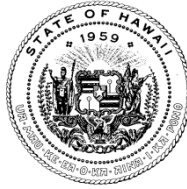


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S.C.R. 173, S.D. 1
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INITIATE THREE
INNOVATIVE PILOT PROJECTS OF MEANINGFUL SCALE TO MODERNIZE
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.C.R. 173, S.D. 1 and offers comments. S.C.R. 173, S.D. 1 requests the DOT initiate three innovative pilot projects of meaningful scale to modernize transportation infrastructure in underserved communities.

The DOT prioritizes projects for implementation based on statewide data, which identifies the needs of the transportation system in terms of safety, mobility, access, and infrastructure condition. Because the DOT's roadways and projects are of a regional scale, its projects typically encompass all communities and the DOT must assess the needs of and prioritize improvements to the State Highway System on a statewide level. For example, improvements to the interstate system, although not necessarily located in an underserved community, will have significant benefits not only to the adjacent communities, but also communities throughout Oahu.

In terms of innovation, the DOT and Counties are deploying statewide technology improvements that will upgrade infrastructure and increase safety and efficiency for all communities. Examples of these include plans to provide broadband to eight underserved communities statewide, the upgrade of signal controllers completed by the end of 2022, and the DOT's integration of automated vehicle technology and Cellular Vehicle to Everything (C-V2X) technology into its State Highway System. The request for proposals for the C-V2X technology will be issued by the end of 2021.

The DOT has a Complete Streets policy and existing bicycle and pedestrian master plans, which guide its implementation of bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Examples of recent projects (including under projects under construction) include the expansion of the shared use path on Kalaniana'ole Highway in Waimanalo, Leeward Bikeway Phase 1, and raised crosswalks installed at locations across the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SCR-173-SD-1

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| Chad Taniguchi | Hawaii Bicycling League | Support | No |

Comments:

The Hawaii Bicycling League strongly supports SCR173 calling for HDOT to initiate and prioritize 3 projects to improve walking and biking in Hawaii's underserved communities.

HDOT supports this resolution. Hawaii Bicycling League has advocated in the past for better engineering infrastructure in Waianae-Nanakuli, Waimanalo, and Kalihi, where too many people walking and biking have been killed or seriously injured because of speeding, narrow streets, and lack of safe/dedicated spaces to walk and bike.

HDOT has already started projects in Waianae-Nanakuli with traffic calming and speed reduction, and in Waimanalo with 5 foot shoulders to walk and bike. More projects along these lines can be done. Kalihi may need city projects.

Besides safety, such projects that allow and encourage safe walking and biking contribute to physically and financially healthy communities.

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| Bev Brody | Get Fit Kauai | Support | No |

Comments:

Get Fit Kauai strongly supports SCR 173 for ALL the reasons in the resolution. THANK YOU!

LATE



May 6, 2021

Dear Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Ilagan, and Members of the House Committee on Transportation,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SCR173 SD1. Blue Zones Project is a community health initiative working to make places where we live, work, and play healthier and happier. We do this by sharing well-being principles from the world's longevity hotspots—*blue zones*—with schools, worksites, restaurants, grocery stores, and individuals to make healthy choices easier.

This resolution would request that the Hawaii Department of Transportation prioritize and execute three pilot projects that demonstrate innovative new ways to improve safety, reduce the cost of transportation for local residents, and improve quality of life in underserved communities, with a particular focus on those that may include public housing or Department of Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiaries.

In 2018, Blue Zones Project supported a community quick build along King Street in the Kalihi-Palama neighborhood led by community partners, the Hawaii State Department of Transportation and the City and County of Honolulu's Complete Streets office. The success of this project allowed communities to replicate these Quick Build strategies at an intersection in the Mō'ili'ili area of 'Oahu. Through a community co-design process, nearby residents, business leaders, and volunteers helped to construct a quick build project meant to slow traffic speeds, improve park access, and highlight the local history and culture through artwork. Since then, we've helped to support similar transportation infrastructure projects across three different islands.

Pilot projects, if inclusive of community participation, can work to empower coalitions of stakeholders with tools and resources to implement their own projects that prioritize pedestrian, bicyclist, commuter, and motorist safety.

Thank you for this opportunity to support SCR173 SD1

Sincerely,

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Senior Manager



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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Lori McCarney | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee and members of the Senate Transportation Committee,

Thank you for your consideration of this important resolution. I am in strong support.

It is quite clear that people who use cars are advantaged over those who don't. Funding and design of transportation routes are prioritized for quick and efficient motorized vehicle traffic movement. Those who cannot afford the costs of a car or who prefer to live a healthy and sustainable life often must put themselves at risk of injury or death. This is not equitable.

Our most affordable neighborhoods are the ones most likely to be overlooked in terms of pedestrian and bicyclist infrastructure improvements to connect residents to workplaces, schools and other necessities of life. There may be fragments of safe routes, but they often end abruptly, into dangerous traffic situations.

There are numerous opportunities to create attractive and safe pedestrian and bicycle routes to connect our communities. Examples are the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail and the Leeward Bikeway. Well-designed pedestrian and bicycle connections to HART stations would also improve mobility for many. Creating a route from Kalihi to Ala Moana is feasible and would be heavily used. Connecting Makaha to Kapolei would improve access to a very underserved community.

Thank you for considering the needs of those who are quite marginalized in transportation planning. And, for allowing me to share my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Lori McCarney

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| John Rogers | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support SCR173 SD1 to initiate three innovative pilot projects to modernize our ground transportation infrastructure by incorporating safer, protected, walking and biking infrastructure to address inequalities in underserved communities.

I would humbly recommend that the DOT prioritize the James Campbell School Complex to maximize safe pedestrian and bicycle commuting to school by completing a shared use path and bicycle lanes along Fort Weaver Rd from Farrington Hwy to Pu'uloa Beach Park.

Very Respectfully,

John Rogers

Transportation Committee Chair Ewa Neighborhood Board #23