



RESOLUTION

URGING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO MAKE THE SECOND ACCESS ROADWAY FOR THE WAIANAE COAST A PRIORITY CITY PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2030 (“ORTP”) notes that among the challenges facing Oahu, “[R]esidents on the Waianae Coast ... are experiencing some of the worst morning commute travel times to downtown,” and that “Established communities want additional access for ... congestion relief,” (ORTP, p. 3); and

WHEREAS, Waianae Coast residents have long voiced the need for a second access roadway, with the concept of a mauka roadway that crosses the Waianae Range noted in the original Waianae Sustainable Communities Plan (“Waianae SCP,” p. 4-2) adopted in July 2000; and

WHEREAS, the final revised draft of the Waianae SCP, October 2010, continues to note that “[A]rea residents have advocated the construction of a Second Access Highway,” that would “provide an alternate route to commute into and out of the District—at all times, not just during emergencies,” and that this second access roadway “is different from the Emergency Bypass Road that would only be opened in times of emergency,” and “is also different from the Waianae Coast Emergency Access Road, which was completed in 2009” (Waianae SCP, p. 4-30); and

WHEREAS, state ORTP Project No. 57 would construct a second access roadway in Waianae from Farrington Highway near Maili, over the Waianae Mountain Range via military roadways and passes, to Kunia Road at a cost of over \$423 million (ORTP, p. 21); and

WHEREAS, ORTP Project No. 57, categorized as a long-range project, is planned to be implemented no sooner than 2016 and as late as 2030 (ORTP, p. 21), with at least 36 transportation projects prioritized ahead of ORTP Project No. 57, including another second access roadway project in Makakilo (ORTP Project No. 29; ORTP, pp. 18-22); and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that Waianae Coast residents have waited far too long for a second access roadway, and that ORTP Project No. 57 can and should be prioritized ahead of many of the transportation projects currently planned for implementation before ORTP Project No. 57; and

WHEREAS, the Council further finds that by making the second access roadway in Waianae a priority City project by amending the ORTP, city and federal funds



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resulting from the deferral of other projects will be available for dedication to this project; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the Mayor and the Director of Transportation Services to make the second access roadway for the Waianae Coast a priority City project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administration is also urged to work closely with the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization and Hawaii's Congressional Delegation to: 1) Amend the ORTP to reflect this new prioritization; 2) Ensure that both city and federal funds are dedicated to the second access roadway for the Waianae Coast; and 3) Look into the use of federal tax-exempt bonds to finance the project, if necessary; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor; the Director of Transportation Services; the Executive Director of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, Ocean View Center, 707 Richards Street, Suite 200, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813; Senator Daniel K. Inouye, 722 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-2201; Senator Daniel K. Akaka, 141 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-1103; Congresswoman Mazie Hirono, 1410 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515-1102; and Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa, 238 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515-2109.

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