
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, MAYOR OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, AND HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL TO REROUTE FARRINGTON HIGHWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1998 MAKAHA BEACH PARK MASTER PLAN.

1 WHEREAS, the urgency to repair the Makaha Bridge has been a
2 public safety concern for Waianae residents for many years; and
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4 WHEREAS, Farrington Highway is the only transportation
5 route to travel south in the Makaha area; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation Highways Division
8 has proposed to replace two existing wooden bridges along
9 Farrington Highway, Route 93, between milepost marker numbers
10 13.95 and 14.21 in Makaha on the Waianae Coast of Oahu; and
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12 WHEREAS, Makaha Bridge No. 3 and Makaha Bridge No. 3A were
13 constructed in 1927 and currently support two eleven-foot lanes
14 with a two-foot shoulder on the makai side of the bridge and a
15 one-foot shoulder on the mauka side; and
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17 WHEREAS, both bridges have been classified by the
18 Department of Transportation as deficient and require
19 replacement; and
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21 WHEREAS, to meet existing roadway design requirements, the
22 proposed project will require additional areas beyond the
23 existing right-of-way to accommodate the increased bridge spans
24 and structures necessary for embankment protection, channel
25 widening, and guardrail improvements; and



1 WHEREAS, the proposed wider right-of-way will affect lands
2 on the mauka and makai sides adjacent to the project site; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Waianae community believes placing the
5 project's temporary bypass road on the makai side of Farrington
6 Highway will cut off and strand residents and tourists west of
7 the project, should the five-year flood level standard temporary
8 roads be washed to sea by inland flooding or ocean surge; and
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10 WHEREAS, in 2016, the Mayor of the City and County of
11 Honolulu presented a proclamation to honor surfing legend
12 Buffalo Keaulana by naming the rerouting of Farrington Highway
13 around Makaha Beach "Buffalo's Way"; and
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15 WHEREAS, Buffalo Keaulana opposed the bypass road plans for
16 Farrington Highway to be realigned makai of the existing road,
17 claiming that it would have detrimental effects on Makaha Beach
18 for beachgoers and marine life, as construction debris from the
19 bypass project would likely end up in the ocean; and
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21 WHEREAS, the only viable and feasible option for the safety
22 and wellbeing of the people and effective use of land in the
23 Waianae community is to build Farrington Highway mauka of where
24 it currently stands, which would also follow the 1998 Makaha
25 Beach Park Master Plan; and
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27 WHEREAS, the Makaha Beach Park Master Plan calls for the
28 rerouting of Farrington Highway to go behind Makaha Beach State
29 Park and route back onto the existing portion of Farrington
30 Highway on the north side of the canoe shed; now, therefore,
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
33 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
34 2020, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
35 Transportation, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and
36 Honolulu City Council are urged to reroute Farrington Highway in
37 accordance with the 1998 Makaha Beach Park Master Plan; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
40 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
41 Transportation, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and
42 Chairperson of the Honolulu City Council.



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