
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF WIDENING THE PORTION OF UNIVERSITY AVENUE BETWEEN MAILE WAY AND OAHU AVENUE.

1 WHEREAS, Manoa Valley is a residential neighborhood of
2 Honolulu and has eighteen thousand six hundred households, a
3 population of 46,865, and a non-resident workforce of 25,230;
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6 WHEREAS, Manoa Valley is also home to the University of
7 Hawaii at Manoa, Mid-Pacific Institute, Noelani and Manoa
8 elementary schools, four private schools, sixty-three general
9 businesses, eighteen clubs and associations, twenty-five
10 community service entities, eighteen faith-based organizations,
11 fourteen health care centers, fourteen nonprofit organizations,
12 and nine kupuna care centers; and

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14 WHEREAS, Manoa Valley ingress and egress is limited to two
15 roads: Manoa Road and University Avenue; and

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17 WHEREAS, each day, bicycles and motor vehicles, including
18 buses, firetrucks, ambulances, commercial vehicles, and
19 passenger vehicles, travel on University Avenue, creating a
20 significant traffic safety concern; and

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22 WHEREAS, Manoa Valley contains three heavily used hiking
23 trails, Manoa Falls trail, Puu Pia trail, and Kolowalu trail,
24 resulting in the valley being Oahu's second most frequented
25 destination by visitors and residents, further exacerbating
26 traffic congestion throughout the valley; and

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28 WHEREAS, Manoa Valley District Park, the second most used
29 city park on Oahu, hosts a myriad of events; sports activities



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1 such as baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, pickleball,
 2 volleyball, basketball, and swimming; summer fun programs;
 3 senior citizen programs; open markets; community gardening; and
 4 disaster preparedness programs; and

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 6 WHEREAS, there exists an immediate need to improve traffic
 7 safety throughout Manoa Valley; and

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 9 WHEREAS, one possible way to alleviate traffic congestion
 10 and improve traffic safety in Manoa Valley is to widen the
 11 portion of University Avenue between Maile Way and Oahu Avenue;
 12 now, therefore,

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 14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 15 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 16 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
 17 Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu is
 18 urged to conduct a feasibility study of widening the portion of
 19 University Avenue between Maile Way and Oahu Avenue; and

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 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
 22 Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu is
 23 also requested to submit a report of its findings and
 24 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
 25 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 26 the regular session of 2024; and

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 28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
 30 Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of
 31 Honolulu.

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OFFERED BY:  _____

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