
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE
ON THE STATUS OF THE LAHAINA BYPASS NORTH EXTENSION.

1 WHEREAS, the Lahaina Bypass 1C project, which would have
2 extended the highway to Ka'anapali, was scheduled to begin
3 construction in federal fiscal year 2023, but was indefinitely
4 delayed and removed from the Department of Transportation's
5 priority list in 2022; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Lahaina Bypass currently terminates at Keawe
8 Street, which has residential housing on one side and a busy
9 commercial shopping center on the other; and

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11 WHEREAS, Keawe Street was never intended to be a major
12 roadway, and the heavy traffic from the Lahaina Bypass that is
13 routed onto Keawe Street has created hazardous conditions for
14 pedestrians and caused severe traffic congestion; and

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16 WHEREAS, two hundred twenty housing units are currently
17 being built and will off-load onto Keawe Street; and

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19 WHEREAS, extending the bypass would alleviate congestion
20 into and out of Lahaina north to Ka'anapali, Napili-Honokawai,
21 and Kapalua, including new traffic congestion that will likely
22 be caused by the completion of the West Maui Hospital and the
23 four hundred fifty additional new housing units being developed
24 through the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation
25 and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
29 Session of 2024, that the Department of Transportation is
30 requested to provide an update on the status of the Lahaina
31 Bypass north extension; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in its update, the Department
2 of Transportation is further requested to:

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- 4 (1) Identify where the extension is on the Department's
5 priority list;
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- 7 (2) Identify any barriers to beginning work on the Lahaina
8 Bypass 1C project;
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- 10 (3) Provide an explanation for why the Lahaina Bypass 1C
11 project was removed from the Department's priority
12 list and why other projects were prioritized instead;
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- 14 (4) Develop and provide procedures for evacuation routes
15 for schools located on Lahainaluna Road to the Lahaina
16 Bypass; and
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- 18 (5) Identify how the West Maui Hospital and additional
19 residential housing developments by the Hawaii Housing
20 Finance and Development Corporation and Department of
21 Hawaiian Home Lands will impact traffic in Lahaina and
22 what steps, if any, have been taken to address the
23 impact of new traffic on the Lahaina Bypass; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
26 Resolution be transmitted to Director of Transportation.

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OFFERED BY:

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