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**Testimony of the McCully/Mo'ili'ili Neighborhood Board No. 8
In Strong Support of Installing Raised Crosswalks at Key Hihiwai Street Intersections**

Aloha Chair and Members,

On behalf of the McCully/Mo'ili'ili Neighborhood Board No. 8, I respectfully submit this testimony in strong support of installing raised crosswalks at the intersections of University Avenue & Hihiwai Street, Lauiki Street & Hihiwai Street, and Kamoku Street & Hihiwai Street.

These intersections are located in a dense residential area with significant pedestrian activity and steady vehicle traffic. They serve as critical walking routes for residents, including schoolchildren, kūpuna, and families traveling daily to Ala Wai Elementary School, Ala Wai Park, and 'Iolani School. Ensuring safe crossings at these locations is essential to protecting the well-being of our community.

Currently, each intersection presents unique safety concerns. The intersections at University Avenue and Kamoku Street are three-way stops, which can create uncertainty for drivers and increase risks for pedestrians. The intersection at Lauiki Street is particularly concerning, as it is controlled only by a single stop sign on Lauiki Street, with no stop control for vehicles on Hihiwai Street. This intersection relies solely on a painted crosswalk, leaving pedestrians—especially students walking to Ala Wai Elementary—exposed to speeding or inattentive drivers. Further, the strip of Hihiwai between University and Lauiki has limited lighting at night, decreasing visibility of the many dogwalkers and park users out at night.

Raised crosswalks are a proven and effective traffic-calming measure. By physically slowing vehicles, improving pedestrian visibility, and signaling the presence of crossings, raised crosswalks are especially well-suited for school zones and high-foot-traffic neighborhoods such as ours. Their installation would significantly enhance safety for all users of the roadway.

This proposal is also aligned with the City and County of Honolulu's Vision Zero commitment to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries through infrastructure improvements that prioritize pedestrian safety.

For these reasons, the McCully/Mo'ili'ili Neighborhood Board No. 8 unanimously passed a resolution in 2025 calling for the City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation

Services to install raised crosswalks at all three intersections along Hihiwai Street. These improvements will provide safer, more accessible routes for our community, particularly for our keiki traveling to and from school.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony and for your consideration of this important safety measure.

Respectfully submitted,
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Chair, McCully/Mo'ili'ili Neighborhood Board No. 8

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As a nearby resident of these heavily trafficked intersections, I witness the dangerous conditions being addressed by these resolutions on a near-daily basis. The proximity of Ala Wai Elementary School and 'Iolani School creates an even more urgent safety problem that can be significantly lessened by installation of raised sidewalks. Please PASS this resolution and urge the C&C of Honolulu to take expedient action in support of their own Vision Zero traffic goals.