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April 2, 2013

Governor Neil Abercrombie
Executive Chambers, State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Farrington Highway Project, Replacement of Makaha Bridges No. 3 and No. 3A

Dear Governor Abercrombie,

In behalf of the community that the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board #24 represents, I respectfully request your support for the attached request recently submitted to the Director of Transportation for the State of Hawaii.

We are simply asking for a reevaluation and reconsideration of one of the routes studied during the planning stages for the bridge replacement project for Makaha Bridges No. 3 and No. 3A. We are also asking for a sufficiency reevaluation of the two wooden bridges this project will replace.

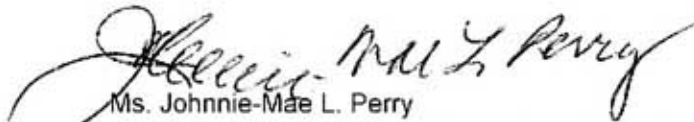
The vast majority of the community believes the current project should be reevaluated so that full consideration can be given to the preferred routing of Farrington Highway around the mauka side of Makaha Beach Park. This will allow the merging of Makaha Beach and Makaha Beach Park into one safe recreational area, which is currently separated by a very dangerous stretch of State Highway.

The vast majority of the community also believes the wooden bridges being replaced are fully functional and safe due to extensive repairs made by the State in 2006 and 2009. Since these bridges were rated in 1997, they received extensive repairs and easily withstood a recent one-hundred year flood in 2008, which had record-breaking floodwaters for Makaha stream. If the bridges are found to be safe, the community requests these bridges continue to be used until such time that HDOT can reevaluate and implement the current plan's mauka route or until a new project is established which would route Farrington Highway in accordance with the proposed master plan for Makaha Beach Park.

The bridges appear to be safe and the chances of them failing appear to be much lower in risk than the likelihood of many people being killed or injured over the next 100 years if Farrington Highway is not properly rerouted around this high-density recreational area. The community and the internationally famous Makaha Surfing Beach desperately need your personal intervention and support in this matter.

Should you require further information, please feel free to contact me at waianaenb24@yahoo.com

Sincerely,


Ms. Johnnie-Mae L. Perry
Chair, Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board #24

Cc: Director Glenn Okimoto, Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Representative Jo Jordan, Representative Karen Awana, Honorable Mayor Kirk Caldwell, Councilmember Kymberly Pine, FHWA, City & County Parks Director Ms. Robinson, Neighborhood Commission Office





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Department of Transportation
Director: Mr. Glenn M. Okimoto
869 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-5097

Subject: Farrington Highway Project, Replacement of Makaha Bridges No. 3 and No. 3A

Dear Sir,

Ref. the subject above and your February 4, 2013 response to the WCNB #24 Resolution 2013-01, I would like to ask you the following in behalf of the community that the WCNB #24 represents:

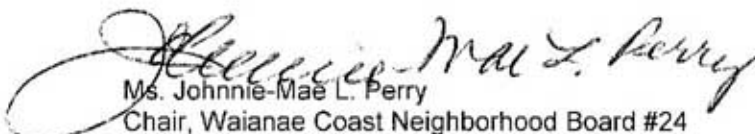
1) Please reevaluate and reconsider the mauka route (alternative #4), which was previously considered but rejected in the current replacement project's planning phase. In this reevaluation, please consider and factor into the decision and selection process the new information available to us today; including:

- The unsafe parking, traffic and pedestrian situation that exists on both sides of the highway along Makaha Beach and Makaha Beach Park resulting from a highway flowing directly through them.
- The long-standing desires of the community to have Farrington Highway placed on the mauka side of Makaha Beach Park; to correct a routing error existing since 1937.
- The planned routing of Farrington Highway as envisioned by the City and County's 1997 Master Plan for Makaha Beach Park and the readily available land to place the mauka route.
- The risks associated with running a temporary by-pass road on the makai side of Farrington Hwy and the community's apprehension and abhorrence to this environmentally dangerous proposal.
- The expected sea level and tidal increases that will endanger the highway more than it already experiences due to its low elevation and encroachment into Makaha Beach.

2) Furthermore, the Wai'anae Coast Neighborhood Board requests the existing bridges be inspected and reevaluated to update their sufficiency rating. Since these bridges were rated in 1997, they received extensive repairs in 2006 and 2009 and easily withstood a recent one-hundred year flood in 2008, which had record-breaking floodwaters for Makaha stream. The community requests that these bridges continue to be used until such time that the HDOT can reevaluate and implement the current plan's alternative route #4 or until a new project is established which routes Farrington Highway around the mauka side of the beach park so the Makaha Beach Park Master Plan can be realized. The bridges appear to be safe and the chances of them failing appear to be much lower in risk than the likelihood of many people being killed or injured over the next 100 years if the mauka route is not constructed.

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