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March 30, 2009

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 82
HOUSE RESOLUTION 64

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Concurrent Resolution 82 and House Resolution 64 express legislative support for the Ane Keohokalole Highway extension, Mid-level Road, in the county of Hawai'i.

The Department of Transportation supports these resolutions.

We believe that Ane Keohokalole Highway will provide an alternative, parallel route that will reduce traffic congestion currently occurring on Queen Kaahumanu Highway and Mamalahoa Highway. Additionally, the Ane Keohokalole Highway will provide direct access to two major affordable housing projects in the area and simultaneously create needed jobs for people on the island of Hawai'i.

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IN REPLY REFER TO

Statement of
Karen Seddon
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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

March 30, 2009, 9:00 a.m.
Room 309, State Capitol

In consideration of
H.C.R. 82/H.R. 64

**EXPRESSING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR THE ANE KEOHOKALO LE HIGHWAY
EXTENSION, MID-LEVEL ROAD, IN THE COUNTY OF HAWAII**

The HHFDC **supports** H.C.R. 82 and H.R. 64. The Ane Keohokalole Highway extension is an important infrastructure improvement that will aid in the development of over 1100 affordable homes being planned in the HHFDC's Keahuolu development in North Kona, Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

LINDA LINGLE
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

ON HCR 82/HR 64,
EXPRESSING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR THE ANE KEOHOKALOLE HIGHWAY
EXTENSION, MID-LEVEL ROAD, IN THE COUNTY OF HAWAII.

March 30, 2009

Chair Souki, Vice-Chair Awana and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands strongly support HCR 82/HR 64 and the Ane Keohokalole Highway extension project in Kealakehe, Kona.

There is no question that this highway extension will reduce traffic congestion, improve the quality of life of families residing in the region, and allow for both our department and Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation to build communities in Kealakehe that meet the high demand for affordable housing in West Hawai'i.

We appreciate legislative support for this project and thank you for the opportunity to testify on these resolutions.

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March 30, 2009

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
And Members of the House Committee on Transportation,
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**RE: Testimony in Support of House Resolution 64 and House Concurrent Resolution 82
Hearing Monday, March 30, 2009, at 9 a.m., Conference Room 309**

Honorable Chair Souki and Members of the Committee:

We offer our strong support for the state Department of Transportation's request for design and construction money for the Mid-Level road, a project that is part of the Hawai'i County General Plan and the Community Development Plan.

This project will generate both short-term and long-term employment, and is part of a cooperative effort by the County of Hawai'i, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, the state Department of Transportation and the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

The Ane Keohokalole Highway would relieve congestion on the crowded Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway by linking Henry Street, Palani Road and the Kealakehe Parkway. When fully completed, it will also link major facilities such as the county's West Hawai'i Civic Center, the Kona airport, the planned community college campus in Kona, and Kealakehe High School.

It would also provide access to a 300-acre state parcel at Keahuolu designated for a badly needed state affordable housing project, and provide access for additional development of the Villages of Laiopua on Hawaiian Home Lands. The HHL property is slated for more than 700 homes, and about 2,200 homes are planned on the state lands.

We ask the committee to support this project, which will be of enormous benefit to all of West Hawai'i. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Billy Kenoi".

Billy Kenoi
MAYOR



Testimony of C. Mike Kido
External Affairs
The Pacific Resource Partnership

Committee on Transportation
Representative Joseph Souki, Chair
Representative Karen Awana, Vice Chair

HCR 82/HR64 – EXPRESSING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR
THE ANE KEOHOKALOLE HIGHWAY EXTENSION, MID-LEVEL ROAD, IN THE
COUNTY OF HAWAI'I
Monday, March 30, 2009
9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 309

Chair Souki, Vice Chair Awana and Members of the Transportation Committee:

My name is C. Mike Kido, External Affairs of the Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP), a labor-management consortium representing over 240 signatory contractors and the Hawaii Carpenters Union.

Pacific Resource Partnership strongly supports HCR82/HR64, Expressing legislative support for the Ane Keohokalole Highway extension, mid-level road, in the County of Hawai'i.

The Ane Keohokalole Highway (aka Mid-level Road) will provide direct access to two major affordable housing projects, allowing residents the opportunity to purchase affordable homes. The affordable housing projects will provide close to 3,000 homes which will help meet the need for affordable housing in the North Kona. In order for the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) to start construction, Ane Keohokalole Highway needs to be extended.

The Mid-level Road project would also create jobs in the construction industry and plans for the development of a commercial/retail center would bring additional source of employment well beyond its construction phase. The road will also serve the new community center, child and family services center and medical clinic.

Ane Keohokalole Highway furthers the state's three-prong approach to sustainable transportation planning: 1) multi-modal opportunities 2) transit oriented development 3) connectivity. When the extension is fully completed, the highway will connect several major State facilities and will help reduce traffic congestion in the Kealekehe region by providing an alternative route.

PRP respectfully ask for your consideration in HCR 82/HR 64. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
March 30, 2009
H.C.R. 82 / H.R. 64
(Testimony in strong support)

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee, my name is Jon Wallenstrom, and I am the Senior Vice President/Chief Operating Officer for Forest City Hawaii. As the selected developer for the 272 acre HHFDC Keahuolu Project, Forest City strongly supports HCR 82 and HR 64. The Ane Keohokalole Highway extension, mid-level road, in the County of Hawaii will provide an important arterial corridor for West Hawaii and will assist Forest City in providing much needed affordable housing for the region.

Forest City envisions developing a bold and high-quality residential village that will foster a socio-economic balance for West Hawaii. We intend to create an affordable friendly community for residents to work, play, and live. Forest City is working closely with the HHFDC, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and our neighboring stakeholders to cooperatively create a community that builds on improvements in the area and supports a cohesive and sustainable Ahupua'a. The 272-acre site is located adjacent to Kailua-Kona's high population and within the County's Community Development Plan Urban Area.

Projects such as Forest City's proposed community and our neighbor the DHHL community at Laiopua, will benefit from the Ane Keohokalole Highway Extension. The quality of life for current and future residents of West Hawaii will be impacted by the degree to which important infrastructure is created in the region. The feasibility of building affordable housing is directly related to legislative support for infrastructure projects and we are encouraged by this strong expression of support.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

(For more information, please call Linda Chu Takayama, 545-3060)