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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO EXPEDITE WORK ON THE MAIPALAOA BRIDGE IN MAILI, OAHU AND IMPROVE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SUPPORT ON THE WAIANAE COAST AND URGING VARIOUS ENTITIES TO WORK TOGETHER TO IMMEDIATELY OPEN THE SECTION OF THE WAIANAE COAST EMERGENCY ACCESS ROAD SYSTEM EXTENDING PAAKEA ROAD OUT TO LUALUALEI NAVAL ROAD FOR PUBLIC USE ON A PERMANENT BASIS.

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of S.C.R. 137 and provides the following comments.

The DOT has been working diligently to complete the Phase 1 construction on Maipalaoa Bridge. Even with the unanticipated utility issues the team worked through, the contraflow lane was removed, and the bridge returned to four lanes on Saturday, April 2, 2022. The project will continue through 2022, and we are working with the contractor to expedite the work while providing the community a new resilient facility with the quality and durability they deserve.

The DOT staff have been working with City and County staff to maximize the signal efficiency along the route. However, consistent and significant damage to signals, signal wire, and associated hardware has been an ongoing issue that hampers these efforts. The DOT is working with law enforcement and community to try and minimize the impacts of this small group of bad actors that have significantly impacted the operations on the coast. In addition, the DOT has a current federal-aid project that will install new traffic signal controllers at locations on Oahu including Farrington Highway along the Waianae coast. This project also includes the implementation of Adaptive Traffic Signal Control systems, which modifies signal timing parameters in response to changes in traffic conditions, in real time and allows for remote management of the signals. This upgrade will allow the department to make adjustments to signals to meet the demands of the community faster. The signals will also allow for advancements in transit prioritization and emergency vehicle preemptions. The upgraded traffic signal

system will communicate to a central system located at the Joint Traffic Management Center. The project is anticipated to be advertised in May 2022.

Regarding a secondary access to the Waianae coast, the DOT supports efforts to improve the resiliency, mobility, accessibility, and safety of the transportation system. DOT is currently seeking agreement with roadway owners to allow design and construction of "Paakea Road Improvements, Lualualei Naval Road to Hakimo Road, Project No. HWY-O-03-20". Completion of this project will be part of the proposed alternate access route for the Waianae Coast community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Testimony for TRS on 4/5/2022 3:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

Aloha mai kakou,

Mahalo for your attention to this matter. I am submitting support testimony to link Paakea Road with the Naval Road for public use on a permanent basis. The link is beneficial for the community and is another step to a secondary access road for the Waianae Coast.

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Testimony for TRS on 4/5/2022 3:05:00 PM

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Comments:

The bridge work on Farrington HWy has been a traffic hazzard for a really long time. Seems that they are coning traffic throughout the day and yet I see little work progreesing. I wonder if there is any accountability to us as the tax payer.

The emergency access from Hakimo Rd to Luallualei Access rd has had very little use. In time of emergenices there are delays to open the access. When this road was initially planned many of us wanted it open 24 hrs a day to provide secondary routes along the coastline. However those requests were denied in favor of a few that wanted acces s restricted. I ssems that decision should be revisited and is long over do..

These are a few steps that may help restore some confidence in our government.

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