



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

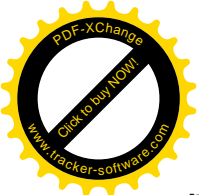
WHEREAS, design and construction of a shared-use path could proceed expeditiously and would provide construction jobs during this period of economic recovery;

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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HB736HD1

February 20, 2014 House Finance hearing 2/20/14 at 11am

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Chad Taniguchi, executive director, Hawaii Bicycling League

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeffrey Gaskell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support cycling lanes that keep riders safe

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Goody	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chairman Yamane and Committee Members: I am a resident of Kahaluu and urge you to approve this measure. The community is strongly behind this project, which will alleviate local traffic on Kahekili, allow kids a safe route to school, allow us to walk or bike to shopping and improve our overall quality of life. The route of the project is flat, and DOT already has the right of way; it is a very practical and cost efficient transportation project. DOT has not implemented complete streets, so enacting this bill is necessary to allow us to move in safety around our own community without having to get in a car for self protection. Thanks very much, John Goody

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Betty Lou Larson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I bicycle almost every day. The #1 reason why people tell me that they do not bike, is they feel it is not safe! Creating more bicycle and walking paths like the proposed one for Kahalui is essential to get more people out riding. Not only is this good for our health, but many daily trips are within a mile or two of home. If people felt safe to go to the shopping center, grocery store, bank, etc. and rode a bike, this could reduce traffic, reduce people's financial burden from gas and car expenses and lead to a more sustainable Oahu. Please support planning and funding for this shared bicycle and walking path.

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Henry Pang	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB736 HD1

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Scott Sullivan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I live in Kaneohe, am a biker and support this bill.

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February 19, 2014

Dear House Finance Committee Members,

I am writing in strong support for HB736 and urge the Hawai'i Department of Transportation to revert to the original version of the bill, requiring the DOT to begin planning, designing and constructing the pedestrian/bicycle shared pathway along Kahekili Highway. The current bill provides the funding for the pathway, but does not require the DOT to take action and begin the necessary steps in preparation for the building of the pathway.

A shared-use pedestrian and bicycle pathway would improve the quality of life of Kahalu`u residents by helping to promote healthier lifestyles (exercise), a safer walking, jogging and bicycle riding path (paved and designated walking/riding area), and an alternative for community residents to get to nearby parks, schools, and convenience stores (fewer cars on the road).

IMPORTANT FACTS TO CONSIDER:

- There are currently no sidewalks in place on Kahekili Highway, so people walk, jog, or walk their pets on the shoulder strip.
- Since moving to Kahalu`u in 2010, there have been two pedestrian fatalities (June 2012 and November 2010) on the strip of Kahekili Highway, between the two points (East Hui Iwa street and Waihee road) of the proposed shared-use pathway.
- Following community input, the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board unanimously adopted a resolution (January 11, 2012) urging the DOT to construct a shared-use pathway along Kahekili Highway.

There is a need for the shared-use pedestrian/bicycle pathway, reflected through overwhelming community support for the project. I respectfully urge you to pass HB736 in its original form, as submitted by Representative Jessica Wooley.

Respectfully,
Alice K. Holt Taum, PhD

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J. William Busch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to indicate firm support for HB 736. In addition, it needs to have the stipulation that DOT is required to proceed with the construction of the shared-use path. My understanding is that funds have been allocated before, but DOT has declined to do the construction. This is not tenable, and the bill needs to include a clause requiring DOT to proceed with construction. The shared-use path is instrumental in helping the community have a safe and effective means of getting around the community without needing a car. I feel it would be appropriate for the path to continue from the Hygenic Store to Haiku Road in Kaneohe, but East Hui Iwa St. is a start. This construction is also in the spirit of the state-wide push for further bike path accessibility. I appreciate the Finance Committee's positive consideration of the needs of the Windward side. J. William Busch as a private individual Board member and Past President - Kaneohe Business Group Past Member Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board

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Debra Pyrek	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I kindly request your consideration to provide a safe bike route in this area. Biking is good for our health and our environment, let's do all we can to provide safe options for those who choose to go by bike! I am a Kailua resident who enjoys riding along the windward coast. This path would be appreciated by many windward residents!

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

February 20, 2014, 11:00 A.M.
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 736 HD1

Aloha Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

The Sierra Club of Hawai'i, with over 12,000 dues paying members and supporters statewide, **supports** HB 736 HD1. This measure provides funding for the construction of a shared-use pathway along Kahekili Highway. Hawaii has a dearth of livable, walkable streets that provide multi-modal forms of transportation. This measure could highlight the potential of a complete streets project, and create an example of how to build these projects in the future.

Please consider:

Safety. The City and County of Honolulu unfortunately ranks high nationwide in pedestrian deaths. While there has been a decline in bicycle/pedestrian accidents nationwide, Hawai'i has witnessed an increase in our death rate from bicycle/pedestrian accidents. At 5.7 deaths per million of our population, our rate is over twice the national average. Worse, of our total traffic deaths, over 25% are cyclists and pedestrians, again about twice the national rate. Roughly 80% of car/bicycle accidents are the fault of the automobile operator.

Traffic Congestion. In Boulder Colorado, a Transportation Management Plan -- which included enhanced bike/pedestrian facilities -- was implemented about 20 years ago. Pedestrian and bike trips both increased by over 10%, while car use diminished by 14% (growth in bus use accounts for the rest). Consider this potential in Honolulu, where our weather is conducive to outdoor activities year round. Many residents have indicated a desire to use bicycles for some part of their trip needs, if only there were safe streets and appropriate facilities. To date, 5.7% of us already walk or bike to work, 1.6 times the national average. Consider the untapped potential to economically reduce automobile use while still meeting transportation demand, if a comprehensive plan were adopted.

Public Health. One third of us are overweight or obese. This sad fact reflects, among other life style factors, the long-term consequences transportation decisions made in the past. Quite simply, we have not provided the capacity for people to walk and bicycle safely in our communities. Most trips of 1/4 to 1/2 mile are entirely feasible on foot, and 3 miles or more on bicycles, if only they were perceived to be safe.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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mary ann ware	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: SUPPORT HB736HD1

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kent lighter	Individual	Support	No

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Rachelle Hyde	Hawaii Bicycle League	Support	No

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John L. Reppun	KEY Project (www.keyproject.org)	Support	No

Comments: KEY Project is situated in the midst of Kahalu`u Regional Park, the heart of the "community civic center" envisioned by this community in the 70s. The positive impact of this vision - for youth and families alike - will be greatly enhanced by connecting corridors from both the Ahuimanu and Kaalaea directions, allowing safe, off-highway access for pedestrians of all ages, bike enthusiasts to get to the park. This measure will initiate that connection, most easily accomplished given the extensive DOT right-of-way along Kahekili. The delayed effective date of 2050 is uncalled-for if the intent is to prompt community engagement in the process of planning and design that can lead to construction. For those of us who live and work in the area, we are more than ready to engage in addressing the details of planning. This project should be expedited; the positive impact will be immediate for all, including those who participate in our non-profit agencies programs and activities. Mahalo for your consideration. John L. Reppun, Executive Director KEY Project 239-5777

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Elizabeth Dietrich	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please support HB736. Thanks!

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Nellie Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: SUPPORT HB736HD1

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Patricia Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please consider the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians - this is an easy addition. Please vote YES!

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**H.B. 736, H.D. 1
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

House Committee on Finance

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.