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May 20, 2008 Budget Committee Testimony – RE: Kahalu`u Regional Park

Aloha Chair Todd Apo, Budget Committee Members:

I am writing in strong support for the addition of items relating to funding for Kahalu`u Regional Park to the Executive Capital Budget (currently Bill 19, CD1 form). The items referred-to are those submitted, on behalf of community, through our district Council representative Donovan Dela Cruz. Both pertain to the park: 1) completion of a critical perimeter pathway and replacement of trees lost in recent storms; and 2) funding to study access to the park from surrounding neighborhoods – a critical next step identified in recent Kahalu`u Master planning efforts – much needed as this long-awaited park finally comes on line.

After 22+ years of service on the Kahalu`u NB#29, much of which time was devoted to pushing for this park, I am keenly aware of the current and potential uses that these two items will further, effectively. Moreover, In my current position as Executive Director at KEY Project Multi-purpose Center, I can say, with certainty, that safe access both to and around the park are a must for all ages. In the case of the existing perimeter pathway, it has been a disappointment that the City has not seen this amenity through to completion – short only 250+ ft - owing to design oversight. Funding for the pathway, if approved in this budget, will be timely in that funds may be available in time to amend current contracts – a savings for set up costs. It will also allow for completion – pending City processing – in time for the opening planned for the park later this year. Funding for access plans (2, above) will also establish clear next steps for CIP funding in coming years.

While I hope to be present to testify, I ask that you accept this email as my testimony and that your committee gives the inclusion of these items careful consideration.

John Lewis Reppun

Cc Matsuura, Reed H. [rmatsuura@honolulu.gov]

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FUNCTION:	CULTURE - RECREATION	COUNCILMEMBER:	DMD
PROGRAM:	PARTICIPANT, SPECTATOR AND OTHER RECREATION	CONTACT/PHONE:	MIKE - 5037
DEPARTMENT:	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION	PRIORITY NUMBER:	

PROJECT NUMBER:	
PROJECT TITLE:	KAHALU'U REGIONAL PARK – COMPLETION OF PARK IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: As it should appear in the bill or Ramseyer format for amendments to existing projects	Plans, designs, and construction to complete heavily used park perimeter path, address the under-path drainage issues, and to replace two monkeypod trees.

WORK PHASE			SOURCE OF FUNDS		
WORK PHASE	EXISTING AMOUNT	AMENDMENT	FUND CODE	EXISTING AMOUNT	AMENDMENT
P		\$1,000			
D		\$1,000			
C		\$78,000	GI		\$80,000
TOTAL		\$80,000			\$80,000

Justification:

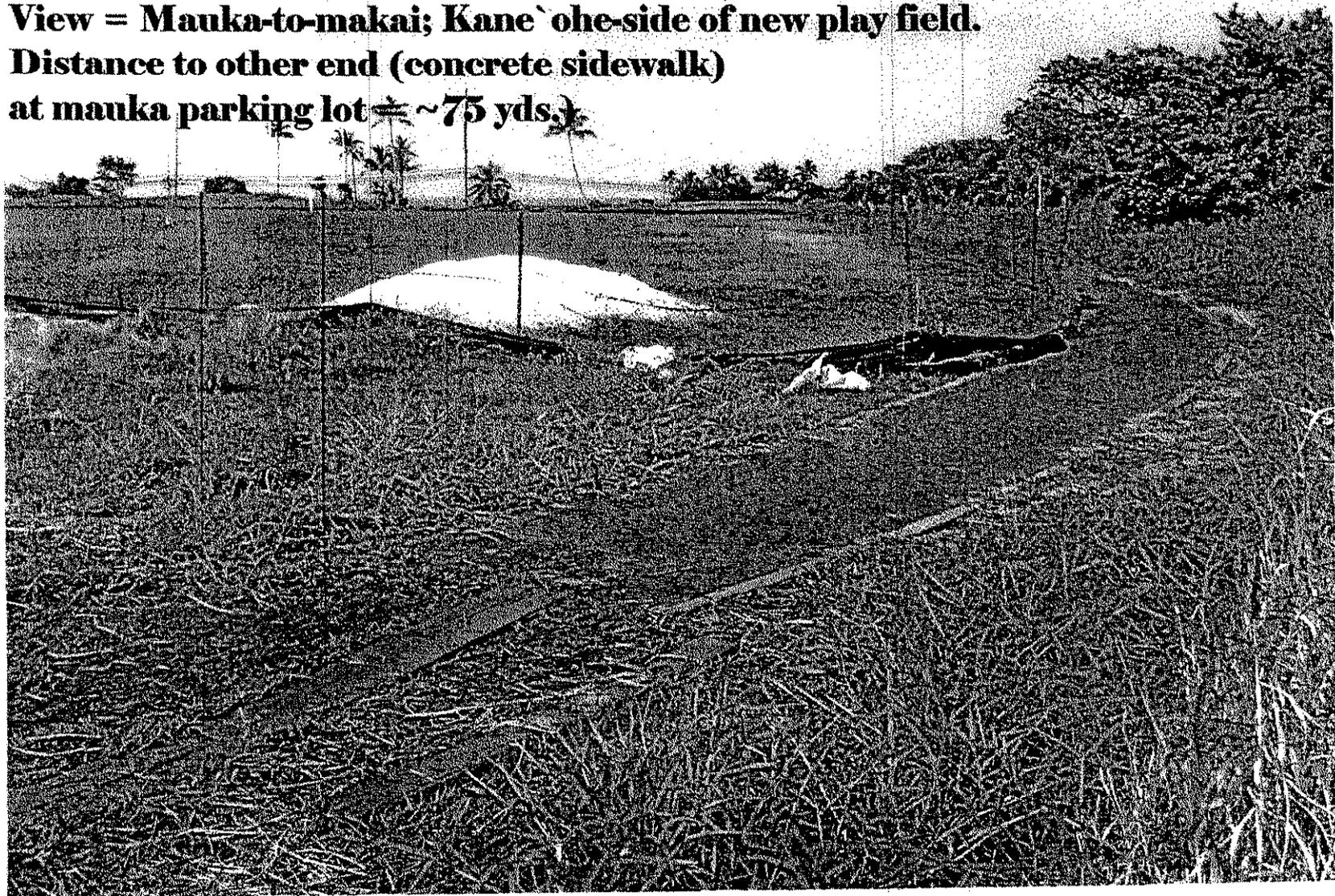
Completion of the Kahalu'u Regional Park has been an ongoing issue for many years. Completing the pathway would be an enormous step toward this goal. It would provide the residents a safe, convenient place to walk or jog. Repairing any drainage issues would ensure the park could be used for a long period of time without heavy maintenance. Finally, the replacement of the monkey pod trees would allow the park to have a more aesthetically pleasing and welcoming look.

**"Dead end" of asphalt/concrete-framed portion of Perimeter Path
Kahalu`u Regional Park.**

View = Mauka-to-makai; Kane`ohe-side of new play field.

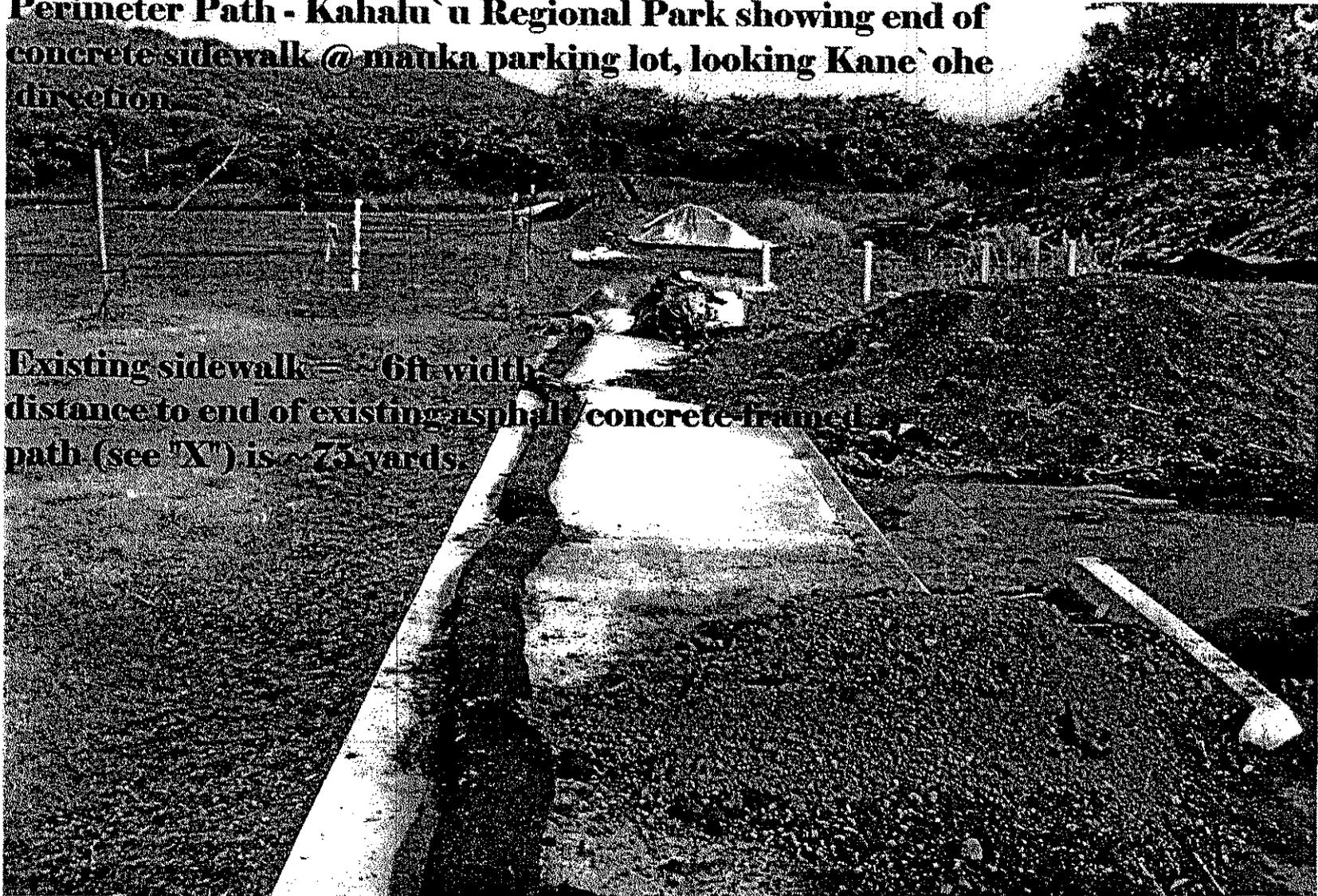
Distance to other end (concrete sidewalk)

at mauka parking lot \approx ~75 yds.)

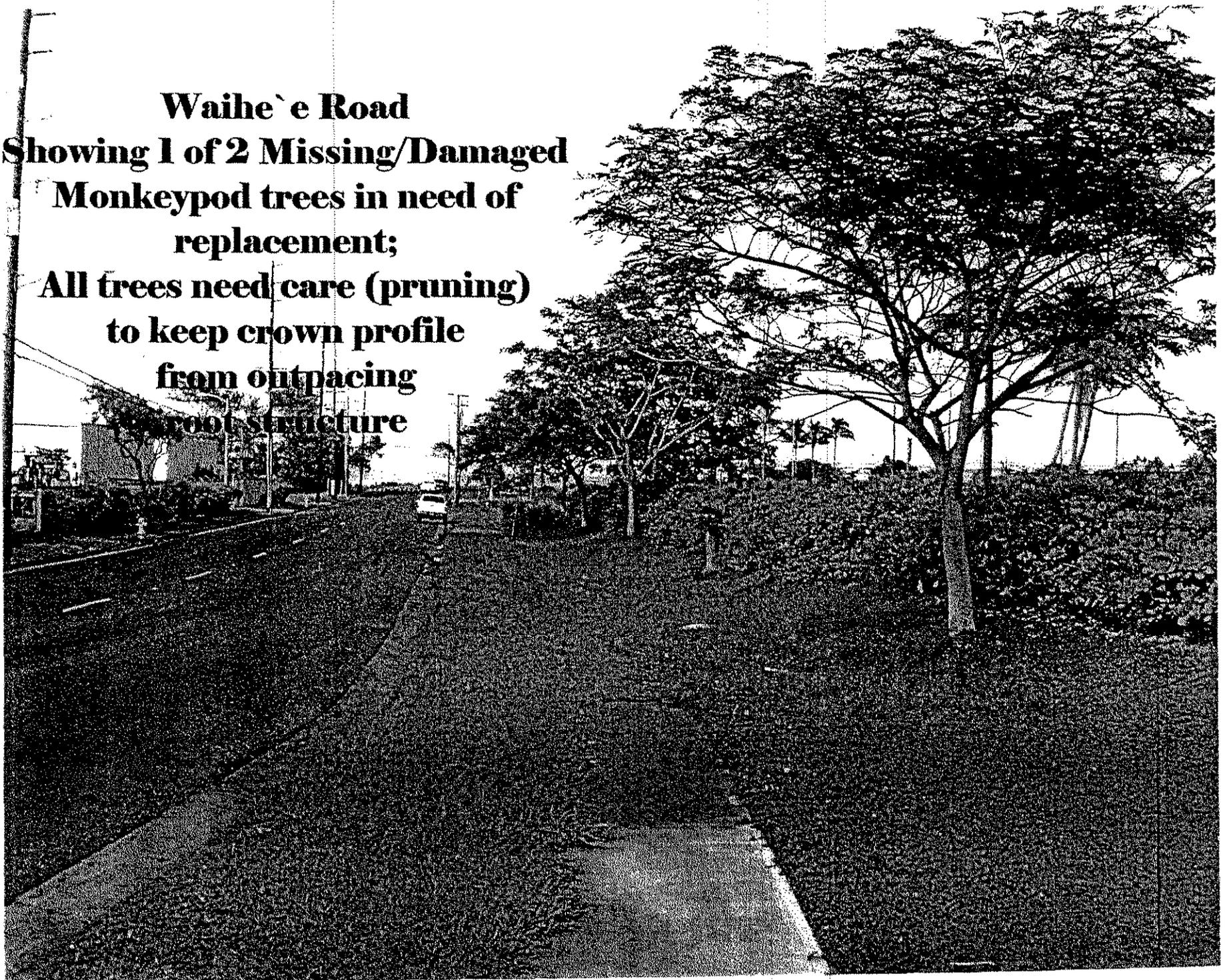


Perimeter Path - Kahalu`u Regional Park showing end of concrete sidewalk @ mauka parking lot, looking Kane`ohe direction

**Existing sidewalk = ~6ft width
distance to end of existing asphalt/concrete framed path (see "X") is ~75 yards.**



Waihe`e Road
Showing 1 of 2 Missing/Damaged
Monkeypod trees in need of
replacement;
All trees need care (pruning)
to keep crown profile
from outpacing
root structure



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FUNCTION:	HIGHWAY ANSD STREETS	COUNCILMEMBER:	DMD
PROGRAM:	HIGHWAYS, STREETS AND ROADWAYS	CONTACT/PHONE:	REED - 5038
DEPARTMENT:	DESIGN AND COSNTRUCTION	PRIORITY NUMBER:	

PROJECT NUMBER:	
PROJECT TITLE:	KAHALU'U PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE NETWORK CIRCULATION STUDY
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: As it should appear in the bill or Ramseyer format for amendments to existing projects	Planning feasibility study and preliminary design for a pedestrian and bicycle network through Kahalu'u, including (1) a connection between Waihe'e and Wailehua Roads along either Ahilama Road or through Waihe'e Marsh and (2) along Waihe'e Stream to Ka'aiaea Stream.

WORK PHASE			SOURCE OF FUNDS		
WORK PHASE	EXISTING AMOUNT	AMENDMENT	FUND CODE	EXISTING AMOUNT	AMENDMENT
P		\$140,000			
D		\$10,000	GI		\$150,000
TOTAL		\$150,000	GI		\$150,000

Justification:

This project is supported by the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board #29 and the study would provide the basis for future CIP projects to be construct the recommended pedestrian and bicycle network.

Summaries of High-Priority CIP Projects – Kahalu'u

Creation Of An Effective Bypass System

When accidents are being investigated on Kamehameha Highway, Kahalu'u's primary transportation artery, traffic is generally rerouted to a network of roads perpendicular to and mauka of the highway.¹ When accidents are critical or fatal, the investigation – and the corresponding need for a bypass – can last as long as six hours. Due to the narrowness of many of the country roads that make up the current bypass system (some of which are one-lane), use of the bypass creates both a public safety issue and traffic delays, as vehicles heading in opposite directions often cannot get past one another. Moreover, because a portion of Pulama Road is private, there is currently no way to reroute traffic around accidents that occur between Pulama and Waiehau Roads.

To ensure safe passage around accidents on Kamehameha Highway and to avoid traffic jams, the City and County should widen to an 18-foot width all roads and bridges that currently constitute the bypass system. Segments that require widening include portions of Ahaolelo Road, Mapele Road, and Ahilama Road (including the one-lane bridge over Kalahaku Stream). In addition, the City and County should purchase an easement over the privately owned portion of Pulama Road to allow use as an emergency bypass when Kamehameha Highway is blocked. This portion of Pulama Road would also need widening to 18 feet.

Kahalu'u Pedestrian and Bicycle Network Circulation Study

The City and County would prepare a planning feasibility study and preliminary design for a pedestrian and bicycle network through Kahalu'u, including (1) a connection between Waihe'e Road and Waialehua Road along either Ahilama Road or through Waihe'e Marsh and (2) along Waihe'e Stream and Ka'alaiaea Stream. The study would provide the basis for future CIP projects to construct the recommended pedestrian and bicycle network.

¹ The first segment of the current bypass system includes, when traveling in a Kahuku direction, a departure from Kahekili Highway in the mauka direction onto Ahaolelo Road to the intersection with Mapele Road, then in the Kahuku direction along Mapele Road, then along Ahilama Road (crossing the one-lane bridge) in the Kahuku direction to the intersection with Waihe'e Road, and finally in the makai direction on Waihe'e Road to Kamehameha Highway.

The second segment of the bypass crosses Waihe'e Road on Ahilama Road, heading in a Kahuku direction (one can also access this segment by departing Kamehameha Highway, heading mauka on Waihe'e Road to Ahilama), then along Lamaula Road in the Kahuku direction, and finally makai on Waialehua Road to Kamehameha Highway.



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November 29, 2007

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Councilmember Dela Cruz
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Dear Donovan,

This letter is to confirm the CIP funding priorities for Ko'olauloa Neighborhood Board previously sent to your office via email. The funding priorities include:

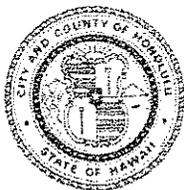
- The play courts that your office helped us secure as an alternate use of the funding that was given for a skate park that was never built in the Hau'ula area. The money originally allocated was then moved to another district. These play courts are important as we have few recreational activities for the youth in this area.
- The completion of a full District Park in Kahuku
- The Hau'ula Community Park renovation
- An irrigation system at Punalu'u Beach Park

These were all approved by the Board at their October meeting and prior meetings as well. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions 282-2808. Mahalo for your continuing support of our community.

Sincerely,

Dee Dee Letts
Dee Dee Letts, Chair 





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December 3, 2007

TO: Ms. Mary Pat Waterhouse, Director
Department of Budget and Fiscal Services

VIA: Mr. Wayne Hashiro, Managing Director

FROM: Councilmember Donovan M. Dela Cruz *[Signature]*

RE: Advanced Budget Request – FY 2009 – Kahalu'u Pedestrian and Bicycle
Network Circulation Study

The Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board at their November meeting indicated their interest in pursuing a planning feasibility study and preliminary design for a pedestrian greenway and bikeway through Kahalu'u. This study was identified as a goal according to the Kahalu'u Community Master Plan. The study should address the following:

- A pedestrian/bikeway connection between Waihe'e Road and Wailehua Road along either Ahilama road or through Waihe'e Marsh
- A pedestrian path along Waihe'e Stream and Ka'alaea Stream

Therefore, I am requesting that \$150,000 be included in the next executive capital budget and program bill (FY09) for this project.

I look forward to your response. Should you require any additional information, please call me or my Legislative Aide, Jc Mikulanec, at 527-5711.

DMD: jsm