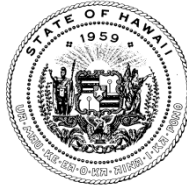


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**S.B. 2004**  
**RELATING TO INSTALLATION OF A SIGNALIZED CROSSWALK ON VINEYARD**  
**BOULEVARD**

Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.B. 2004 to provide an appropriation of \$352,000 for construction of the signalized crosswalk on Vineyard Boulevard. We appreciate the additional general obligation bond authority to support completion of this project. A construction contract has been awarded and the project is proceeding to construction.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

**Testimony of Kehaulani Lum  
In Support of SB 2004  
Relating to the Installation of a Signalized Crosswalk on Vineyard Boulevard  
Hearing of the Committee on Transportation and Energy  
Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 1:45 p.m., Conference Room 225**

**Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Will Espero, Vice Chair**

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Espero, and Members of the Committee on Transportation and Energy,

Mahalo nui loa for your kind consideration of SB 2004, which authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for appropriation to the Department of Transportation to complete the construction and installation of a signalized crosswalk on Vineyard boulevard at River Street.

My name is Kehaulani Lum, and I am an active Board member of Lum Sai Ho Tong (LSHT), a 129-year-old Chinese cultural treasure on River Street. Every year, our historic Tin Hau Temple, one of the last Taoist ritual temples in Hawai`i, welcomes thousands of members and visitors from Hawai`i and around the world, all advancing the preservation of Chinese cultural traditions.

With your previous approval of the installation of a signalized crosswalk at the mauka end of River Street, you have ensured the safety, well being and accessibility of LSHT and Chinatown's residents and visitors, most of whom travel by foot along the River Street corridor. Safe and direct access across busy Vineyard Boulevard that improves the connection between the north and south ends of Chinatown, including the Sun Yat Sen pedestrian mall, is needed because there are popular destinations on both sides of the street, and the area demographics include a high number of people who are elderly or have impaired mobility.

This measure requests additional funds to support Department of Transportation Project Number 98A-01-15, to construct and install the crosswalk on our heavily used pedestrian thoroughfare. Due to increased construction costs in the intervening years since the Legislature first approved the crosswalk, an appropriation of an additional \$352,800 is needed to complete this project.

This amount pales in comparison to the potential harm and liability of even one person being injured, without the signalized crosswalk; a situation which you have had the excellent foresight to prevent. We are most grateful.

Thank you, again, for your serious consideration of SB 2004 and for your dedicated concern for the safety of our people.

Me Ke Aloha Pumehana,

Kehaulani Lum  
Past President and Current Vice President, Lum Sai Ho Tong

Lum Sai Ho Tong  
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SB 2004

My name is Howard Lum and I am president of Lum Sai Ho Tong and Tin Hau Temple.

I am here to testify in support of the bill SB 2004

First of all, I am standing here in unity and support with community leaders from the neighborhood... Merle Chong, granddaughter of founder and president of Kwan Yin Temple and Richard Miyao, son of founder Bishop Miyao of Izumo Taisha Shrine. We, and many others in our community appreciate the state's recognition and support of this important project and ask for your continued support for additional funds to finish this important project, that has taken decades to manifest.

I would like to thank the Governor, the State Dept. of Transportation, Senator Karl Rhoads and the many legislators and the city and city public officials, such as Councilwoman Fukunaga, for their broadmindedness for having recognized the need and the importance of this traffic light and crosswalk across Vineyard Blvd., which will once again, connect the South side of Chinatown with the North side of Chinatown. We expect hundreds to use this new crosswalk and will enable the residents and visitors, young and old, to safely traverse back and forth between the many cultural and historical sites on the north side, such as Kwan Yin Temple, the Foster Botanical Gardens with the other important cultural sites such as the Izumo Taisha Shrine, the Tin Hau Temple and the Mun Lun School as well as the Chinatown Cultural Plaza. This will be the foundation to a vibrant River Street Corridor.

As renown Feng Shui master Clarence Lau has done a reading and forecast for our community ... declared that, "this crosswalk will bring great peace, harmony and prosperity to all of Chinatown."

I, together with Merle, Richard and our neighbors sincerely and humbly ask that the legislature provide the needed funds to finish this very important crosswalk which will benefit all residents in Hawaii, as well as our many visitors from all over the world.

Mahalo and Sincerely



Howard Lum  
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Lum Sai Ho Tong

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Comments:

The addition of any assistance for and at crosswalks in the downtown area is greatly appreciated. Just this morning, I witnessed an accident between two cars when the first car stopped for a pedestrian at the cross walk and the car behind him did not and hit him. Daily, there are so many close calls. I realize that there are pedestrians as well as drivers who are not careful. However, anything we can do to assist and protect is a good idea.