
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OAHU METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO STUDY
THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SUBMERSIBLE VEHICULAR TUNNEL FROM EWA
TO DOWNTOWN HONOLULU.

1 WHEREAS, traffic congestion from the Ewa plains communities
2 and points farther west is becoming horrendous with the numerous
3 housing developments in Ewa and Kapolei and will only get worse
4 with the continued development in those areas; and

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6 WHEREAS, traffic commuting times are seriously
7 deteriorating the quality of life of residents in west Oahu who
8 must commute to work and school in the main urban core of
9 Honolulu; and

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11 WHEREAS, one solution that has been considered in the past
12 was to develop a vehicular submersible tunnel beneath Pearl
13 Harbor; and

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15 WHEREAS, House Resolution No. 162, H.D. 1, Regular Session
16 of 1992, requested that the Oahu Metropolitan Planning
17 Organization conduct a study on the feasibility of constructing
18 a vehicular submersible tunnel under Pearl Harbor, with an Ewa
19 portal on federal property at Iroquois Point and a Diamond Head
20 portal on the Pearl Harbor Naval Base; and

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22 WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Navy objected
23 to the proposal because of security, general safety, limited
24 real estate, and operational reasons; and

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26 WHEREAS, alternatively, a similar vehicular submersible
27 tunnel could be developed with an Ewa portal on non-federal
28 public lands in the Ewa Beach area, running parallel to the
29 shoreline in Ewa Beach, crossing under the Pearl Harbor channel,
30 running parallel to the Honolulu International Airport reef
31 runway, and emerging at a Diamond Head portal in the vicinity of



1 the Airport Viaduct and Nimitz Highway interchange (the
2 "additional proposed route"); and
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4 WHEREAS, this additional proposed route should not impact
5 any federal lands or Department of the Navy operations, with the
6 only possible impact being the crossing of the Pearl Harbor
7 channel; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
11 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Oahu Metropolitan
12 Planning Organization is requested to update its January 1993
13 report relating to the Pearl Harbor Tunnel using the additional
14 proposed route; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in updating its report, the
17 Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization is requested to address
18 but not be limited to the following matters:
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- 20 (1) A definitive description of the additional proposed
21 route;
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23 (2) An alternative route or routes to the additional
24 proposed route, and reasons for choosing the
25 alternative route or routes;
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27 (3) Updated cost estimates for planning, designing, and
28 constructing the vehicular submersible tunnel using
29 the additional proposed route or an alternative route
30 or routes;
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32 (4) An estimate time-line for the planning, designing, and
33 construction of a vehicular submersible tunnel using
34 the additional proposed route or alternative route or
35 routes;
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37 (5) Estimating the vehicular submersible tunnel's travel
38 time impact; and
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- 40 (6) The comments and recommendations from the Department
41 of the Navy; and
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
44 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Chairperson of the



1 Policy Committee of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
2 and the Commander of Naval Base Pear Harbor, Department of the
3 Navy.
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