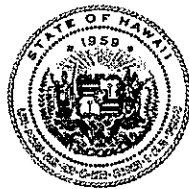


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**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROMPTLY
UNDERTAKE THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A SHARED-USE PATH
ALONG KAHEKILI HIGHWAY**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Department of Transportation (DOT) opposes this bill.

According to the DOT's Statewide Bicycle Plan (Plan) and its priority list of bicycle projects, Statewide, this area of Kahekili Highway is categorized as a Priority III. Based on the Plan's criteria and evaluation process, Priority III are facilities desired for construction beyond 20 years.

Furthermore, the DOT is currently re-evaluating the validity of the 1990 Final Environmental Impact Statement at the Kahekili and Likelike Highways Interchange, and along the Kahekili Highway corridor from Haiku Road to the Kamehameha Highway intersection. The DOT will be considering accommodations for all modes of transportation that includes a multi-use path along Kahekili Highway from the Haiku Road intersection to Kamehameha Highway near the Hygienic Store.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.





KAHALU'U NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 29

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RESOLUTION URGING HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TO CONSTRUCT A SHARED-USE PATH ALONG KAHEKILI HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, a shared-use (bicycle and pedestrian) path along Kahekili Highway between East Hui 'Iwa Street and the Hygienic Store would improve the quality of life in the Kahalu'u community by providing:

- A safe route for our keiki to get to school and to the Kahalu'u Regional Park;
- Recreational opportunities that promote healthy lifestyles; and
- Options for residents to get around our community without having to add another car to traffic.

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Department of Transportation's existing right-of-way along Kahekili Highway between East Hui 'Iwa Street and the Hygienic Store is wide enough to accommodate both a shared-use path and any of the highway widening/contraflow options currently under consideration;

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Department of Transportation's Capital Improvement Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 includes \$1.6 million for design and construction of shared-use paths along Kahekili Highway; and

WHEREAS, design and construction of a shared-use path could proceed expeditiously and would provide construction jobs during this period of economic recovery;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board No. 29 urges the Hawai'i Department of Transportation promptly to undertake the design and construction of a shared-use path along Kahekili Highway between East Hui 'Iwa Street and the Hygienic Store.

Copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Governor Neil Abercrombie, the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation, State Senator Clayton Hee, and State Representative Jessica Wooley.

The Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board adopted this resolution **unanimously** at its January 11, 2012 meeting.



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