
HOUSE 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
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27 WHEREAS, the proposed wider right-of-way will affect lands
28 on the mauka and makai sides adjacent to the project site; and
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30 WHEREAS, the Waianae community believes placing the
31 project's temporary bypass road on the makai side of Farrington



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