Intergovernmental Review

Draft FFYs 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program

Comment Summary

Policy Committee
July 14, 2014

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Intergovernmental Review of the Draft FFYs 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program

The Intergovernmental review period for the Draft FFYs 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program began on May 6, 2014 and concluded on June 20, 2014. The draft FFYs 2015-2018 TIP was mailed to 56 agencies for their review. Of the 21 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
OS41 - Kamehameha Highway Wetland Enhancement	Board of Water Supply (BWS)	Agency notes BWS project (Kamehameha Highway - Haleiwa Water System Improvements) is scheduled for FY 2016.	OahuMPO has forwarded the comment to the Department of Transportation and the Department of Transportation Services for their consideration.
OC5 - Farrington Highway Improvements		BWS project (Kualakai Parkway 16-inch Recycled Water Main) is scheduled for FY 2016 and FY 2019.	
General	Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO)	Agency states that if HECO should have existing easements and facilities in the area of TIP projects, HECO will need continued access for maintenance. Requests that as project locations are determined, they be given additional review opportunities.	OahuMPO has forwarded the comment to the Department of Transportation and the Department of Transportation Services for their consideration.
General	Department of Land and Natural Resources - Engineering Division	Agency states that projects located in flood hazard zones must comply with rules and regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Agency requests coordination with the applicable County NFIP Coordinator.	OahuMPO has forwarded this comment to the Department of Transportation for their information.

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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 Design and Construction
Department of Heallth - Disability and Communication Access Board
Department of Human Services
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
Department of Land and Natural Resources - Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation
Department of Land and Natural Resources - Division of Forestry and Wildlife
Department of Land and Natural Resources - Division of State Parks
Department of Land and Natural Resources - Oahu Division
Department of Parks and Recreation
Department of Planning and Permitting
Department of Transportation Services
Honolulu Police Department
Marine Corps Base Hawaii
Oceanic Cable

REVIEW FORM: Draft FFYs 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program

FROM: **Board of Water Supply**

RETURN TO: OahuMPO
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DEADLINE: **Friday, June 20, 2014**

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1. Does your agency have concerns regarding the <u>financial plan</u> for the draft *FFYs 2015-2018 TIP?*

   _x_ NO
   ___ YES, list concerns below:

   Financial plan concerns:

   _____
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2. All projects programmed in the draft FFYs 2015-2018 TIP are listed in alphabetical order and grouped by project sponsor and federal funding. Details for each TIP project include the following: project number, project name, project description, project sponsor, project location map, estimated total project cost, the amount programmed for each phase of the project (including FFYs 2019 and 2020, for information purposes only), and the federal funding category, as applicable.

   Does your agency have concerns regarding the <u>individual projects</u> contained within the draft FFYs 2015-2018 TIP?

   ___ NO
   _x_ YES, list project-specific concerns below

TIP Project Number	***TIP Project Name***	***Explain Concern***
OS41-Kamehameha Hwy Enhancement, Vicinity of Ukoa Pond	(Rte 83) Wetland	BWS Project: Kamehameha Hwy - Haleiwa Water System Improvements, Parts I & II (construction tentatively scheduled for FY 2016, see attached map)
OC5-Farrington Hwy Improvements, Ph. 1	(Rtes 7110 & 9107)	BWS Project: Kualakai Parkway 16-inch Recycled Water Main (design tentatively scheduled for FY 2016, construction tentatively scheduled for FY 2019, see attached map)

3. **Are you aware of other agencies whose programs or plans may be affected by the draft FFYs 2015-2018 TIP? If yes, indicate who should be contacted for their review of this document.**

   x **NO**

   ___ **YES, identify:**

   Agency Name: _____

   Contact Name: _____

   Mailing Address: _____

Board of Water Supply

Iris Oda	6/13/14
Name	**Date**
Civil Engineer	748-5946
Title	**Contact Phone Number**
	ioda@hbws.org
Signature	**Email address**

Note: The City and County of Honolulu is using the TIP public involvement process, as outlined in the Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration metropolitan transportation planning regulations (23 CFR 450/49 CFR 613), to satisfy the public hearing requirements for the Federal Transit Administration's Urbanized Area Formula Program (49 USC Section 5307) program-of-projects.

Marian Yasuda

From: Liu, Rouen <rouen.liu@hawaiianelectric.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2014 1:52 PM
To: OahuMPO
Cc: '1.11.136629@ecollab.heco.com'
Subject: OMPO FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program
Attachments: img-612124807-0001.pdf

Dear Mr. Gibson,
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the subject TIP. Hawaiian Electric Company has no objections. Should HECO have existing easements and facilities on the subject property, we will need continued access for maintenance of our facilities.
We appreciate your efforts to keep us apprised of the subject project in the planning process. As the various projects within the TIP come to fruition, please continue to keep us informed. Further along in the design, we will be better able to evaluate the effects on our system facilities. Similar to our general statement we have more specific comments from our Telecommunications Planning Division.

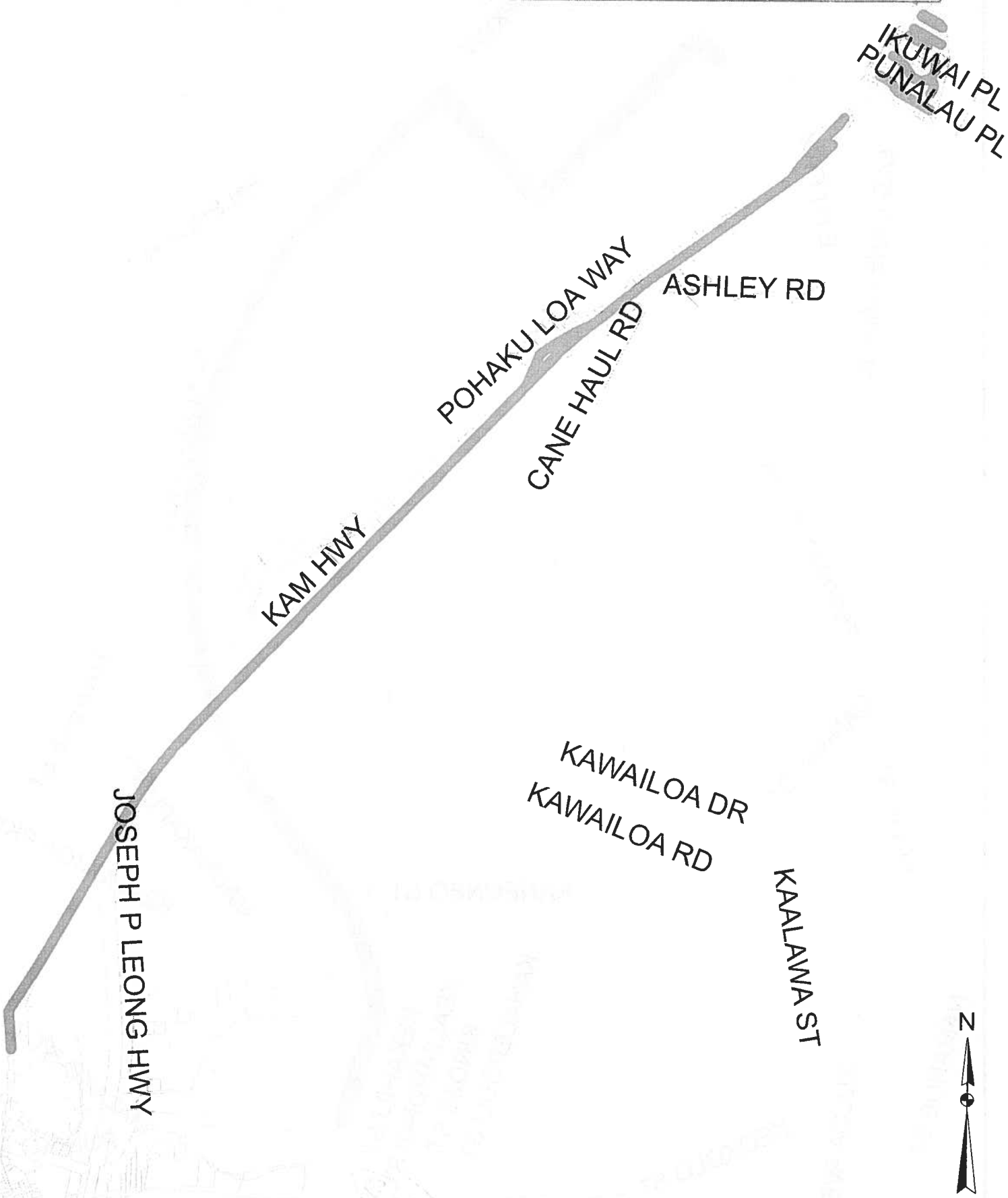
In summary:

- There are many project locations which are unknown at this time, and would require a second review once those locations are known.
- There is a future Microwave path that is in the vicinity of one of the projects, which needs to be reviewed should the project be constructed after the MW path is in place.
- There are existing and/or future fiber cables that are in the vicinity of several projects, which needs to be reviewed as the project details are known (and for future fibers, if the project is constructed after the fiber is in place).

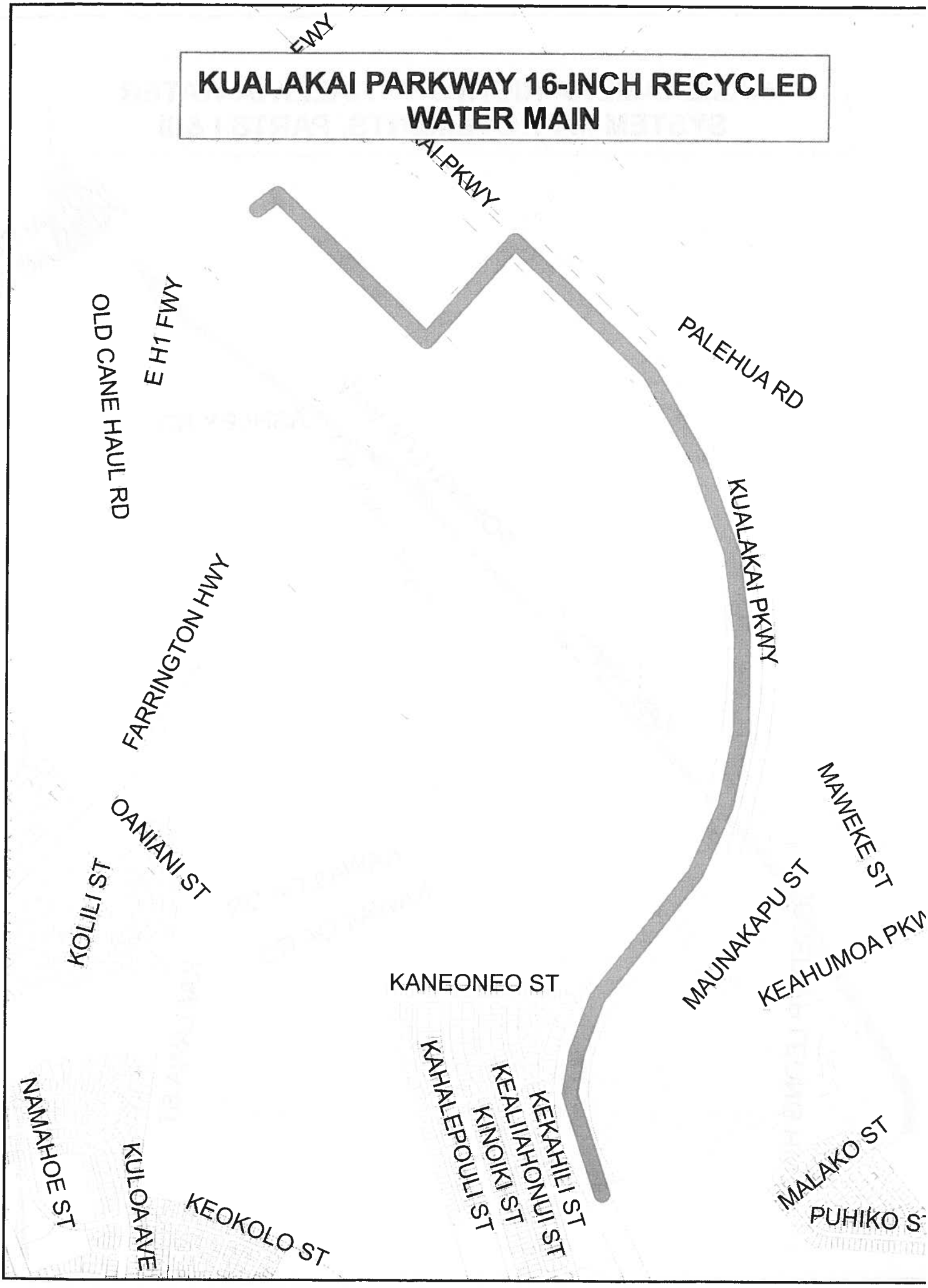
If you have any questions, please call me at 543-7245.

Sincerely,
Rouen Q. W. Liu
Permits Engineer

KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY - HALEIWA WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, PARTS I & II



KUALAKAI PARKWAY 16-INCH RECYCLED WATER MAIN



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FROM: **Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.**
Engineering Department

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   X NO
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   Financial plan concerns:

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   Does your agency have concerns regarding the individual projects contained within the draft FFYs 2015-2018 TIP?

   ___ NO
   X YES, list project-specific concerns below

TIP Project Number	*TIP Project Name*	*Explain Concern*
—	—	See attached for general comments

3. Are you aware of other agencies whose programs or plans may be affected by the draft FFYs 2015-2018 TIP? If yes, indicate who should be contacted for their review of this document.

X NO
___ YES, identify:
Agency Name: _____
Contact Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.
Engineering Department

Rouen Liu	6/12/14
Name	Date
Permit Engineer	543-7245
Title	Contact Phone Number
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Signature	Email address

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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
ENGINEERING DIVISION

LD/Russell Y. Tsuji
REF: Intergovernmental Review of Federally-Funded Programs: FY's 2015-2018 Draft Overall Work Program, Oahu, Island-wide
Oahu.033

COMMENTS

( ) We confirm that the project site, according to the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), is located in Flood Zone .

( ) Please take note that the project site according to the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), is located in Zone .

( ) Please note that the correct Flood Zone Designation for the project site according to the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is .

(X) Please note that the project(s) located in the Flood Hazard Zones (A, AO, AH, AE, AEF, V, VE, and XS) must comply with the rules and regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) presented in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (44CFR), whenever development within a Special Flood Hazard Area is undertaken. If there are any questions, please contact the State NFIP Coordinator, Ms. Carol Tyau-Beam, of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Engineering Division at (808) 587-0267.

Please be advised that 44CFR indicates the minimum standards set forth by the NFIP. Your Community's local flood ordinance may prove to be more restrictive and thus take precedence over the minimum NFIP standards. If there are questions regarding the local flood ordinances, please contact the applicable County NFIP Coordinators below:

(X) Mr. Mario Siu Li at (808) 768-8098 of the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting.

( ) Mr. Frank DeMarco at (808) 961-8042 of the County of Hawaii, Department of Public Works.

( ) Mr. Carolyn Cortez at (808) 270-7253 of the County of Maui, Department of Planning.

( ) Mr. Stanford Iwamoto at (808) 241-4896 of the County of Kauai, Department of Public Works.

( ) The applicant should include project water demands and infrastructure required to meet water demands. Please note that the implementation of any State-sponsored projects requiring water service from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply system must first obtain water allocation credits from the Engineering Division before it can receive a building permit and/or water meter.

( ) The applicant should provide the water demands and calculations to the Engineering Division so it can be included in the State Water Projects Plan Update.

( ) Additional Comments: _____

( ) Other: _____

Should you have any questions, please call Mr. Dennis Imada of the Planning Branch at 587-0257.

Signed: _____
CARTY S. CHANG, CHIEF ENGINEER

Date: _____

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LAND DIVISION

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June 6, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: FR

DLNR Agencies:
X Div. of Aquatic Resources
X Div. of Boating & Ocean Recreation
X Engineering Division
X Div. of Forestry & Wildlife
X Div. of State Parks
X Commission on Water Resource Management
X Office of Conservation & Coastal Lands
X Land Division Oahu District
X Historic Preservation
X Gavin Chun

FROM: TO: Russell Y. Tsuji, Land Administrator
SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Review of Federally-Funded Programs: FFYs 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program
LOCATION: O`ahu, Island-wide
APPLICANT: Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO)

Transmitted for your review and comment on the above-referenced document. We would appreciate your comments on this document which can be found here:

1. Go to: https://sp01.ld.dlnr.hawaii.gov/LD
2. Login: Username: LD\Visitor Password: 0pa$$word0 (first and last characters are zeros)
3. Click on: Requests for Comments
4. Click on the subject file "Intergovernmental Review of Federally-Funded Programs: FFYs 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program" then click on "Files" and "Download a copy". (Any issues accessing the document should be directed to Jonathan Real, Applications/Systems Analyst at 587-0427 or Jonathan.C.Real@hawaii.gov)

Please submit any comments by June 18, 2014. If no response is received by this date, we will assume your agency has no comments. If you have any questions about this request, please contact Supervising Land Agent Steve Molmen at (808) 587-0439. Thank you.

Attachments

( ) We have no objections
( ) We have no comments.
(✓) Comments are attached.

Signed:
Print Name: Carty S. Chang, Chief Engineer
Date: 6/13/14

Oahu MPO

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Public Review of the Draft FFYs 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program

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Project Number(s)	Comment Provided by:	Comment	Response
General	Ernest Y. Martin, Council Chair and Presiding Officer	Comment urges the funding of the top three safety priorities of the Citizen Advisory Committee: • Kamehameha Highway, Safety Improvements, Haleiwa to Kahaluu – specific emphasis on Laniakea	Development of an environmental assessment (EA) for this project is currently ongoing. The current schedule has a final EA completed by the end of the calendar year 2015.
		• Kamehameha Highway, Safety and Operational Improvements, Kaalaea Stream to Hygienic Store	The safety and operational needs in the area of theproject limits have been addressed in separate stand-alone projects.
		• Rockfall Protection, Kamehameha Highway Rockfall Protection at Waimea Bay	The project is programmed for funding through TIP project OS37. A contract for a consultant to do the design work is curently being developed.
OS37 - Kamehameha Highway, Rockfall Protection, Waimea Bay	Bob Leinau	Comment supports the inclusion of this project in the TIP.	The Hawaii Department of Transportation and OahuMPO is grateful for the support.
General OS10 OS25 OS26 OS37 OS38 OS39 OS40 OS51	City and County Transportation Committee - Ad Hoc Committee	Comment states that Complete Streets information on each project proposed for inclusion in the TIP must be provided in order to be considered for inclusion. Comment suggests that the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists is neglected for a number of the proposed projects. Motor vehicle safety improvements seems to be a priority and, in some cases, at the expense of pedestrian and bicycle safety.	OahuMPO has forwarded this comment to Department of Transportation and Department of Transportation Services for their information.

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OC2 - Bikeway Improvements	Tyler Dos Santos-Tam	Comment suggests that six Oahu Bike Plan projects located in the vicinity of Liliha-Puunui-Alewa-Kamehameha Heights neighborhood receive priority funding.	OahuMPO has forwarded this comment to the Department of Transportation Services for their consideration.
OC8 - Traffic Improvements, Various Locations		Comment suggests that projects which incorporate Complete Streets within the vicinity of Liliha-Puunui-Alewa-Kamehameha Heights neighborhood receive priority funding.	
OC14 - Bus Stop ADA Access Improvements		Comment suggests that such projects located in the vicinity of Liliha-Puunui-Alewa-Kamehameha Heights neighborhood receive priority funding.	
OC15 - Bus Stop Site Improvements		Comment suggests that such projects located in the vicinity of Liliha-Puunui-Alewa-Kamehameha Heights neighborhood receive priority funding.	
Laniakea Highway Realignment	Adam Young	Comments urge the inclusion of the Laniakea Highway Realignment in the TIP.	Development of an environmental assessment (EA) for this project is currently ongoing. The current schedule has a final EA completed by the end of the calendar year 2015.
	Gil Riviere		
	Linda Noey		
	Linda Yadao		
	Mike Dixon		
	North Shore Chamber of Commerce		
	Ryan Pierce		

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Mr. Brian Gibson:

RE: Comment on the Draft Revision #30

Included in the OMPO's Citizen Advisory Committee's Project prioritization, for input into the draft FFYs 2015 – 2018 TIP under the Safety and Operational Improvement Projects, were three priority projects. These are:

1) Kamehameha Highway, Safety Improvements, Haleiwa to Kahaluu – specific emphasis on turtle Beach (Laniakea).
2) Kamehameha Highway, Safety and Operational Improvements, Kaalaea Stream to Hygienic Store.
3) Rockfall Protection, Various Locations – Kamehameha Hwy. Rockfall Protection at Waimea Bay, MP 5.4 to 5.52 project.

These three projects are in my Council District and have the potential to close down Kamehameha Hwy., the main thoroughfare for traffic around the windward and north shore coastline of Oahu. For example, the Waimea Bay rockfall incident, a few years ago, proved that closure of this roadway would totally disrupt the flow of traffic and inconvenience many residents and visitors. Emergency vehicles, busses and other vehicles faced severe challenges.

Thus, it is critical that all three projects are completed in the most expeditious manner possible. Your assistance in ensuring these projects are funded and completed is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ernest Y. Martin
Council Chair and Presiding Officer
District II

EYM:rhm
(OMPO – Revision #30)

Marian Yasuda

From: A & B <leinaur001@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, May 09, 2014 3:39 PM
To: OahuMPO
Cc: Kathleen Pahinui
Subject: OS37 ~ comment

I am glad to see that the 2002 DOT Rock Fall study is finally getting some traction [OS37] related to addressing the high probability for rock fall probability at Waimea Bay [Haleiwa side]. This will probably not be an easy fix but/and if/when Kamehameha Hwy becomes impassable for an extended period of time it impacts many many people, jobs, schools, vacation plans etc., etc. It is best not to wait [another decade]... at the very least lets get a plan on paper so if a worst case scenario manifests you will be ahead of the game and time will be saved and a shovel ready to go.
Mahalo, Bob Leinau.
Note: I see rocks come down occasionally ... there is a clear and persistent danger in this area especially during rainy season.

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July 2, 2014

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RE: Honolulu Transportation Commission's Ad Hoc Committee's Comments on the Draft FFYs 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Ms. Yasuda:

The City and County of Honolulu Transportation Commission formed an Ad Hoc Committee (AHC) to respond to OMPO's Draft FFYs 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The members of the committee have reviewed the Draft TIP and offer the following comments:

1. We are concerned that the State Department of Transportation (SDOT) has chosen not to submit a Complete Streets checklist for applicable projects (e.g., those which have the potential to affect pedestrian and bicycle travel). Many of the comments on the project description page in the Complete Streets section state: "no information available" for projects in design or scheduled for construction in 2015, which are already designed. The information must be available; and should be included. The SDOT's submittals for the TIP, and OMPO, needs to take Complete Streets seriously and incorporate Complete Streets procedures into its design process. OMPO should require that SDOT and DTS provide Complete Streets checklist information for projects to be included on the TIP.

2. Hawaii's share of pedestrian and cyclist traffic fatalities (20.3%) is much higher than the national average (13.6%), while the share of federal transportation dollars spent on pedestrians and cyclists is below the national average (1.3% vs. 1.6%). The concern for safety of motorized vehicle operators expressed in the projects below appears to relate primarily to automotive drivers. But crashes relate primarily to driver error, distraction, and violation of speed or other enforcement issues, not roadway design. Crashes affecting cyclists and pedestrians relate primarily to exposure to errant motor vehicle operations, which is a matter of roadway design. The TIP disproportionately represents neglects the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

The first example we cite of this disproportionate consideration is OS10, Guard Rail and Safety Improvements. This is a general project to improve automotive safety by installing guard rails, crash attenuators and related measures affecting Kamehameha Highway, Kalanianaole Highway, and Farrington Highway among others, which are heavily used by pedestrians and cyclists. The overarching concern is that safety features such as guard rails, crash attenuators and rumble strips intended to make roadways safer for cars will make the roadways less safe for pedestrians and cyclists by reducing shoulders and / or obstructing the travel space for cyclists and pedestrians. We should be informed of the specific or general planning principles by which these "safety" features will or have been determined, to ensure that they will make the roadways safer for all users, not just automotive users.

Projects with similar concerns include:

- OS25 and OS26: Safety Improvements on Kalanianaole Highway.
- OS37: Waimea Bay rock fall remediation.
- OS51: Kamehameha Highway Safety Improvements.
- OS38, 39, 40: Shoreline Protections Kamehameha Highway (Route 83) Various Locations.

In summary, Oahu's transportation system should be an integrated network of multi-modal options, and the TIP needs to reflect this policy direction.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on the Public Review Draft of the Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2015 through 2018.

Sincerely,

Cindy McMillan
Facilitator
City and County of Honolulu Transportation Commission's Ad Hoc OMPO Committee

Copies: Charles Khim, Chairman, City and County of Honolulu Transportation Commission
John Goody, Member, City and County of Honolulu Transportation Commission's Ad Hoc OMPO Committee
Gladys Marrone, Member, City and County of Honolulu Transportation Commission's Ad Hoc OMPO Committee

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of the Liliha-Puunui-Alewa-Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood, and as a member of Neighborhood Board #14, I believe that our community is strongly concerned with safety, well-being, and a high quality of life for all of our residents. Our community members are in full support of transportation improvements that will promote safety for drivers, bikers, transit-users, and pedestrians alike; therefore, I write to offer the following comments on the Draft FYs 2015-2018 TIP:

Project OC2 "Bikeway Improvements" proposes funding an ongoing islandwide program for the implementation of the Oahu Bicycle Master Plan improvements, the development of new projects, and the upgrade of existing bicycle facilities. The Draft 2015-2018 TIP specifically calls for funding for the Hamakua Drive Bikeway Improvements and the Pearl Harbor Bike Path Restoration.

Currently, a total of $2,761,000 per year in Local and STP Flex funding is planned for further bikeway improvement projects in FFYs 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020. Specific locations for projects in these fiscal years are listed as "TBD."

I respectfully request the Oahu MPO and City and County Department of Transportation Services to consider prioritizing funding the Oahu Bicycle Master Plan improvement projects planned for the Liliha-Puunui-Alewa-Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood, specifically:

- School Street, between 'Iolani Avenue and Middle Street (Oahu Bike Plan Code 1-74*)
- Kuakini Street, between Liliha Street and Nu'uanu Avenue (Oahu Bike Plan Code 3-95)
- Liliha Street, between H-1 Freeway and Wyllie Street (Oahu Bike Plan Code 3-96)
- Liliha Street, between King Street and H-1 Freeway (Oahu Bike Plan Code 3-97)
- Nu'uanu Avenue, between Vineyard Street and Pali Highway (Oahu Bike Plan Code 3-108)
- Wyllie Street, between Liliha Street and Nu'uanu Avenue (Oahu Bike Plan Code 3-126)

** Note: this project is part of the Oahu Bicycle Master Plan Short-Range Implementation Plan.*

In addition to serving the residents of the Liliha-Puunui-Alewa-Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood, the School Street bike route and the lower Liliha Street bike lane will benefit users from other parts of the island who traverse through our area.

Project OC8 "Traffic Improvements at Various Locations" proposes funding for traffic congestion relief and improve traffic safety at various locations. Projects in these locations will incorporate many important complete streets features, including shared-use paths, curb extensions, new or wider sidewalks, pedestrian signals, planting strips, raised medians or refuge islands, street trees, roundabouts or mini-circles, and traffic calming features.

Currently, a total of $2,630,000 per year in Local and STP Flex funding is planned for further Traffic Improvements at Various Locations in FFYs 2017, 2018, and 2019; additionally, $2,130,000 in construction funding is listed for FFY 2020. Specific locations for projects in these fiscal years are listed as "TBD."

I respectfully request the Oahu MPO and the City and County Department of Transportation Services to consider prioritizing Traffic Improvements within the Liliha-Puunui-Alewa-Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood, particularly those which implement Complete Streets principles, considering:

- Residents in our neighborhood have expressed their support for Complete Streets improvements through passage of a resolution at the Neighborhood Board in February 2012, participation in the "Communities for a Lifetime" photomapping project, and participation in a walk audit sponsored by DTS and others in December 2013 to identify intersections, crosswalks, and areas in need of safety improvements;
- There have been numerous pedestrian fatalities and other serious accidents on the major thoroughfares of our neighborhood, including Liliha Street, Kuakini Street, School Street, and Nu'uanu Avenue; and
- There have been numerous serious accidents and near-misses on other thoroughfares of our neighborhood, including Houghtailing Street, Kapalama Avenue, and Judd Street.

Project OC14 "Bus Stop ADA Access Improvements" proposes funding to modify bus stops to comply with the Americans for Disabilities Act, to improve the mobility independence for transit users of all ages and abilities, pedestrian access, and the number of ADA accessible bus stops.

Currently, a total of $597,000 per year in Local and FTA funding is planned for Bus Stop ADA Access Improvements in FFYs 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020. Specific locations for projects in these fiscal years are listed as "TBD."

I respectfully request the Oahu MPO and the City and County Department of Transportation Services to prioritize ADA Access Improvements within the Liliha-Puunui-Alewa-Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood, considering:

- Our neighborhood is home to several facilities which serve the disabled community, such as Ho'opono Services for the Blind and Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific;
- Our neighborhood is home to several hospitals and health facilities, such as Kuakini Hospital, St. Francis Medical Center, Lanakila Comprehensive Health Center, and Maluhia Hospital; and
- Our neighborhood is home to the highest number of elderly on the island,[1] many of whom depend on public transportation for shopping, access to healthcare, access to recreation, and other daily needs.

[1] The U.S. Census 2008-2012 American Community Survey estimates that the 96817 zipcode has 6,739 residents who are 75 or older. The next highest zipcode, 96816, is estimated to have 6,015 residents who are 75 or older.

Project OC15 "Bus Stop Site Improvements" proposes funding for an ongoing program to improve bus stops, bus shelters, benches, and other improvements at various locations, including walkway improvements, if needed at the bus stop.

Currently, $3,742,000 in Local and FTA funding is planned for Bus Stop Site Improvements in FFY 2015, with $501,000 planned per year in local funding for FFYs 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020.

I respectfully request the Oahu MPO and the City and County Department of Transportation Services to prioritize Bus Stop Site Improvements within the Liliha-Puunui-Alewa-Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood, considering:

- Our neighborhood is home to the heavily-traveled #2 and #13 routes, which generate over 30,000 average weekday boardings per day and have the highest number of passengers-per-hour of the entire TheBus system;[2]
- Between 13-24% of households in the Kamehameha Heights, Upper Liliha, and Pu'unui neighborhoods and over 25% of households in the Lower Liliha-Kuakini neighborhood are described as "transit-dependent,"[3] meaning that they "contain a large number of households without cars relative to other parts of Oahu" and "rely on existing transit;"[4] and
- A number of bus stops within our neighborhood still do not have shelters, benches, or other improvements to make transit-riding more comfortable and convenient.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments on the Draft FYs 2015-2018 TIP. I hope that you will take these comments to heart and implement transportation improvements in our neighborhood for the benefit of our residents, workers, and visitors in the coming years.

Mahalo,

Tyler Dos Santos-Tam
2265 Auli'i Street
Honolulu, HI 96817

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[2] Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates Inc., "Short Range Transit Plan Existing Conditions Report." August 2010. Page 5-10

[3] City and County of Honolulu. "Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project Environmental Impact Statement." June 2010. Page 1-15.

[4] City and County of Honolulu. "Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project Environmental Impact Statement." June 2010. Page 1-21.

DATE: July 3, 2014

TO: OMPO Technical and Policy Committee Members

RE: Draft FYs 2015-2018 TIP should include Laniakea Realignment

Seven years after the 2007 Legislature appropriated funds to study traffic and safety alternatives along Kamehameha Highway near Laniakea Beach, the DOT has neither completed its study nor does it foresee any project beginning in the next six years.

Laniakea Realignment, Project OS 53, was included in 2010 when the current TIP was approved. Interestingly, the project was deleted from the TIP at the same time the DOT began to assemble the Laniakea Task Force. Why were the study begun and the TIP project deleted at the same time? Four years later, a comprehensive solution appears farther away than ever.

Since December, barriers prevent parking directly across from the beach and cars park along the shoulder in both directions. The barrier installation was justified as a temporary test for short term relief. It appears that traffic flow has improved, but it is unclear whether this is due to cars parking farther away or the removal of tour buses and vans. Presumably, DOT is carefully analyzing traffic counts, pedestrian behavior and other relevant data.

The barriers should not be considered a long term solution. Reasons to realign the highway include improved vehicular and pedestrian safety, protection of the highway from shoreline erosion and storm events, increasing traffic and visitor counts, greater demand for beach access, city plans for new beach parks at Laniakea and Chuns Reef, shifting the highway alignment to allow parking on the ocean side of the highway, and beach remediation.

Concerns that might complicate realignment include protection of cultural assets, coordination between land owners, potential environmental impacts, and cost, but highway projects regularly share these concerns and these questions should have been answered by now.

In summary, doing nothing for this part of Kamehameha Highway is unacceptable. I ask the OMPO Technical and Policy Committee members to question DOT on its plan for Laniakea. Why has DOT not completed the study? When will it be completed? Are the barriers going to remain indefinitely? What are the preliminary findings (measured data) from the barrier demonstration project? What does DOT think is feasible and likely for a comprehensive long range solution? Why is no Laniakea Realignment Project included by the final out-year, 2020?

The next TIP should include a project for Laniakea Realignment.

Respectfully submitted,

Gil Riviere

Gil Riviere
Waialua

Aloha OMPO,
I am the Executive Director of the North Shore Chamber of Commerce. Our 250 members are residents, nonprofits and businesses. The Chamber has been working to address the Laniakea Traffic Issue since Laniakea became a bottleneck 9 years ago, in 2005. Protected turtle populations had started coming up on the beach at Laniakea and tour publications started promoting it as an easy to reach turtle viewing location. The swarm of buses and rental cars stopping, and pedestrians crossing the busy highway, caused traffic to regularly back up several miles south to the Haleiwa Town bypass. Travel times stretched consistently to more than an hour from Haleiwa to Waimea, normally a 10 minute trip. This is the only highway serving all of Oahu for circle island trips, and is vital to the daily life and work of thousands of North Shore residents.

In 2005 we approached Senator Bobby Bunda and his office organized the first meeting with DOT, landowner Kamehameha Schools, DLNR, Rep. Michael Magaoay, and representatives from the North Shore Neighborhood Board and the Chamber of Commerce. We also organized a Traffic and Transportation Committee on the North Shore Neighborhood Board and both organizations became members of OMPO to advocate for a road re-alignment. We proposed alternative designs for realignment and presented those to DOT. Both our state representatives supported the effort and the legislature appropriated funding to get the project underway. However, the money lapsed and had to be re-appropriated and a task force started for alternatives review & planning. This has been a very slow process, but now after 9 years I have been assured by Daryl Young, Project Manager at the DOT, that there is enough funding to complete the EA and that it should be completed by the end of this year.

This project was ranked #1 priority by the OMPO Community Advisory Committee (CAC), but for some reason does not appear in the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The project (OS53) was in the TIP in 2010, but it was taken out in 2011. Federal funding will be needed to complete the project, as it will mean the rebuilding of at least one bridge in addition to the realignment.

Please put this project back into the 2015-2018 OMPO Transportation Improvement Plan.

Sincerely,

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As a long time resident of Hawaii and the North Shore, it is imperative that the Laniakea project be put in the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) ASAP. The safety and ease of transportation of north shore residents should be a #1 priority!

Thank you,

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Aloha,

I am writing to request that the Laniakea Road Realignment Project be included in the OMPO Plan for 2015-2018. Laniakea or "Turtle Beach" is one of the most heavily traveled areas on the North Shore, with the number of visitors drastically increasing in recent years as evident by the traffic density in the area. While it is understandable that tourists wish to make turtle pictures a memorable part of their vacation, I have seen MANY near misses of pedestrian strikes. Cars, trucks, vans, and buses are scattered on both sides of the road daily causing extremely unsafe circumstances. The concrete barriers did alleviate most of the long traffic backups, but there is a significant need for a more permanent solution. Senator Hee's proposal for the creation of a park in the area of Laniakea and Chun's would be a great addition and should absolutely be included in the upcoming plan. As tourism is a critical part of the state's economy, it should be a top priority that ensures the safety of tourists, locals, and turtles alike.

Mahalo nui,

Adam Young
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Ryan Pierce

Dear OHPO,

The North Shore visitors and residents need this bypass. The current, temporary, barricades are ugly, dangerous, and do not present our state in a good light.
The traffic is better, but now people are walking along the Kam highsway, often ON
the roadway itself. The constant traffic control of parking on the beach side takes hours of police time better spent in other areas.
PLEASE PLEASE do what it takes to implement the bypass s soon as possible.
Mahalo, Linda Noey, Pupukea resident
Sent from Windows Mail

Marian Yasuda

From: Mike Dixon <22pokoli@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 26, 2014 9:00 AM
To: OahuMPO
Subject: Laniakea Highway Realignment Project TIP

There is only ONE highway into and out of our community.
Today the ocean is at high water is less than one yard away from the road edge. It has already eroded parts of the road edge. There is not enough area for even a temporary rock revetment.

A Land owner (A school Trust: Kamehameha Schools) has already agreed to make available land sufficient to move this Highway inland.

There are over 7,000 residents whose only access is this Highway ; we must act soon to prevent the highway from washing away.

Please fund this Project.

Sincerely,

Mike Dixon, Sunset Beach Oahu Hawaii 96712
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Renting North Shore Beach Houses since 1979.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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June 18, 2014

The Honorable Mike Gabbard
20th Senatorial District
State Capitol, Room 201
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Gabbard:

Subject: Federal Fiscal Years 2015 – 2018 (+2) Oahu Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Makakilo Drive Extension

Thank you for your letter inquiring about the funding for the Makakilo Drive Extension.

The amount of federal-aid the City programs in the TIP is based on a calculation of daily vehicle miles traveled, historic funding distributions and the anticipated amount of available flexible federal funds.

Increasing the City's share of federal-aid funding by diverting extra funds to this project would negatively impact other important regional capacity projects. This could also potentially impact other federal-aid programs such as bridge and pavement preservation and unbalance the system wide program that is meant to focus on system preservation and safety.

When this project is ready for construction, should additional federal funds become available, the priority for funding this project exceeds other needs and if the City has the necessary matching local funds, it may be possible to program more funds to it.

Very truly yours,

FORD N. FUCHIGAMI
Interim Director of Transportation

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SENATOR MIKE GABBARD
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May 7, 2014

Dr. Glenn M. Okimoto, Director
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Aloha Dr. Okimoto,

Aloha. Mike Formby of the City's Department of Transportation Services gave a presentation on the Makakilo Drive Extension project at the April 23rd Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board meeting. During the meeting, Mr. Formby made it clear that the construction phase of this important transportation project would probably be delayed due to current City funding commitments to the Honolulu Joint Traffic Management Center.

According to Mr. Formby, the City only receives a federal highways allotment of roughly $17 million per year. My question is whether it might be possible for the state to consider awarding the City a greater allotment of federal highway funds for a fixed amount of time to help cover the construction phase of the Makakilo Drive Extension? Please let me know your thoughts on this.

Me ka pumehana,

Mike

Mike Gabbard
Senator, 20th District

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