

**STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
(STIP)
REVISION #2
COMMENTS AND RESPONSES**

JULY 5, 2011

Hawaii Safe Routes Network



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Subject RE: Comments on FFY 2011-2014 STIP Revision 2

Laura,

Let's see, I'm not directly privy, so I asked Rachel, who's managing the development of this Complete Streets policy. She informs me that the Complete Streets policy will be a Planning Branch document (HWY-P will be responsible for maintaining it and updating it as required). It will also be included as a part of our Interim Highways Procedure Manual (which means everyone in Highway Division should be aware of the Complete Street policy and its requirements/guidelines). She also informs me that the draft policy is anticipated to be finalized in the fall of this year.

Please let me know if have any other questions of comments on STIP Revision #2. Feel free to also check with Rachel if you have further questions on the development of the Complete Streets policy.

Pat

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Hi Patrick,
Thanks so much for your feedback on Complete Streets. Can you tell us where this policy will be housed? Will it be part of your project development manual? Also, what is the time frame for completing the draft?

Thanks,
Laura

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Subject: Re: Comments on FFY 2011-2014 STIP Revision 2

Laura,

Thank you for your comments on STIP Revision #2.

Thank you for your support of the Leeward bikepath. this project has been a challenge to develop as it's been mired in many environmental issues, including historic impacts and Rights-of Way issues. However, this project remains a TE priority for HDOT and the OahuMPO and we will continue to progress towards its completion.

Also, for your information, HDOT Highways Division is in the process of creating a Complete Streets policy. There is currently a draft policy that is being worked on. This policy will guide HDOT's Highways Division in the application of Complete Streets in its program.

Patrick Tom
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Comments attached on FFY 2011 -2014 STIP Revision 2

Mahalo!

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June 20th, 2011

Mr. Ken Tatsuguchi,
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Re: FFY 2011-2014 STIP Revision #2 Comments

Dear, Mr. Tatsuguchi -

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on the FFY 2011-2014 STIP Revision #2.

We want to thank HDOT for their commitment to fund important bicycle and pedestrian projects that remain programmed in the STIP such as OS69, Phase I of the Leeward Bike Path.

For all of these important transportation projects in the STIP, we urge the HDOT to adopt a Complete Streets policy so that all of the projects programmed for funding in this STIP conform to this new law. As you know, this law applies to roads planned and designed after January 1st, 2010.

Mahalo,

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Maui Bicycle Alliance

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Subject Re: STIP Revision #2 Comments

Walter,

Thank you for The Maui Bicycle Alliance support of STIP projects MS11, MS19 and MS18 (a combination of MS17, MS18 and MS33).

We understand and appreciate that there is a need statewide for bicycle facility improvement and continue to try to implement these improvements wherever and whenever applicable and feasible.

Should the newly combined MS18 project be ready to go earlier and should funding be available for it within our list of prioritized ready to go projects, MS18 could be advanced. For now, the design process for this project will be a little delayed to incorporate the combination of scopes. But design funds are already available.

We will forward your comments and this response to FHWA for their information.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

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Subject STIP Revision #2 Comments

Aloha Pat,

Hope you and Ms. Yamanouchi are doing well these days.

Please add the attached document to the STIP Revision #2 comments. If there are any problems with accessing this document, please let me know.

Thanks again for keeping us in the loop.

Aloha and Mahalo,
Walter Enomoto
Maui Bicycle Alliance
Keeping Maui on The Right Path!

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June 9, 2011

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RE: Proposed STIP Revision #2 to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 to 2014 (+2) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Aloha,

The Maui Bicycle Alliance is a grassroots bicycling advocacy organization committed to improving conditions for bicycling in Maui County. We promote bicycling and advocate bicycle use in Maui County for health, recreation, sport and transportation purposes.

We support the following State Highway Projects and their respective funding and construction dates as noted in the STIP Revisions #2:

MS11 Kahului Airport Access Road.
MS19 Waiehu Beach Road Bridge Rehabilitation

We *strongly* support the following projects that were bundled together but deferred until FY2015:

MS17 Pu'unene Avenue Bicycle Improvements
MS33 Pu'unene Avenue Safety Improvements.
MS18 Pu'unene Avenue Widening Deferral.

Because Pu'unene Avenue is the main roadway connecting Central Kahului to the Dairy Road / Pu'unene Avenue / Kuihelani Avenue, the congestion and traffic problems created by current conditions will only get worse as this project is pushed further out.

Bicycle facilities along this heavily travelled corridor are a mix of standard, substandard and non-existent facilities and this inhibits bicycle travel heading into or out of Kahului. Pu'unene Avenue is also the access point to the existing Mokulele bike path and this bundled project is critical to completing the connection between Kahului and Kihei.

We would strongly recommend that this bundled project be reconsidered and reprioritized higher in all future STIP Revisions should other projects not be ready to proceed. This project should also be a "Complete Street" as mandated by HRS 264-20.5

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 to 2014 (+2) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Revision 2 changes.

Mahalo,
Walter Enomoto
President, Maui Bicycle Alliance

cc: d. deleon



Intergovernmental Review
Revision #6 to the
FFYs 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program
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Policy Committee
July 5, 2011

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Intergovernmental Review of Revision #6 to the FFYs 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program

The Intergovernmental review period for the Draft Revision #6 to the FFYs 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program began on May 24, 2011 and concluded on June 24, 2011. The draft Revision #6 was mailed to 54 agencies for their review. Of the 18 agencies that responded, three provided comments. Summaries of those comments and the agencies' responses are below.

Project Number(s)	Comment Provided by:	Summary of Comment	Response
OS85 OS86	University of Hawaii - Manoa	Agency encourages OahuMPO to allocate JARC funds to projects that connect major residential areas with low-income populations to central job centers. Agency also encourages collaboration between OahuMPO and the Department of Transportation Services to focus resources on servicing popular transit routes.	HDOT manages JARC and New Freedom funds through an application-grant type of process. The types of projects that will be funded are dependent on what projects apply for the funds. The call for applications to use these funds will be going out shortly. HDOT must weigh the benefits to low-income and persons with disabilities when programming projects. Projects OS85 (JARC) and OS86 (New Freedom) will be using small urban area funds (for populations of 50,000 to 200,000). DTS oversees the transit system on Oahu, and continues to use JARC and New Freedom funds to enhance the transportation system for people with disabilities, seniors, and people with low-incomes (see projects OC13, OC16, OC18, and OC24 in the FFYs 2011-2014 TIP).
General	Board of Water Supply	Agency requests consultation and the opportunity to review construction plans in an effort to coordinate construction schedules.	Comment was forwarded to the agencies for their information.
OS82 OS4 OS5 OS6	Department of Planning and Permitting	Agency asked about the timing and coordination of the four projects proposed for Farrington Highway.	HDOT's plan for the Farrington Highway projects on the TIP is to minimize construction-related traffic impacts as much as possible. HDOT plans to begin construction of OS6 (Farrington Highway, Safety Improvements, Vicinity of Leihoku St. to Kili Dr.) first. The project will be advertised around October 2011. The scope is fairly simple, and HDOT currently does not expect that it will conflict with OS4 (Farrington Hwy, Intersection Improvements, Haleakala Ave.) and OS5 (Farrington Hwy, Intersection Improvements, Nanakuli Ave.), which will be going out together as one project at least 6 months later in FFY 2012. Construction of OS82 (Farrington Hwy, Bridge Replacement, Makaha Bridges #3 & #3A) is currently not scheduled to begin for a number of years. However, HDOT is considering advancing OS82 to an earlier federal fiscal year, as there is a great need for the project. HDOT is working on the project development, looking at how the advancement of this project would affect the financial constraint of the TIP/STIP, and is determining how it should be timed to minimize construction-related traffic impacts.

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The following agencies responded with no concerns.

Budget and Fiscal Services Department

Customer Service Department

Department of Accounting and General Services

Department of Budget and Finance

Department of Community Services

Department of Defense - State Civil Defense

Department of Design and Construction

Department of Emergency Management

Department of Human Services

Department of Parks and Recreation

Honolulu Fire Department

Honolulu Police Department

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands



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Office of the Vice Chancellor
for Administration, Finance and Operations

May 27, 2011

To: Brian Gibson, Executive Director
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Association

From: Office of Physical, Environmental, and Long Range Planning
University of Hawaii at Manoa

Subject: University Review of Draft Revision #6 FFY 2011-14

The University of Hawaii'i at Manoa has no particular concerns regarding the financial plan in Revision #6.

Regarding specific projects in the draft, we have a few comments relating to both Project OS85 (JARC) and Project OS86 (New Freedom). We encourage the MPO to allocate JARC funds to projects that connect major residential areas with low-income populations to central job centers, such as downtown, Waikiki, and the University of Hawaii'i at Manoa, rather than rural programs to increase the overall number of employees and job seekers served. Additionally, we encourage the Oahu MPO to consult and collaborate with the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Transportation Services to look for opportunities to alleviate high cost, low ridership transit routes and services by replacing them with New Freedom grant projects. This could allow the department to increase service to more popular routes in need of service improvements while continuing to meet the needs of disadvantaged populations through federal grants.

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Dear Mr. Gibson:

Subject: Your Letter of May 24, 2011 Regarding Intergovernmental Review of Federally Funded Programs: Draft Revision #6 to the FFY's 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program

Thank you for your letter requesting comments from the Board of Water Supply (BWS) regarding the Draft Revision #6. We have no objections to these proposed projects. We have enclosed a list and maps of planned BWS projects that could be affected by the proposed Transportation Improvement Program projects. Construction plans should be submitted for our review for any potential conflicts with existing BWS facilities and to coordinate construction schedules to minimize impact to our existing customers.

Also enclosed is the completed review form. If you have any questions, please contact George Kuo at 748-5941 or e-mail at: gkuo@hbws.org.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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Dear Mr. Gibson:

Subject: Intergovernmental Review of Federally-Funded
Programs: Draft Revision #6 to the FFYs 2011-2014
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Revision #6 to the FFYs 2011-2014 TIP. Regarding the proposed Farrington Highway projects, will these projects be constructed at the same time or at different times to minimize adverse traffic impacts?

Should you have any questions, please call Randy Hara of our staff at 768-8041.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David K. Tanoue", is written over a printed name and title.

David K. Tanoue, Director
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Public Review
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Public Review of Revision #6 to the FFYs 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program

The Public review period for the Draft Revision #6 to the FFYs 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program began on May 24, 2011 and concluded on June 30, 2011. The draft Revision #6 was mailed to 488 individuals and organizations for their review. Two individuals provided comments. A summary of those comments and corresponding responses are below.

Project Number(s)	Comment Provided by:	Summary of Comment	Response
General	Representative Cynthia Thielen	<p>Representative Thielen expressed her pleasure in the amount of funding devoted to bicycle and pedestrian projects. However, she is concerned that many of these projects have been deferred to the Federal Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016, which are for informational purposes only. Representative Thielen requests a greater and more urgent emphasis on the needs of pedestrians and bicyclists.</p>	<p>HDOT appreciates your advocacy for bike and pedestrian projects. In regards to the deferral of bike and pedestrian improvement efforts, some of these deferrals were necessary due to project development issues. For example, OS69 - Leeward Bikeway Phase 1 needed to be deferred from 2011 to 2012 due to hang-ups in the acquisition of the required right-of-way. Other projects such as OS70 - Leeward Bikeway Phase 2 were deferred due to the need for the TIP to be a financially constrained document. Projects were deferred for financial constraint purposes due to project development delays to projects that were originally programmed in 2011 and 2012 (such as the Leeward Bikeway, Phase 1 and OS17 - H-1 Eastbound Improvements, Vicinity of Ola Lane to Vineyard Boulevard.). While this frees up funds in these years, projects cannot jump forward to use these funds unless they are ready to go. Many of the projects in year 3 and 4 of the TIP are still in development and therefore can only be moved out to maintain financial constraint.</p> <p>Bike and Pedestrian projects are important to the HDOT Highways Division. HDOT is currently developing a Pedestrian Master Plan and is looking to updating Bike Plan Hawaii as well as developing preliminary engineering for Tier 1 bike projects that are identified in the current Bike Plan Hawaii.</p>
General / OS53 OS56 OS57	Councilmember Ernie Martin	<p>Councilmember Martin supports the funding of all Windward and North Shore bridge and roadway projects as well as the three specific Kamehameha Highway projects noted.</p>	<p>OahuMPO is grateful for the support of those projects.</p>



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RE: Comments On Draft Revision #6 of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011-2014
Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

Dear Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Draft Revision #6 of the FFYs 2011-2014 TIP. There were two areas of great importance that I hoped this TIP would address: pedestrian safety and more bikeways. I represent the Kailua and Kaneohe Bay regions in the Hawaii House of Representatives. This area has experienced a large growth of business that has resulted in an increased amount of traffic resulting in more danger to pedestrians. In addition, I am concerned about Hawaii's addiction to foreign oil for energy needs. While this is not a complete solution to that problem, an increase in bikeways can offer a safe way for people to commute to work at shorter distances and to run any additional errands closer to their homes, instead of relying upon cars powered by fossil fuel.

After reviewing the TIP, I am pleased to see that these two areas are being addressed. I found \$25.8 million devoted specifically for projects for bikeways or road widening over the FFY2011-2014 and the out-years of FFY2015 & FFY2016. I found millions of dollars will be devoted to improve bike routes in Waimanalo, Waipahu, Ewa, Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale, and the Waianae Coast. I am grateful for the \$2.1 million for the bike project on Kalaheo Ave.

However, I am concerned that many of these projects are being pushed back to the out-years of FFY2015 & FFY2016. By my estimation, \$6.2 million or 24% of all dollars devoted to these bicycle projects will not be spent until the out-years. The title of this TIP covers FFY2011-2014, so these out-year projects are not really part of the TIP. In addition, your memorandum soliciting comments on the TIP specifically stated that those years are "for information only." I was also disappointed to find out that earlier revisions to the TIP took out funding for a road widening plan for Kamehameha Highway in the Waipahu, Mililani-Waipio Melemanu area. The

creation of more bikeways is a serious concern. They provide a safe and clean route for people to travel, and they offer exercise for Hawaii's keiki and adults.

The TIP provides around 24.6 million for pedestrian safety. This is a substantial amount that addresses a significant issue. But, once again, I found that around 34% or \$8.4 million of that money has been pushed to the out-years of the TIP. This is disappointing. As more and more cars get on the road, pedestrian safety cannot be ignored or pushed back to a later date. People's lives are at stake. Just this past April, a 62 year old newspaper vendor named George Ligman was hit by a car at the intersection of Kalaniana'ole Highway and Kailua intersection, a place where he had been selling newspapers for years. He was left in critical condition. Thankfully he recovered, but examples such as this demonstrate that more emphasis needs to be placed on pedestrian safety.

I am grateful the TIP includes a number of projects for pedestrian safety and bikeways. However, I feel more needs to be done, and sooner. Because cars dominate the roads, it is tempting to place more emphasis on their needs. But roads are also used by pedestrians and bike riders, and they are the most endangered by high speed automobiles. That is why more needs to be done in these areas. Lives are at stake. The TIP needs to include more projects for pedestrian safety and bikeways, and needs to speed up its planned projects.

Sincerely,

Representative Cynthia Thielen
Assistant Minority Leader
50th District (Kailua, Kaneohe Bay)

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Dear Ms. Yasuda:

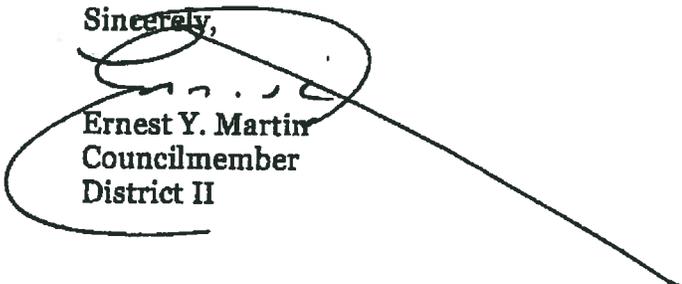
**RE: Draft Revision #6 to the FYs 2011 to 2014 Transportation
Improvement Program**

Since I have the biggest geographic council district on Oahu, a number of projects listed on your TIP draft revision are within my district. The most prevalent problem for the windward coastline is flooding. Unfortunately the main thoroughfare/road (Kamehameha Hwy.) is along the shoreline and when it floods, the most immediate impact is with traffic. As this street handles all of the emergency vehicles, the closure of this roadway is hard on the regular traffic but can mean an abeyance of public emergency vehicles being able to service the area. As such, I fully support the funding of all windward and north shore bridges, culverts and roadway projects.

The other three projects that I would also like to support are the OS53 Kamehameha Hwy. re-alignment in the vicinity of Kawailoa Beach and OS56 & OS57 which are rockfall protection projects for Kamehameha Hwy. on either side of Waimea Bay.

Thank you for funding these public safety projects. Should you need any additional information or have questions, please call me or my Legislative Aide, Reed Matsuura, at 768-5038.

Sincerely,


Ernest Y. Martin
Councilmember
District II

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