
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO EXPEDITE WORK ON THE MAIPALAOA BRIDGE IN MAILI, OAHU AND IMPROVE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SUPPORT ON THE WAIANAE COAST 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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25 WHEREAS, in November 2015, the State of Hawaii awarded a
26 \$14,000,000 contract to Performance Systems Inc., to repair the
27 dilapidated Maipalaoa Bridge in Maili; and
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1 WHEREAS, Performance Systems Inc. abandoned the Maipalaoa
2 Bridge project in 2017, after completing only five percent of
3 the project; and

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5 WHEREAS, a new contractor was hired to complete the
6 project, pushing the estimated completion date back to spring
7 2022; and

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9 WHEREAS, on February 14, 2020, the Department of
10 Transportation announced it would be contraflowing Farrington
11 Highway, which would reduce the highway from four lanes into
12 three, and the result would be extensive traffic congestion for
13 residents exiting and entering the Leeward Coast at all times of
14 the day; and

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16 WHEREAS, the impacts of such lane closures and
17 contraflowing of traffic have created longer commute times and
18 increased traffic congestion for the residents of the Leeward
19 Coast; and

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21 WHEREAS, this traffic congestion also results in delayed
22 response times for first responders and emergency medical
23 services, which puts the health and safety of the residents of
24 the Leeward Coast at risk; and

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26 WHEREAS, the deaths of Richard Takayama and Brandie J.
27 Navarro on January 25, 2020, on the Maipalaoa Bridge highlight
28 the safety concerns in the area; and

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30 WHEREAS, the system of roads known as the Waianae Coast
31 Emergency Access Road System (WCEAR) consists of gated roads
32 that are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Emergency
33 Management of the City and County of Honolulu and can be opened
34 when deemed necessary or when requested by the Honolulu Police
35 Department; and

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37 WHEREAS, in 2017, the Legislature of the State of Hawaii
38 adopted House Resolution No. 125, urging the Department of
39 Transportation to work in conjunction with the Departments of
40 Emergency Management and Transportation Services of the City and
41 County of Honolulu and Honolulu Police Department to analyze and



1 assess the possibility of using the WCEAR on a more permanent
2 basis; and

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4 WHEREAS, this body finds that there is a critical need for
5 an alternate route to bypass the Maipalaoa Bridge construction
6 area to alleviate aforesated circumstances; and

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8 WHEREAS, Honolulu's Joint Traffic Management Center can
9 manage traffic flow conditions, including major and minor
10 congestion and other incidents and events; and

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12 WHEREAS, connecting all of Waianae's vital traffic signals
13 to Honolulu's Joint Traffic Management Center will support a
14 proactive response to traffic operations on the Waianae Coast;
15 now, therefore,

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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
19 of 2022, that:

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21 (1) The Department of Transportation is requested to take
22 all necessary steps to expedite work on the Maipalaoa
23 Bridge in Maili, Oahu;
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25 (2) The Department of Transportation and City and County
26 of Honolulu's Department of Transportation Services
27 are requested to work together to expedite the
28 connection of all vital traffic signals on the Waianae
29 Coast to the Joint Traffic Management Center;
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31 (3) The Department of Transportation is requested to
32 allocate additional resources to the Waianae Coast to
33 maintain, repair, and secure traffic signals and
34 sensors in a timely manner; and
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36 (4) The State of Hawaii, City and County of Honolulu,
37 federal entities, and private land owners are urged to
38 work together to immediately open the section of the
39 Waianae Coast Emergency Access Road System extending
40 Paakea Road out to Lualualei Naval Road to be used as



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1 a secondary access road to the Waianae Coast on a
2 permanent basis; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
5 Transportation seriously consider implementing overnight road
6 work to expedite the repair of the Maipalaoa Bridge in Maili,
7 Oahu; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Division Administrator of the
11 U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway
12 Administration - Hawaii Division, Commander of Navy Region
13 Hawaii, Governor, Director of Transportation, Director of the
14 Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of
15 Honolulu, Director of the Department of Emergency Management of
16 the City and County of Honolulu, Chief of Police of the Honolulu
17 Police Department, and President of Pine Ridge Farms, Inc.
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