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IN REPLY REFER TO:

March 23, 2011

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

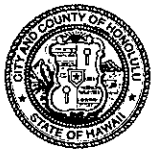
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 101 AND HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 92

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

We support this House Concurrent Resolution with reservations.

We support the intent of this resolution to improve traffic congestion at Mililani Interchange of the H-2 freeway. In 2010, the City & County of Honolulu had conducted and implemented a traffic signal optimization project for Meheula Parkway. The purpose of this project was to optimize the timing at traffic signals on Meheula Parkway to address traffic demands at each intersection. In addition, the Department of Transportation (DOT) has conducted a low-cost traffic operational study for morning peak hour traffic on Meheula Parkway at Mililani Interchange, which was presented to the Mililani Mauka community in 2010, including the Neighborhood Board. Our efforts included analysis and traffic signal green-time allocation to traffic making left turns on Meheula Parkway to the H-2 freeway Wahiawa-bound. The findings of the DOT study were that major improvements to the interchange and the H-2 freeway are necessary to provide further improvements to traffic congestion. Our recent monitoring of the traffic on Meheula Parkway conducted in January 2011 via our employees living in Mililani Mauka has shown that the improvements implemented have reduced traffic congestion in the morning peak hours. Travel time from Mililani Mauka onto the H-2 freeway townbound has been reduced by up to 2 traffic signal cycles.

It is necessary to contract a consultant to conduct a further in-depth analysis of traffic at Mililani Interchange with recommendations for long term solutions. At present, funds are not available to conduct such a study and given current workloads, the DOT traffic staff is not able to provide in-house resources to conduct the study. Appropriation is required to hire a consultant to conduct this study.



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**Testimony of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
on
HCR 101/ HR 92
held on
Wednesday, March 23, 2011
at
9:00 a.m.**

LATE TESTIMONY

Chair Souki and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Neighborhood Board No. 25, I want to express our strong support for HCR 101/HR 92.

The purpose of HCR 101/HR 92 is to request the State DOT to conduct a pilot project to study and reduce the morning traffic congestion on the Meheula parkway going onto the H-2 freeway from Mililani Mauka.

As you know, Mililani Mauka is one-way-in and one-way-out in terms of ingress and egress. In addition, the present H-2 freeway interchange configuration limits access to H-2 from Mililani Mauka to one lane as opposed to two entry lanes from Mililani Town. This causes severe traffic backups and added travel time during the morning commute.

We believe that implementation of this resolution could form the basis for a much-needed action program in addressing this important and long-suffering problem of community concern.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

