

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

## Voting Members

Joey Manahan, Chair; Ann H. Kobayashi, Vice-Chair,  
Brandon J. C. Elefante, Ron Menor, Kymberly Marcos Pine

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Committee Meeting Held  
August 25, 2016

Honorable Ernest Y. Martin  
Chair, City Council  
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred  
Resolution 16-198:

"URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO  
CONSIDER REMOVING THE AFTERNOON PEAK TRAFFIC HOURS  
CONTRAFLOW LANE ON KAPIOLANI BOULEVARD AND EXPLORE  
ALTERNATE OPTIONS TO DEAL WITH CONGESTION ON THIS IMPORTANT  
ARTERIAL ROADWAY,"

introduced on August 4, 2016, reports as follows:

The purpose of the Resolution is to urge the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) to consider removing the afternoon peak traffic hours contraflow lane on Kapiolani Boulevard and explore alternate options to deal with congestion in this important arterial roadway. The Resolution also urges the DTS, as it considers its long-term options, to report to the Council on immediate steps that can be taken to address the problem of westbound motorists on Kapiolani Boulevard who need to turn left through the contraflow setup during the afternoon peak traffic hours.

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DTS Acting Director Mark Garrity testified in support of the Resolution, reporting that a final draft of the "Contraflow Update Study" has been posted on the OahuMPO website, but has not yet been approved. The study notes that the a.m. contraflow lane on Kapiolani Boulevard is working smoothly, but that the p.m. contraflow lane has shown mixed results. Acting Director Garrity also noted that the neighborhood around Kapiolani Boulevard is changing, with many areas surrounding this roadway evolving into destinations rather than simply being a thoroughfare to drive through on the way to other sites. Thus, reviewing the p.m. contraflow to consider alternative approaches to managing traffic appears to be justified. Three Individuals offered comments.

Your Committee on Transportation is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 16-198 and recommends its adoption. (Ayes: Manahan, Elefante, Kobayashi, Pine – 4; Noes – None; Excused: Menor - 1)

Respectfully submitted,



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JOEY MANAHAN  
Committee Chair

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