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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO MAKE EXPEDITION  
OF THE COMPLETION OF THE PAIA BYPASS PROJECT A TOP  
PRIORITY.

1 WHEREAS, commuter vehicles sometimes speed on a residential  
2 streets in Spreckelsville, Maui, during afternoon rush hour to  
3 avoid back-to-back traffic on nearby Hana Highway; and  
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5 WHEREAS, residents traveling along Hana Highway through  
6 Paia say they have noticed a drastic change in the pace of  
7 traffic over the past eight years, making what was once a ten  
8 minute drive turn into a thirty minute wait in back-to-back  
9 traffic congestion extending more than a mile; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the traffic congestion is increased by the  
12 heightened awareness of Paia as a visitor destination and a  
13 growing interest in visiting surfing areas north of the town,  
14 such as Hookipa Beach Park and "Jaws" in Peahi; and  
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16 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has plans to  
17 construct the Paia bypass highway in order to reduce traffic;  
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20 WHEREAS, Act 41, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, the  
21 Supplemental Budget Appropriations Act of 2004, made an  
22 appropriation in TRN531 item 71 for plans, design, and  
23 construction for alternative traffic improvements in the  
24 vicinity of Paia town; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the appropriation was deemed necessary to qualify  
27 for federal aid financing and/or reimbursement; and  
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29 WHEREAS, Act 41 appropriated for fiscal year 2003-2004 the  
30 sum of \$100,000 for plans and \$1,500,000 for design, and for  
31 fiscal year 2004-2005 the sum of \$37,500,000 for construction;  
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1 WHEREAS, work on the project still has not begun; and

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3 WHEREAS, the consensus of opinion is that the bypass should  
4 be completed as quickly as possible because an urgent need  
5 presently exists; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation had originally  
8 planned for the completion of the bypass in 2017 which was moved  
9 up to 2012, which is still much too long; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
13 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
14 Transportation is requested to expedite the construction of the  
15 Paia bypass project as a top priority to allow through traffic  
16 to get around the bottleneck in Paia town; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
19 Transportation move up the planned completion date of the bypass  
20 from 2012; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
23 Transportation periodically conduct public information briefing  
24 sessions for area residents and legislators to inform them of  
25 the progress of the project; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
29 Transportation and the Mayor and Council Chairperson of the  
30 County of Maui.

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