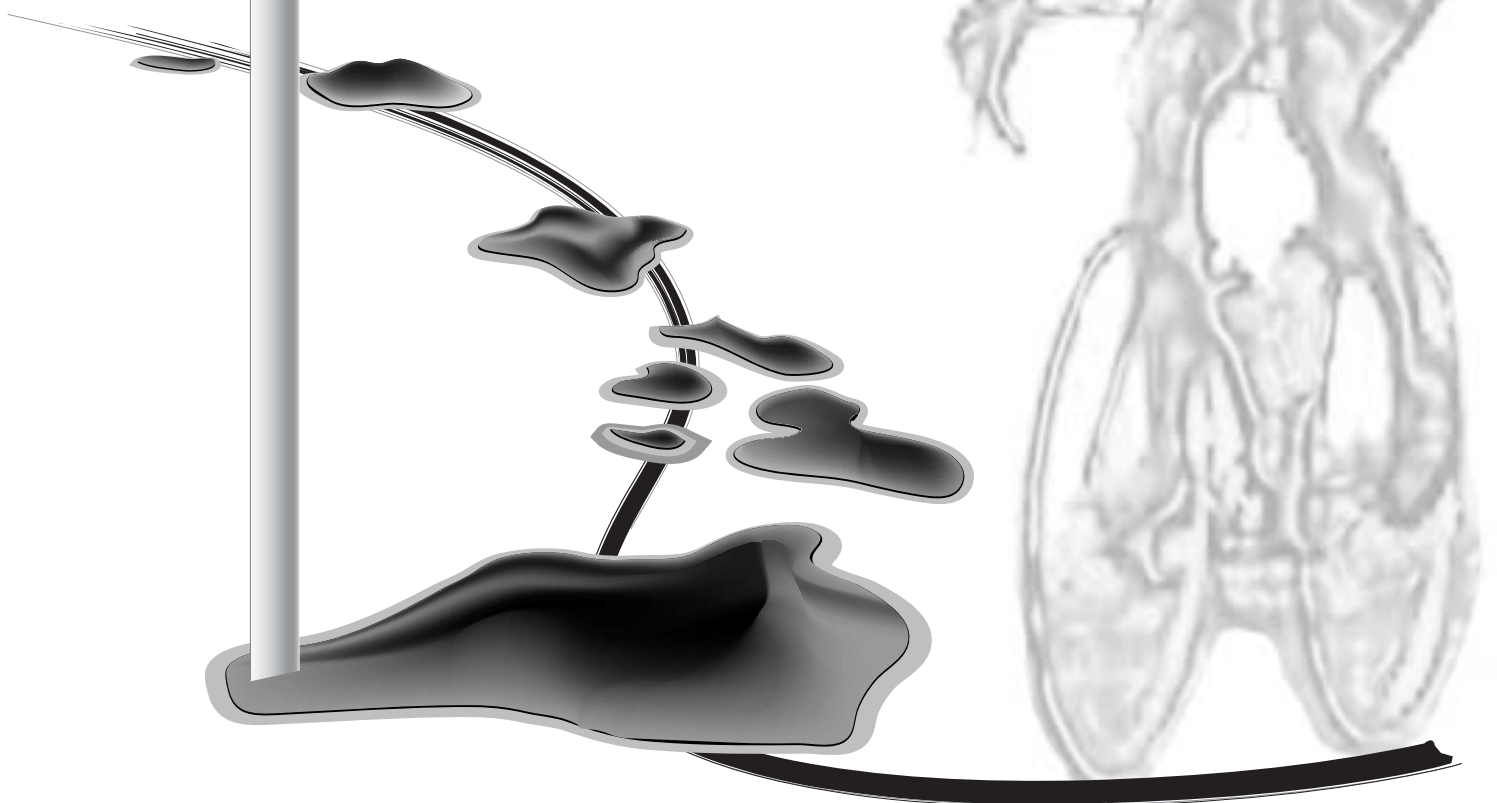
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KAUAI WORKSHOP

Lihue, Kauai - Nov. 7, Wed., 6:30 pm
War Memorial Convention Hall



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OAHU WORKSHOPS

Leeward Oahu - Nov. 1, Thurs., 7:00 pm

Ihilani Marriott, Conference Room

Windward Oahu - Nov. 13, Tues., 6:30 pm

Kaneohe Community and Senior Center

East Oahu - Nov. 14, Wed., 6:30 pm

Aina Haina Elementary School, Cafetorium

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MAUI WORKSHOP

Wailuku, Maui - Nov. 8, Thurs., 6:00 pm
Wailuku Community Center



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MOLOKAI WORKSHOP

Kaunakakai - Feb. 28, Thurs., 6:00 pm
Mitchell Pauole Center



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BIG ISLAND WORKSHOPS

Hilo, Hawaii - Nov. 3, Sat., 9:00 am

UH Komohana Ag. Complex, Conference Room

Puna, Hawaii - Nov. 3, Sat., 2:00 pm

Kalani Honua Rainbow Room

Waimea, Hawaii - Nov. 5, Mon., 6:00 pm

Parker Ranch Town Hall

Kona, Hawaii - Nov. 6, Tues., 6:00 pm

King Kamehameha Hotel, Conference Room

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