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**BICYCLING ADVOCATES RALLY TO SAVE “AMERICA’S BIKE LANES”
AND CHAMPION THE MOST POPULAR BIKE LANE IN THE STATE OF HAWAII**

[Hawai'i Bicycling League](#) (HBL) will rally in Honolulu along the S. King Street protected bike lane at Thomas Square Park on Tuesday April 21st at 4:30pm to express solidarity with cyclists in Washington, D.C. **after a Trump administration announcement that it would tear out a route dubbed “America’s bike lane”** in downtown Washington, D.C. HBL staff rode the bike lane and participated in a rally at the recent National Bike Summit.

“We’re rallying because the 15th Street bike lane in Washington D.C is more than just a strip of pavement,” said Travis Counsell, HBL Executive Director. “It represents the progress cities across the country have made in creating safer roads and reducing car congestion.”

Locally, we are recognizing Hawai'i's first protected bike lane, created in 2014 and repaved in late 2025, on S. King St. It has become the most popular bike lane in the state and serves as a crucial spine to the City's active transportation network. This represents a shared commitment to Complete Streets, Vision Zero, and the [Navahine settlement](#).

“However, this work is not done,” Counsell added. “We need permanently installed delineators and concrete curbs here to provide true protection, especially for vulnerable road users. The temporary cones currently on this bike lane have been here since repaving was completed in October. We are calling on the City & the State to prioritize proven safety features across transportation projects during planning, construction, and maintenance phases.

The protest is one of dozens being held across the United States organized by the [League of American Bicyclists](#) in solidarity with the [Washington Area Bicyclist Association \(WABA\)](#), which has spearheaded the effort to protect the lane, filing a federal lawsuit in March against the Federal Highway Administration and National Park Service.

WABA argued the Trump Administration's plan to remove the path skipped required public input, environmental review, and coordination with DC's own transportation authorities in apparent violation of federal law. A decision is expected before April 23, when destruction of the lane is scheduled to begin.

The Federal Highway Administration said in a statement that it was returning “common sense to city planning” by removing the lane. Advocates dispute that assertion.

“It just doesn't make sense,” said Counsell. “This decision was made based on just a belief, without evidence, that this bike lane causes congestion. But this lane--and lanes all over the country--has not only not relieved congestion, it has made the road much safer for all road users.”

The 15th Street protected bike lane is more than a local project. Built with public funding, it serves both D.C. residents, area commuters and visitors to the National Mall, the Washington Monument, the Tidal Basin and the Jefferson Memorial, connecting Washington with Arlington, Virginia, across the Potomac River. Advocates note it provides a north-south backbone to a network that throngs with tourists and commuters all year long. Some 4,000 cyclists use the track every day.

As a statewide nonprofit that advocates to expand access to safe biking, walking, and rolling in our state, HBL is calling on all those who care about improving safety on our streets to ride, roll, or walk in solidarity on April 21st to protest the removal of the 15th Street bike lane in DC. We further call on our federal, state, and local government officials to not only protect existing bike lanes, but expand essential safe streets infrastructure.

[Photos for media](#) (credit Kelly Loss Photography) These were taken in Washington, DC during the National Bike Summit in March 2026.

[Photos of local cyclists](#) (credit HBL)

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Hawaii Bicycling League (HBL) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit founded in 1975 with a mission to enable more people to ride bicycles for health, recreation, and transportation through advocacy, education, and events. HBL advocates for increased and safer biking facilities, along with legislation to improve safety for all vulnerable users to transform our community into a better place for biking, rolling, and walking. HBL educates people of all ages and abilities to improve their cycling safety and comfort, and educates motorists about laws and how to reduce crashes with vulnerable users. HBL's BikeEd Hawaii program has taught bike safety to more than 100,000 4th graders since 1989. Signature events organized by HBL include the annual Honolulu Century Ride and the Haleiwa Metric Century, among others and numerous weekly group rides. HBL is funded by grants, donations, memberships, and proceeds from events. Complete information is available at www.hbl.org.