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