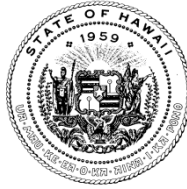


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S.C.R. 106
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO
CONSTRUCT ELEVATED CROSSWALKS ALONG MEHEULA PARKWAY NEAR
MILILANI HIGH SCHOOL

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation **supports** S.C.R. 106 and will provide the necessary resources for the design and installation of traffic calming measures as determined by the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) of the City and County of Honolulu.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Thursday, April 13, 2023 — 10:00 a.m.

Ulupono Initiative supports SCR 106, Urging the Department of Transportation and the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu to Construct Elevated Crosswalks Along Meheula Parkway Near Mililani High School.

Dear Chair Todd and Members of the Committee:

My name is Micah Munekata, and I am the Director of Government Affairs at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food, renewable energy and clean transportation choices, and better management of freshwater resources.

Ulupono supports SCR 106 and offers comments. This resolution urges the Department of Transportation and the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu to construct elevated crosswalks along Meheula Parkway near Mililani High School. Elevated crosswalks (also called raised crosswalks) have helped reduce speeds in many communities in Hawaii in a cost-effective manner.¹ They can potentially do the same in this area.

However, it could also be valuable to expand the scope by incorporating a nearby pedestrian hotspot. The Oahu Pedestrian Plan identified the intersection of Meheula Parkway and Kuahelani as a part of the high pedestrian injury network. It may be worthwhile to engage in a larger safe routes to school initiative that works collaboratively to improve access from all directions nearby and to expand the solution set to other Federal Highway Administration proven safety countermeasures such as a more comprehensive road safety audit, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, leading pedestrian intervals, road diets, protected bike lanes, etc.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata
Director of Government Affairs

¹ https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/innovator/issue93/page_02.html