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S.C.R. 121 Proposed S.D. 1 / S.R. 95 Proposed S.D. 1
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY AND COUNTY
OF HONOLULU TO MAKE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO INTERSECTIONS AND
ROADWAYS IN THE EWA BEACH AREA

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports intent with comments**
S.C.R. 121, S.D. 1 Proposed and S.R. 95, S.D.1 Proposed.

Raised crosswalks at intersections with traffic signals will decrease the safety, efficiency and operations of vehicles travelling through the intersection. Vehicle backups will occur approaching the raised crosswalk and potential residual queuing after the left turn phase or cross street green phase will have drivers blocking the intersection for subsequent green phase movements. Longer left turn and cross street green phases necessary to clear these vehicle backups will result in longer delays and congestion at the intersection. Therefore, these improvements are not recommended on Fort Weaver Road at the intersection of Papipi Road and at the intersection of North Road.

The DOT is moving forward on three projects to enhance the safety of students and pedestrians on Fort Weaver Road. The first project will install raised crosswalks at the intersection of Pohakupuna Road and at the intersection of Parish Drive. The second project will install a raised intersection at Fort Weaver Road and Kilaha Street/Ewa Beach Road. And the third project will add streetlights to enhance night visibility at crosswalk on Fort Weaver Road and Kilaha Street/Ewa Beach Road.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SCR-121

Submitted on: 3/24/2021 8:37:40 AM

Testimony for TRS on 3/25/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Rogers	Testifying for Transportation Committee Chair Ewa Neighborhood Board #23	Support	No

Comments:

I support SCR 121 to install raised crosswalks on Papipi Road. A Resolution Supporting the Installation of Speed Table Crosswalks on Papipi Rd at the Marked Crossing to Ewa Beach Elementary School was adopted at the March 2021 Ewa Neighborhood Board #23 meeting. In 2015 a Complete Streets Implementation Study: Papipi Road at Ewa Beach Elementary School was published recommending the raised crosswalk. This is a Safe Routes to School and Equity issue.

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TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (TRS)
MARCH 25, 2021
3:00 PM

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 121, PROPOSED SD1 &
SENATE RESOLUTION 95, PROPOSED SD1**

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) provides the following **comments** on the various requests outlined in SCR 121, SD1 and SR 95, SD1:

Installation of raised crosswalks at the following locations:

Papipi Road, beginning from Kapolei Parkway to Fort Weaver Road.

This section of roadway is currently being studied as a result of a similar request from the Councilmember of District I.

Intersection of Keoneula Boulevard and Kamakana Street.

This intersection is privately held by the developer Haseko. It is DTS' understanding that Haseko is working with a consultant on this intersection.

**North Road at the intersection of North Road and Fort Weaver Road and by
Our Lady Perpetual Help Church.**

This intersection of North Road and Fort Weaver Road is under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.

**Kunia Street at the following intersections; Kuhina Street and Ahona Street; Kuhina
Street and Pailani Street; Kuhina Street and Mailani Street**

DTS has previously conducted a study regarding the installation of speed tables on Kuhina Street. We would further consider the installation of speed tables along Kuhina Street if a majority of the directly affected residents supports the proposal. Affected residents on Hanakahi Street provided a petition to the DTS indicating the support of installing a speed hump on Hanakahi Street.

Finally, regarding the removal of bus stop number 1091, located in front of Ilima Intermediate School. This bus stop is an integral part of TheBus system, and is in the most optimal location to serve the community safely and conveniently, including the Ilima Intermediate School students. . It has been at this location for over 20 years, is well established with shelter, bench, trash receptacle, and services Routes 41, 42, 44, 91, and W1. As such, DTS will not consider removal of this bus stop.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments.

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Testimony for TRS on 3/25/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamalani Keliikuli	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill SCR121, PROPOSED SD1

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Submitted on: 3/23/2021 9:33:20 PM

Testimony for TRS on 3/25/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rayne Kauhi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly Support.

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Submitted on: 3/23/2021 9:35:45 PM

Testimony for TRS on 3/25/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alex Kauhi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support

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Submitted on: 3/24/2021 9:42:33 AM

Testimony for TRS on 3/25/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Crystal Robello	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am humbly in strong support of this bill. The community has been pleading for the raised crosswalks for over five years. There has been input from the school that is directly on this road. Ever since Kapolei Parkway joined Papipi Road, it has caused it to be an extremely busy, straightaway road. The speed limit is currently at 25 MPH, yet drivers drive a lot faster unknowingly because of the way it is structured. This road also connects to more than half of the schools in 'Ewa so a good majority of the users are bicyclists and pedestrians. The raised crosswalks would help tremendously because the current delineators are being ran over, and a crossguard is constantly needed for safety.

Papipi Road also leads to public facilities such as the laundromat, eateries, and grocery stores. Public transportation is also heavily used on this road. As a community member who knows multiple people who use this road, I ask that you please follow through with this bill and I am in strong support.

Mahalo,

Crystal Robello

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Submitted on: 3/24/2021 10:28:27 AM

Testimony for TRS on 3/25/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph La Vine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I was the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator (NSW) for 4 years in the community of Ka Makana in Ewa Beach. We tried to reach out to our neighbors and visitors thru community wide notices and numerous sign waving campaigns. We sought help from HPD to help monitor. Keoneula Blvd is a straight run of road that is and continues to be notorious for speeding. There have been several accidents and property damage occuring because of negligent drivers. Please pass this bill before someone gets hurt or worse.

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Submitted on: 3/25/2021 12:18:45 AM
Testimony for TRS on 3/25/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
elizabeth tavake	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support scr121 proposed sd1.

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SCR-121

Submitted on: 3/25/2021 7:24:20 AM

Testimony for TRS on 3/25/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raiza Dalofin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the proposed SD1 to help manage traffic in my area!!

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Submitted on: 3/25/2021 10:34:38 AM

Testimony for TRS on 3/25/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
melvin masuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing, as a private citizen and on my own time, to support SCR 121 (companion SR 95),

Senate Draft 1. Senate Draft 1, which provides for traffic safety measures such as raised

crosswalks to be placed at critical locations in the Ewa Beach area, will greatly enhance the

safety and health of the residents of Ewa Beach. The points made by the State Department of

Transportation in its written testimony supporting the concepts of SCR 121 are very well-expressed in terms of protecting the residents of Ewa Beach.