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June 28th, 2013

Dr. Glenn Okimoto, PhD, Director
State of Hawaii Department of Transportation
Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
Highway Planning Branch
869 Punchbowl Street, Room 301
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear, Director Okimoto -

On behalf of PATH's 1,500+ members, I am writing to comment on the proposed revisions to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) #14, project HC11, Māmalahoa Highway Widening (Mud Lane to North Hawaii Community Hospital).

The proposed changes in STIP #14 to allocate \$800,000 in design monies for FY 2014 provide a critical opportunity to design this road to truly meet the needs of East Waimea families by including a shared-use pathway in the project design, creating a 4 mile East Waimea Greenway a highly desirable transportation and recreational facility for Waimea's working class families. The East Waimea Greenway would enable families to safely ride bicycles, walk or exercise along the only public right of way they have available to them.

This portion of Waimea is home to many of our island's working class citizens - teachers, policemen, hospitality workers and their families - several of whom work more than one job to make ends meet. Homes are built on one-way streets that spill out to the highway, offering no additional connectivity. Youth in this area who do not drive are trapped by a high-speed highway from getting to all of the activities that go on in the town of Waimea, instead relying on a responsible adult to drive them. Youth in East Waimea are prevented from enjoying the freedom to ride their bikes safely. A young boy was killed at the intersection of Pu'u Mana Rd. and Māmalahoa Highway several years ago, his memorial still freshly cared for by a grieving family. Individuals are forced to walk or exercise along a narrow shoulder with no protection from cars traveling at speeds well over the posted 45 MPH.

A separated shared-use pathway alongside this road is the ideal solution to enable safe walking and bicycling next to a higher-speed rural roadway. An ideal example is "the Moke", a shared-use pathway on Maui alongside the Mokulele Highway, also posted at 45 MPH. Such a solution has real promise to bring the traffic volume down on the road as well as reduce the costs of the project and gain a better, more humane outcome for the community.

We urge both the County of Hawaii and the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation to include a shared-use pathway in the design phase of project HC11.

Mahalo,

Tina Clothier

Tina Clothier
Executive Director, PATH

Response to PATH comments on HC 11 in STIP Revision #14

Hwy Stip Projects to: tina

07/11/2013 04:10 PM

Sent by: **Patrick Tom**

Cc: Glenn Okimoto, Alvin Takeshita, Ken Tatsuguchi, bishii, Sal Panem, Jill M Tanabe, Grace Ichikawa

Dear Ms. Clothier,

Thank you for your comments on STIP project HC11 - Mamalahoa Highway Widening, Mud Lane to North Hawaii Community Hospital.

The State Department of Transportation (HDOT) is doing it's best to accommodate alternative modes of transportation. It is a Highways Division policy to consider the feasibility of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements within the scope of all of our capacity projects. We would also check the consistency with the current Bike Plan Hawaii.

Ultimately, for project HC11, since it is a Hawaii County project, It would be up to them to consider such improvements and include them in their project's scope of work.

We have informed Hawaii County's Department of Public Works of your comment, via a CC of this response, for their consideration.

Thank you again for your comments. We appreciate your involvement in the transportation planning process.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

Tina Clothier

[Tina Clothier <tina@pathhawaii.org>](mailto:tina@pathhawaii.org)

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Tina Clothier
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cc "tina@pathhawaii.org tina@pathhawaii.org"
<tina@pathhawaii.org>
Subject Fwd: STIP Letter for review



HC11 - Mamalahoa Widening STIP Letter.pdf

Re: Comments STIP Revision #14 📎

Hwy Stip Projects to: Secretary <sktscsecretary@gmail.com>

07/08/2013 03:28 PM

Sent by: **Patrick Tom**

Cc: Patrick Tom, Ken Tatsuguchi, Jill M Tanabe, Karen C Yamauchi, Sal Panem, Robert Sun

Mr. Mench,

Thank you for the South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee comments. Thank you for your continued support for our highways projects. We continue to strive to improve our highway transportation infrastructure as best as we can with the resources that we have. Please continue to be involved with the project development process of the projects that you are interested in. That's the best way to remain informed about their status.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

Secretary

Secretary <sktscsecretary@gmail.com>

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To hwy.stip.projects@hawaii.gov,

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Subject Comments STIP Revision #14

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Aloha from the South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee-

As Chairperson, I have been directed at the latest meeting of the Committee held on June 18th to communicate with you regarding our review of the projects that are included in the STIP Revision #14.

Although the Committee expresses disappointment that over the years several projects have been pushed back for various reasons, overall the members of the committee are satisfied that these listed items are moving along and are delighted to see that the most important projects for our district are still viable and included in both planning and execution. We look forward to the timely conclusion of these projects that will surely increase the degree of traffic safety when traversing highways within our district in the near future and beyond.

These projects include but are not limited to the following:

Waiaka Bridge Replacement and Realignment
Kawaihae Bypass Road
Kawaihae Road / Queen Kaahumanu Intersection Improvements
Saddle Road to Mamalahoa Highway Realignment and completion to Queen Kaahumanu

Highway

We are watching closely for progress and completion of these projects in the foreseeable future.

Aloha,

Gunner Mench, Chair
South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee

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Sent by: Gunner Mench  
Chair  
South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee  
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**Intergovernmental Review of Revision 23 to the  
FFYs 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program  
Comment Summary**

**Policy Committee  
July 9, 2013**

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**Intergovernmental Review of the  
FFYs 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program  
Draft Revision #23**

*The Intergovernmental review period for Draft Revision #23 to the FFYs 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program began on May 22, 2013 and concluded on June 21, 2013. Draft Revision #23 was mailed to 56 agencies for their review. Of the 19 agencies that responded, none provided comments.*

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Public Review of Revision 23 to the  
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## Public Review of the FFYs 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program Draft Revision #23

*The public review period for Draft Revision #23 to the FFYs 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program began on May 22, 2013 and concluded on June 28, 2013. Draft Revision #23 was mailed to 546 individuals and organizations for their review. One comment was received.*

| Provider       | Project | Comment                                                                                                                                 | Agency Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Lennard Pepper | General | Comment suggests that planning documents do not adequately account for the coming tidal wave of elderly people and their special needs. | OahuMPO appreciates the comment and directed Mr. Pepper to the addition of project OS95 - Transportation Assistance for Elderly and Disabled as an example of how OahuMPO and its partner agencies are preparing to meet the special needs. |



## Marian Yasuda

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**From:** lennard pepper <pepper002@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 22, 2013 9:44 AM  
**To:** Marian Yasuda  
**Subject:** Re: OahuMPO News: Draft Revision #23 to the FFYs 2011-2014 TIP is available for review and comment

Thank you for keeping me informed. I have not reviewed this document in detail, but, in general, I do not feel that planning documents adequately account for the coming tidal wave of elderly people and their special needs.

Len

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Marian Yasuda  
**To:** Marian Yasuda  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 22, 2013 8:49 AM  
**Subject:** OahuMPO News: Draft Revision #23 to the FFYs 2011-2014 TIP is available for review and comment

Aloha:

Draft Revision #23 to the FFYs 2011-2014 TIP is available for your review and comment. The revision can be downloaded from our website at <http://www.oahumpo.org/>. Comments on the draft Revision #23 may be submitted **by Friday, June 28, 2013** to:

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