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# SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF WIDENING THE PORTION OF UNIVERSITY AVENUE BETWEEN MAILE WAY AND OAHU AVENUE.

1           WHEREAS, Manoa Valley is a residential neighborhood of  
2 Honolulu and has eighteen thousand six hundred households, a  
3 population of 46,865, and a non-resident workforce of 25,230;  
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6           WHEREAS, Manoa Valley is also home to the University of  
7 Hawaii at Manoa, Mid-Pacific Institute, Noelani and Manoa  
8 elementary schools, four private schools, sixty-three general  
9 businesses, eighteen clubs and associations, twenty-five  
10 community service entities, eighteen faith-based organizations,  
11 fourteen health care centers, fourteen nonprofit organizations,  
12 and nine kupuna care centers; and

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14           WHEREAS, Manoa Valley ingress and egress is limited to two  
15 roads: Manoa Road and University Avenue; and

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17           WHEREAS, each day, bicycles and motor vehicles, including  
18 buses, firetrucks, ambulances, commercial vehicles, and  
19 passenger vehicles, travel on University Avenue, creating a  
20 significant traffic safety concern; and

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22           WHEREAS, Manoa Valley contains three heavily used hiking  
23 trails, Manoa Falls trail, Puu Pia trail, and Kolowalu trail,  
24 resulting in the valley being Oahu's second most frequented  
25 destination by visitors and residents, further exacerbating  
26 traffic congestion throughout the valley; and

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28           WHEREAS, Manoa Valley District Park, the second most used  
29 city park on Oahu, hosts a myriad of events; sports activities  
30 such as baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, pickleball,  
31 volleyball, basketball, and swimming; summer fun programs;



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1 senior citizen programs; open markets; community gardening; and  
2 disaster preparedness programs; and

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4 WHEREAS, there exists an immediate need to improve traffic  
5 safety throughout Manoa Valley; and

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7 WHEREAS, one possible way to alleviate traffic congestion  
8 and improve traffic safety in Manoa Valley is to widen the  
9 portion of University Avenue between Maile Way and Oahu Avenue;  
10 now, therefore,

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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,  
14 that the Department of Transportation Services of the City and  
15 County of Honolulu is urged to conduct a feasibility study of  
16 widening the portion of University Avenue between Maile Way and  
17 Oahu Avenue; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
20 Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu is  
21 also requested to submit a report of its findings and  
22 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
23 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
24 the regular session of 2024; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Department of  
28 Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

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31 OFFERED BY:

Carl Fukunaga

