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H.R. 36

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EVALUATE CERTAIN AIEA ROADWAYS AND IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT OF TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation provides **comments** on H.R. 36 to evaluate traffic at the intersection of Moanalua Road and Kaimakani Street; and westbound transition and exit for Route 99, Kamehameha Highway

We have investigated this intersection and have found:

- Eastbound traffic on Moanalua Road is allowed to turn left/U-turn onto westbound Moanalua Road at the intersection with Kaimakani Street. Prohibiting left turns/U-turns will restrict access to St. Elizabeth School and St. Elizabeth Church.
- 2. Existing in-lane rumble bars on the westbound approach to the intersection needed to be updated and will be replaced in May 2023 when long lead materials are received.
- 3. The signage and striping for the westbound Moanalua Road exit onto Kamehameha Highway are sufficient. Advance "Right Lane Ends" sign and lane-reduction pavement arrows warn drivers of right lane ending and having to merge left.
- 4. Our crash data indicates no crashes at this intersection related to left/U-turns in the last 6 years. One crash was reported due to two vehicles turning right from Kaimakani at the same time.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.