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SB 662

TRAFFIC light Shipman
INDUSTRIAL PARK - ^{POOR BLINKING ONE WAY} In + one way out.

No to G.I.A - GRANT in Aid
to Big Business. other Businesses
buy + pay state for light
7-11 AT Kurtistown SOR EAPR

Better ALTERNATIVE at Hwy 130
+ Hwy 11 interchange - already light
with T intersection Just make
+ Full intersection - All Shipman
LAND! See maps

IF we give in to Shipman
on this - will re-Bill walton, give
in to use the people of Puna with
RAIL ROAD Ave Access. OR is this all to
tighten the noose on the PUNA
Public and to deny All of Puna SMART
Progress. Traffic in Puna is already
at a Bottle neck + this will only make
it worse. I WANT Progress, but it
needs to be SMART + SOR the good of
the whole community. Aloha + MAHAIO

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GIA - Non Proprietary
CIP - Capital Improvement Project

Rail Road

other choice

130 EXT

Kamehameha School
Ambulance -
Traffic flow

Yes there are traffic problems in Puna in many
MANY places. Better planning is what is needed,
I ask for a better solution. No 2 in ^{ways} + out in all
of PUNA Hwy 11 is only way to Hospital, Schools,
UH, Airport & SO much more. Commerce
Shipman Park has only one way in + out and the
light idea Industrial current cross street does not
fix that. This ^{4 ways} 130 ^{+ Hwy 11} full interchange does
give 2 ways of access in + out that I
propose. See pictures - * is the better solution
than the Kipimana St Intersection



February 10, 2017

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy

Support of SB 662 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO W.H. SHIPMAN FOR TRAFFIC MODIFICATIONS IN THE SHIPMAN BUSINESS PARK.

TRE Hearing: Friday, February 10, 2017, 1:15 p.m., in Conference Room 225

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. LURF's mission is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources, and public health and safety.

LURF **supports SB 662**, which would make an appropriation for a grant-in-aid to W.H. Shipman, Ltd. (Shipman), for traffic plans and traffic lights in the Shipman Business Park on Hawaii Island.

Based on the written testimony of the State Department of Transportation (DOT), LURF understands that if the Legislature approves this grant in aid, it would be expended by DOT and would allow the DOT Highways Division to assist with the technical support in review of the design and construction documents for the traffic modifications in the Shipman Business Park; and DOT would also oversee the project construction where it encroaches into the State highway right of way in accordance with approved documents.

LURF's Position. LURF understands that Highway 11 is a very busy highway that is the sole connector road between Hilo and Puna/Kau, and that during the morning and afternoon rush hours, vehicles making a left turn from Highway 11 at the Kipimana Street intersection must wait in a line that sometimes stretches a quarter of a mile and causes a potentially dangerous situation which could be relieved by the installation of a traffic light.

According to Shipman, its Shipman Business Park, which is now more than 30 years old, is the largest and most active fee simple business park in East Hawaii; and when fully developed it will be 488 acres. In 2015, Shipman financed a comprehensive warrant study to determine the need for a stop light at the Kipimana Street intersection.

The 2015 warrant study confirmed that, based on State standards, there were three conditions that warranted a stop light at this location. The closest stop light that breaks traffic coming from Hilo is more than 3 miles away. During the afternoon, the line of cars trying to leave the Business Park particularly heading towards Hilo can be a quarter of a mile long or longer. Those cars, needing to cross 2 lanes of traffic heading to rapidly growing Puna are moving along Highway 11 at sometimes more than 50 miles an hour. As the wait at the Kipimana Street intersection increases, drivers become more impatient and risky. Further, the business traffic for the Business Park goes on all day long with the same issues.

LURF understands that DOT Highways Division favors a traffic light at this specific intersection within the Shipman Business Park, and DOT has approved a design for this lighted intersection. According to Shipman, lighting this intersection is in line with DOT's goal of addressing safety issues and road maintenance; and adding a traffic light to this intersection would potentially relieve some issues relating to the State leases land in the Hilo Industrial Area (Kanoelehua Industrial Area),

Conclusion. For the above reasons, LURF **strongly supports SB 662** and respectfully urges your favorable consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding this measure.



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Dear Senatory Inouye,

Due to safety issues for the over 1,500 employees working at Shipman Business Park, we are in support of Senate Bill 662.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimo Lee', is written over a horizontal line.

Kimo Lee
Director of Development