
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU'S DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO IMPLEMENT ROAD SAFETY AND TRAFFIC FLOW IMPROVEMENTS IN HAWAII KAI.

1. WHEREAS, Hawaii Kai is a suburban community home to many
2 local families; and
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4 WHEREAS, speeding is a recurring concern for Hawaii Kai's
5 pedestrians; and
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7 WHEREAS, in a recent study by the City and County of
8 Honolulu's Department of Transportation Services it was found
9 that seventy-one per cent of drivers failed to yield for
10 pedestrians at a busy intersection in Hawaii Kai, which was the
11 highest rate of the ten intersections included in the island-
12 wide study; and
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14 WHEREAS, there are numerous highly trafficked areas in
15 Hawaii Kai and Kalama Valley which lack crosswalks, making
16 movement on foot a dangerous proposition; and
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18 WHEREAS, for example, streets surrounding Kalama Valley
19 Community Park are often traversed by young athletes, though the
20 absence of crosswalks makes crossing thoroughfares difficult and
21 dangerous; and
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23 WHEREAS, the intersection of Hawaii Kai Drive and Kealahou
24 Street is another location of concern in Kalama Valley, with
25 frequent speeding and no crosswalks making this an unfriendly
26 pedestrian environment; and
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28 WHEREAS, there are numerous streets in Hawaii Kai which are
29 prone to speeding, though the implementation of traffic calming



1 measures are rare, despite numerous long-standing requests from
2 elected officials and community members alike; and
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4 WHEREAS, as the main ingress and egress of East Honolulu,
5 Kalaniana'ole Highway is a highly utilized thoroughfare with
6 many drivers frequently sitting in traffic; and
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8 WHEREAS, drivers turning left off Kalaniana'ole Highway at
9 times must wait over five minutes for the signal to change, even
10 at night when there are very few vehicles on the road; and
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12 WHEREAS, at other locations in Honolulu, traffic turn
13 signals flash yellow during low traffic volume hours, which give
14 drivers the opportunity to make a left turn if they determine it
15 is safe; now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
19 of 2025, that the City and County of Honolulu's Department of
20 Transportation Services is urged to install crosswalks in Kalama
21 Valley, prioritizing areas around the Kalama Valley Community
22 Park and at the intersection of Hawaii Kai Drive and Kealahou
23 Street; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Department of
26 Transportation and the City and County of Honolulu's Department
27 of Transportation Services are urged to study traffic calming
28 measures throughout Hawaii Kai to reduce speeding and urgently
29 implement the most optimal solutions; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Department of
32 Transportation and the City and County of Honolulu's Department
33 of Transportation Services are urged to make light timing
34 changes and adjust parameters to maximize traffic flow,
35 including exploring the installation of turn signals on
36 Kalaniana'ole Highway to flashing yellow lights during low
37 traffic volume hours to give drivers the discretion to decide if
38 it is safe to turn; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation,
3 Director of the City and County of Honolulu's Department of
4 Transportation Services, and the Honolulu City Council's
5 District Four Councilmember.

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8 OFFERED BY:



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