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January 24, 2022

Senate President Ronald D. Kouchi
and members of the Senate
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

House Speaker Scott K. Saiki
and members of the House
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT: City Council Resolution No. 21-134; Task Force Report

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On behalf of the task force we submit the attached report and recommendations for safety improvements and unified management of North Road.

The DTS wishes to thank legislative and community leaders, as well as Councilmember Tulba for their participation and insight which have resulted in our recommendations and interim measures to mitigate safety concerns along North Road. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 768-8303 or email roger.morton@honolulu.gov.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Roger Morton", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

J. Roger Morton
Director

Attachments

cc: Mayor Rick Blangiardi
Chief Engineer, Department of Facility Maintenance
Chief of Police, Honolulu Police Department
Director, Hawaii Department of Transportation
U.S. Naval Commander at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Chair, Ewa Beach Neighborhood Board
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The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

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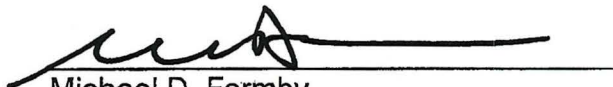


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APPROVED:



Michael D. Formby
Managing Director

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Report of the Task Force on North Road Management
January 24, 2022

Submitted to the Honolulu City Council and the Hawaii State Legislature

The Director of the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) was designated to lead the task force on the management of North Road. Two meetings were held; the first being on October 28, 2021 and the second on December 6, 2021. A list of participants at each meeting is provided in the meeting minutes (Attachments A and B).

The first meeting involved an introduction of participants and gathering of information and concerns from community representatives. It was determined that the main area of concern was along the portion of North Road under the ownership of the Ewa Beach Golf Course (Attachment C). The main concerns included:

- Safety of residents walking/biking along the roadway (lack of sidewalks).
- Lack of street lighting.
- Illegal dumping of household appliances, abandoned vehicles, and various parts.

It was noted by Representative McDermott that the golf course would like to transfer the ownership of the private portion of North Road to the City or State, as long as they could maintain their easement for their use. DTS Director Morton and the Department of Facility Maintenance Director Roger Babcock advised that the City would not accept ownership unless the roadway was brought up to City standards. This policy applies to the other 800 miles of private roads which exist island-wide.

At the second meeting held on December 6, 2021, DTS presented proposed traffic improvements along North Road in the area of the school complex which includes Pohakea Elementary School and James Campbell High School. The proposed improvements included the installation of three raised crosswalks (also known as "speed tables") at Kulana Place, fronting Ewa Beach Public Library, and at Kilaha Place (Attachment D). In the interim, the DTS has issued a work order to maintain various signs in the area, including school warning signs along North Road. Councilmember Tulba has included funds for "North Road Improvements" in the FY22 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget, which could be used to fund the proposed improvements.

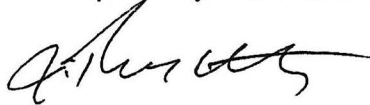
Report of the Task Force on North Road Management
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The task force developed the following recommendations:

- Request that the City's Administration release the CIP funds for the proposed traffic improvements along North Road which includes the installation of three raised crosswalks.
- Install "No Dumping" signage along the golf course portion of the roadway (to be done by golf course). Task force members to work together to obtain community support and assistance with future cleanups along the golf course portion of roadway.
- Request that the Honolulu Police Department and the Navy monitor the City and Navy portions of North Road for speeding.

The DTS wishes to thank legislative and community leaders, as well as Councilmember Tulba for their participation and insight which have resulted in our recommendations and interim measures to mitigate safety concerns along North Road. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 768-8303 or email roger.morton@honolulu.gov.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Task Force,



J. Roger Morton
Director, Department of Transportation

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Task Force on North Road Management
October 28, 2021
Agenda/Minutes

1. Introductions
2. Opening Remarks
 - a. Councilmember Tulba
 - b. Roger Morton
3. North Road; Current Conditions
4. Key Issues; Top 3 Concerns
5. Transit Concerns
6. Meeting Recap and Next Steps
7. Next Meeting; Timing

Meeting notes:

Present at the meeting:

Councilmember Tulba
Representative McDermott
DFM Director Roger Babcock
DPR Deputy Director Kehaulani Pu'u
HPD Lieutenant Everett Sakai
HPD Lieutenant Y. K. Chen
HDOT Dre Kalili
DTS Director Roger Morton
DTS Deputy Director Jon Nouchi
DTS Staff Craig Chung, Layden Akasaki, Melissa Miranda-Johnson
Kathy Mara – Community Member
Christine Carpio - Carmel Partners (Kapalina)
Alexander Gaos – Neighborhood Board Member

Not present at the meeting due to schedule conflict or connection issues:

Liane Otake – Ewa Beach Golf Course

Capt. Anthony Pecoraro - U.S. Naval Commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Top 3 concerns:

1. Safety of residents walking, biking along the roadway. Would like to have a sidewalk installed.
2. Lack of lighting along the stretch of roadway near the Ewa Beach Golf Course makes that area hazardous to drive or walk.
3. Illegal dumping of household appliances abandoned vehicles and their various parts i.e., engine blocks.

These concerns were mentioned by Kathy Mara, Christine Carpio agreed with the items these are the most important issues. HPD asked if there was signage in the area, to help them enforce current laws for dumping. The area in question with the most issues is under the ownership of the Ewa Beach Golf Course. That stretch is out of HDOT and City jurisdiction.

Rep. McDermott mentioned that the Golf Course would like to transfer ownership of the road over to the State or City as long as they can maintain their easement under the road for their use (golf carts). Director Morton and Director Babcock advised that the City will not accept ownership until the road is brought up to City standards. The City can do small maintenance items to the road such as patching of pot holes, but cannot install sidewalks, lighting or signage.

We need to have the Ewa Beach Golf Course and Navy participate in the meetings to make some headway on these issues.

Director Morton will send a letter to both parties and ask them to meet with DTS before the next meeting.

Suggested improvements along Ewa Beach Golf Course roadway:

Install sidewalk

Install lighting

Install signage regarding dumping

Next Steps:

Councilmember Tulba asked for a cost estimate to install sidewalks, lighting, etc.

Director Morton suggest to have the next meeting on December 6, 2021.

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Task Force on North Road Management
December 6, 2021
Agenda/Minutes

1. Introductions
2. North Road improvements presented by DTS

Meeting notes:

Present at the meeting:

Councilmember Tulba
Representative McDermott
DTS Director Roger Morton
DTS Deputy Director Jon Nouchi
DTS Staff Craig Chung, Layden Akasaki, Melissa Miranda-Johnson
HDOT Dre Kalili
Liane Otake – Ewa Beach Golf Course
Alexander Gaos – Neighborhood Board Member
Christine Carpio – Carmel Partners (Kapalina) *Attended for first 10 mins, needed to leave early due to issues with Kona Low storm*

Not present at the meeting:

DFM Director Roger Babcock
DPR Deputy Director Kehaulani Pu'u
HPD Lieutenant Everett Sakai
HPD Lieutenant Y. K. Chen
Kathy Mara
Capt. Anthony Pecoraro - U.S. Naval Commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

DTS Improvements on North Road:

Install speed tables near Kulana Place and Kilaha Street

Suggested improvements along Ewa Beach Golf Course roadway:

Install signage regarding dumping, include language that the area is under video surveillance
Install a camera or "fake" camera to give the impression that a camera is in use

Next Steps:

Ewa Beach Golf Course to install signage along their property regarding No Dumping and that the area is under video surveillance.

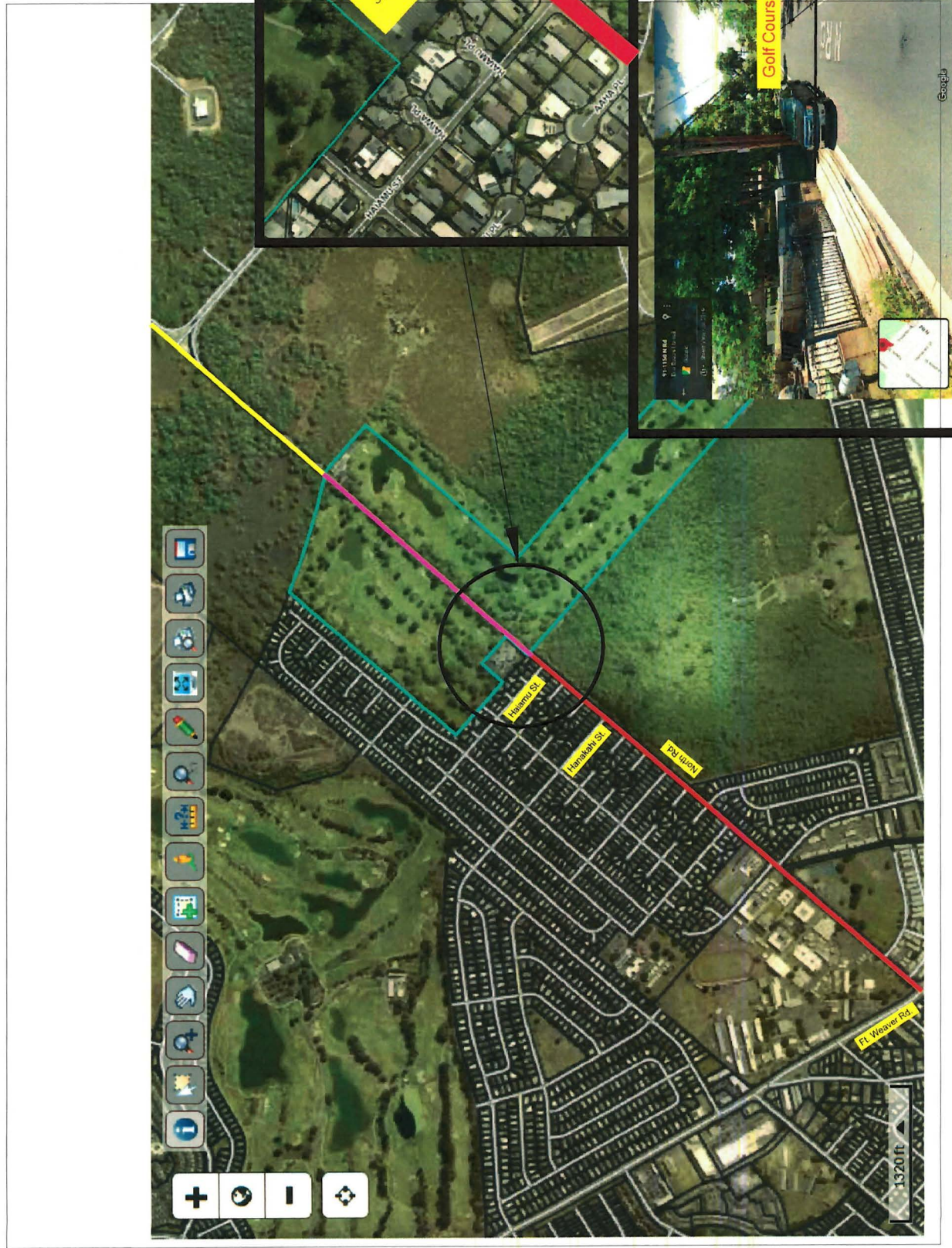
Ewa Beach Golf Course schedules cleanups of the area along their property. They would appreciate to have assistance from all on the task force to help rally community members to assist with the clean ups.

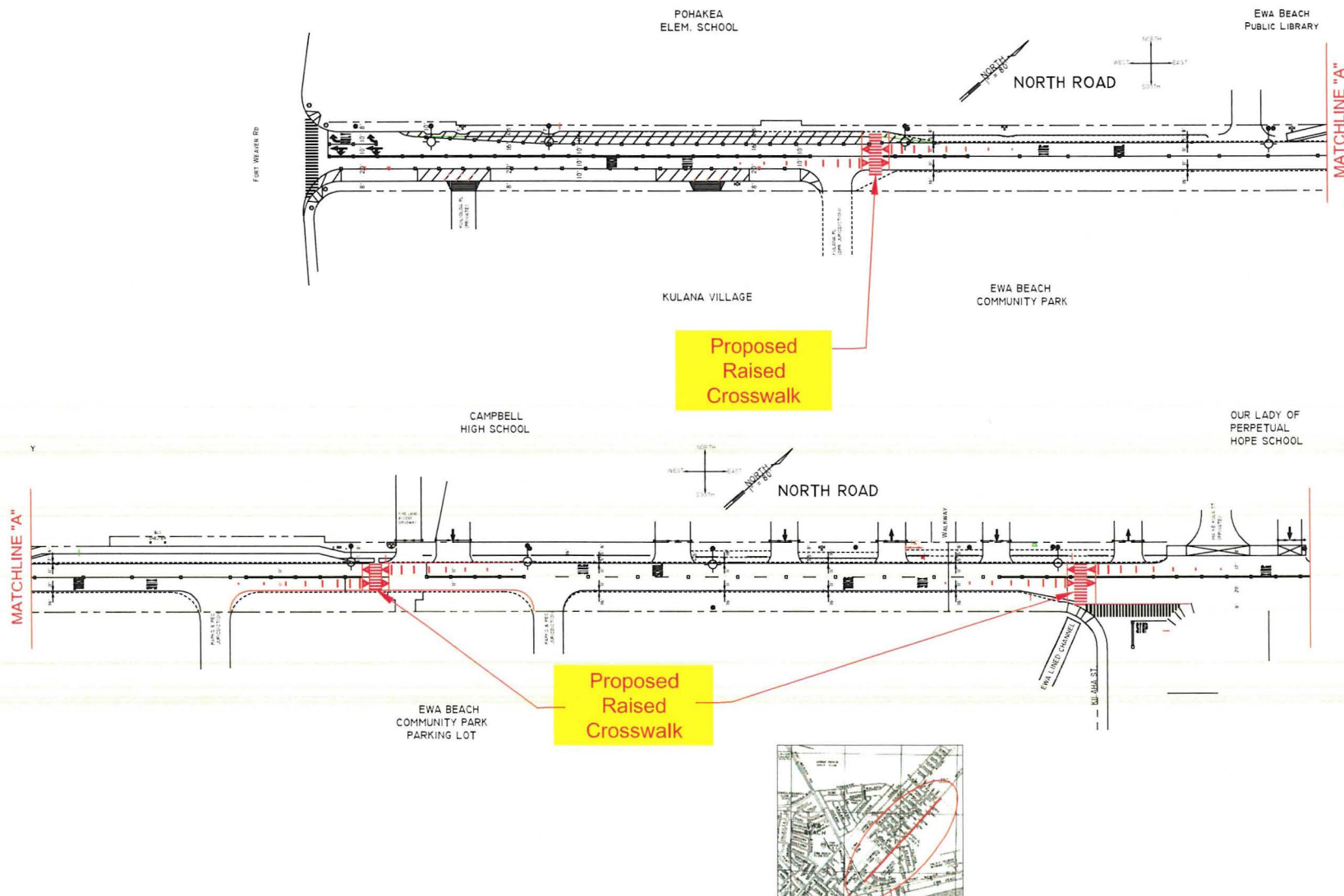
Attachment C

CITY

GOLF COURSE

NAVY







CITY COUNCIL

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HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 21-134

RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE ON NORTH ROAD MANAGEMENT.

WHEREAS, North Road in Ewa Beach is a long, straight thoroughfare that connects the community to its schools, parks, churches, and other areas of Ewa Beach; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2021, the Hawaii State Legislature adopted House Concurrent Resolution 97, Senate Draft 1 ("HCR 97, SD1"), requesting the formation of a task force on North Road management; and

WHEREAS, HCR 97, SD1, noted that safety, illegal dumping, and maintenance continue to be serious concerns on North Road; and

WHEREAS, HCR 97, SD1, also noted that these issues are complicated by the ownership by three entities, one private and two public, over various portions of North Road; and

WHEREAS, HCR 97, SD1, requested that:

- Representatives from the "Department of Transportation, City and County of Honolulu, Ewa Beach Golf Course, Carmel Partners, Iroquois Point, and Ewa Beach Neighborhood Board" form a task force on North Road management;
- The City and County of Honolulu organize four task force meetings; and
- The task force report its recommendations on safety improvements and unified management of North Road to the Legislature no later than eight months after the date of the adoption of HCR 97, SD1; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the concerns and issues raised in HCR 97, SD1, justify the establishment of a task force on North Road management; now, therefore,



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Attachment E

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RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the City Administration is urged to establish a task force on North Road management with at least one representative of each of the following agencies, groups, or persons, and such other representatives of the City Administration as it deems appropriate:

- State Department of Transportation;
- Ewa Beach Neighborhood Board;
- Ewa Beach Golf Course;
- Carmel Partners;
- Iroquois Point residents (selected by the City Administration);
- Department of Transportation Services;
- Honolulu Police Department;
- Department of Facility Maintenance;
- Office of an elected City official representing the Ewa area;
- Office of an elected State official representing the Ewa area;
- U.S. Naval Commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; and
- Any other agencies or groups as deemed necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administration is requested to designate a representative of a City agency to lead the task force on North Road management, to schedule a minimum of four task force meetings, and to report on the task force's recommendation on safety improvements and unified management of North Road to the City Council and the Legislature no later than December 15, 2021; and



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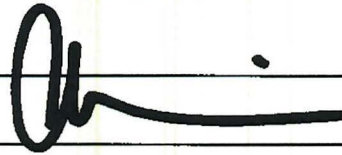
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RESOLUTION

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of Transportation Services, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Facility Maintenance, the Chief of Police, the Speaker of the Hawaii House of Representatives, the President of the Hawaii Senate, the Director of the Hawaii Department of Transportation, the U.S. Naval Commander at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, the Chairperson of the Ewa Beach Neighborhood Board, and to the respective managers of the Ewa Beach Golf Course and Carmel Partners' Kapilina housing renovation project.

INTRODUCED BY:



DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JUN 8 2021

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII
CERTIFICATE

RESOLUTION 21-134

Introduced: 06/08/21 By: AUGIE TULBA

Committee: PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND
TECHNOLOGY (PIT)

Title: URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE ON NORTH ROAD MANAGEMENT.

Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

06/08/21	INTRO	Introduced.
06/30/21	PIT	Reported out for adoption.
		CR-207
		3 AYES: ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, TSUNEYOSHI
		1 EXCUSED: TUPOLA
07/07/21	CCL	Committee report and Resolution were adopted.
		9 AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.


GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK


TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER