
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TAKE ALL
NECESSARY STEPS TO EXPEDITE WORK ON THE MAIPALAOA BRIDGE IN
MAILI, OAHU AND URGING VARIOUS ENTITIES TO WORK TOGETHER TO
IMMEDIATELY OPEN THE SECTION OF THE WAIANAE COAST EMERGENCY
ACCESS ROAD SYSTEM EXTENDING PAAKEA ROAD OUT TO LUALUALEI
NAVAL ROAD FOR PUBLIC USE ON A PERMANENT BASIS.

1 WHEREAS, Farrington Highway is the main route of travel for
2 communities of the Leeward Coast of Oahu and is the only public
3 highway that leads into and out of the region; and
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5 WHEREAS, traffic conditions continue to worsen as the
6 population along the Leeward Coast continues to increase, and
7 the area is provided with only one route into and out of the
8 community; and
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10 WHEREAS, on a daily basis, frustrated Leeward motorists are
11 caught in gridlock traffic conditions; and
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13 WHEREAS, Farrington Highway has experienced lane closures
14 or complete shutdowns on numerous occasions due to traffic
15 accidents, severe weather, and other emergency conditions; and
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17 WHEREAS, Farrington Highway is undergoing continuous road
18 work on the Maipalaoa Bridge in Maili on the Leeward Coast of
19 Oahu; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Maipalaoa Bridge was last reconstructed in
22 1970 and is severely compromised due to years of deterioration;
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1 WHEREAS, in November 2015, the State of Hawaii awarded a
2 \$14,000,000 contract to Performance Systems Inc., to repair the
3 dilapidated Maipalaoa Bridge in Maili; and
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5 WHEREAS, Performance Systems Inc., abandoned the Maipalaoa
6 Bridge project in 2017, after completing only five percent of
7 the project; and
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9 WHEREAS, a new contractor was hired to complete the
10 project, pushing the estimated completion date back to spring
11 2022; and
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13 WHEREAS, on February 14, 2020, the Department of
14 Transportation announced it would be contraflowing Farrington
15 Highway, which would reduce the highway from four lanes into
16 three, and the result would be extensive traffic congestion for
17 residents exiting and entering the Leeward Coast at all times of
18 the day; and
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20 WHEREAS, the impacts of such lane closures and
21 contraflowing of traffic have created longer commute times and
22 increased traffic congestion for the residents of the Leeward
23 Coast; and
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25 WHEREAS, this traffic congestion also results in delayed
26 response times for first responders and emergency medical
27 services, which puts the health and safety of the residents of
28 the Leeward Coast at risk; and
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30 WHEREAS, the deaths of Richard Takayama and Brandie J.
31 Navarro on January 25, 2020, on the Maipalaoa Bridge highlight
32 the safety concerns in the area; and
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34 WHEREAS, the system of roads known as the Waianae Coast
35 Emergency Access Road System (WCEAR) consists of gated roads
36 that are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Emergency
37 Management of the City and County of Honolulu and that can be
38 opened when deemed necessary or when requested by the Honolulu
39 Police Department; and
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41 WHEREAS, in 2017, the Legislature of the State of Hawaii
42 adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 125, urging the



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1 Department of Transportation to work in conjunction with the
 2 Departments of Emergency Management and Transportation Services
 3 of the City and County of Honolulu and Honolulu Police
 4 Department to analyze and assess the possibility of using the
 5 WCEAR on a more permanent basis; and

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 7 WHEREAS, this body finds that there is a critical need for
 8 an alternate route to bypass the Maipalaoa Bridge construction
 9 area to alleviate aforesated circumstances; now, therefore,

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 11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 12 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
 13 2020, the Senate concurring, that:

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 15 (1) The Department of Transportation is requested to take
 16 all necessary steps to expedite work on the Maipalaoa
 17 Bridge in Maili, Oahu; and

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 19 (2) The State of Hawaii, City and County of Honolulu,
 20 federal entities, and private land owners are urged to
 21 work together to immediately open the section of the
 22 Waianae Coast Emergency Access Road System extending
 23 Paakea Road out to Lualualei Naval Road to be used as
 24 a secondary access road to the Waianae Coast on a
 25 permanent basis; and

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 27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
 28 Transportation seriously consider implementing overnight road
 29 work to expedite the repair of the Maipalaoa Bridge in Maili,
 30 Oahu; and

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 32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Division
 34 Administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal
 35 Highway Administration - Hawaii Division, Commander of Navy
 36 Region Hawaii, Governor, Director of Transportation, Director of
 37 the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County
 38 of Honolulu, Director of the Department of Emergency Management
 39 of the City and County of Honolulu, Chief of Police of the
 40 Honolulu Police Department, and President of Pine Ridge Farms,
 41 Inc.



