



## RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO CONDUCT A TRAFFIC ANALYSIS OF A DANGEROUS SECTION OF NORTH KING STREET.

WHEREAS, North King Street is a major Kalihi thoroughfare that provides access to several important destinations including the Honolulu International Airport, Chinatown, and downtown Honolulu, and provides an important link between two high-volume roadways, Moanalua Road and South King Street; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving a high-volume of vehicular traffic, North King Street is a well-traveled route used by pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, traffic hazards for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists on that section of North King Street between Gulick Avenue and Houghtailing Street, include:

- The lack of dedicated left-hand turn lanes on Gulick Avenue turning onto North King Street from both directions;
- Telephone poles that block traffic and pedestrian light signals at intersections, including at North King Street and Puuhale Road;
- Numerous five- and six-lane, unsignalized, and poorly lit crosswalks, including at North King Street and Kopke Street, and North King Street and Factory Street;
- Long distances between bus stops and crosswalks, including along that stretch of North King Street adjacent to Farrington High School; and
- The absence of striped bicycle lanes along this entire section of North King Street that includes long straight-aways and poorly lit areas;

and

WHEREAS, numerous automobile, bicycling and pedestrian accidents have occurred along this section of North King Street over the years, including these two most recent incidents involving pedestrians:

- On February 27, 2014, a 75-year-old woman was hit and killed in a crosswalk at the intersection of North King Street and Gulick Avenue, when a refuse vehicle struck her; and



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- On February 4, 2014, a 67-year-old woman was hit and killed in a crosswalk at North King Street and Kopke Street when a pickup truck struck her;

and

WHEREAS, State statute and City ordinances provide that:

- "Official traffic control devices" mean all signs, signal, markings, and devices that regulate, warn, or guide traffic. (Section 291C-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes);
- "...where there is a traffic problem which may be alleviated by an appropriate traffic control device, the director (of transportation services) may conduct studies and design, fabricate and determine temporary traffic control devices which, in the director's opinion, may alleviate, relieve or eliminate the traffic problems..." (Section 15-3.1(a)(2)(A), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu ("ROH")); and
- These traffic control devices may be made permanent. (Section 15-3.1(a)(2)(C), ROH);

and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive approach addressing the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists who utilize this section of North King Street is needed; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Department of Transportation Services is urged to conduct a traffic analysis of that section of North King Street between Gulick Avenue and Houghtailing Street, that includes but is not limited to the following analyses:

- Identifying existing traffic issues, including speeding, poor visibility and insufficient lighting;
- Redesigning intersections to minimize conflicts among motor vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians;
- Undergrounding telephone and utility poles to eliminate visual obstructions; and



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- Determining the need for and feasibility of installing overhead or in-pavement flashing lights, or other traffic control devices, at unsignalized crosswalks;

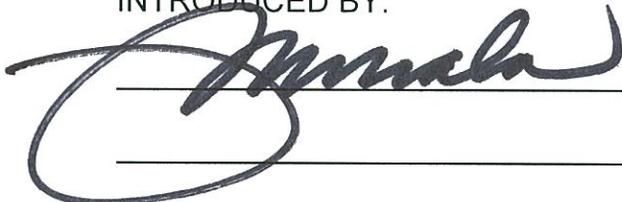
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the traffic analysis shall equally consider the transportation needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists and implement the City's Complete Streets policy as appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Transportation Services report to the Council the findings of the traffic analysis upon its completion; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Director of Transportation Services.

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