
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND MAUI METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO RESTORE THE LAHAINA BYPASS PHASE
1C PROJECT TO THE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, the island of Maui receives between 2,300,000 and
2 3,300,000 visitors each year, which is approximately twenty-five
3 percent of all visitors to the State; and
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5 WHEREAS, the number of visitors to Maui places immense
6 strain on the island's existing transportation infrastructure;
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9 WHEREAS, in 2021, the Statewide Transportation Improvement
10 Program included an extension of the Lahaina bypass from Keawe
11 Street to Kaanapali, designated as Lahaina Bypass Phase 1C, as a
12 means of reducing the impact of visitors on Maui's
13 transportation infrastructure; and
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15 WHEREAS, in 2022, this project was removed from the
16 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Lahaina bypass extension would have provided
19 significant relief of traffic congestion for West Maui
20 residents; and
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22 WHEREAS, relief from traffic congestion is necessary for
23 continued tourism revenue and the safety and health of West Maui
24 residents who lack a reliably quick route to receive medical and
25 emergency care; and
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27 WHEREAS, completion of the Lahaina bypass project is
28 critical to the support of further improvement projects in the
29 area, including development of the West Maui hospital and
30 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands housing developments; now,
31 therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, that the Department of Transportation and Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization are urged to restore the Lahaina Bypass Phase 1C project to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation and Executive Director of the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization.

OFFERED BY: Elle Cochran

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