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RESTORE KAPAPAPUHI SHORELINE PARK RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Leeward Bikeway was originally proposed as a fourteen-mile, 8-10-foot-wide, paved multi-use path to be constructed within the 40-foot-wide former OR&L right-of-way extending from Lualualei Naval Road in Nanakuli on the Wai'anae Coast through the 'Ewa Plain to Waipi'o Point Access Road in Waipahu to fulfill legal requirements in response to a 1980 transfer of title from the federal government to the State of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the current proposal to create a Leeward Bikeway, scheduled to start construction in January 2019, will construct, in two new sections, an 8-10-foot-wide paved multi-use path following the OR&L right-of-way connecting the West Loch Bike path, a 2 mile, paved, multi-use path that follows the shoreline of the western loch of Pearl Harbor in 'Ewa to the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail, a 5.8-mile paved multi-use path, that begins at Waipahu Depot Road in Waipahu and ends near the Aloha Stadium in Aiea; and

WHEREAS, the first section of the Leeward Bikeway beginning at Philippine Sea Road in 'Ewa, extending almost 2 miles east to connect with the southwest end of the West Loch Bike Path near Asing Park in 'Ewa; and

WHEREAS, the second section of the Leeward Bikeway beginning at the northeast end of the West Loch Bike Path near the intersection of Fort Weaver Road and Farrington Hwy, extending 1.3-miles east to Waipahu Depot Road in Waipahu; and

WHEREAS, the West Loch Bike Path, planned and developed by the City and County of Honolulu as part of the West Loch Shoreline Park during the late 1980's, renamed Kapapapuhi Shoreline Park, is a 39-acre linear park consisting of two sections, Kapapapuhi Peninsula and a 2-mile landscaped linear shoreline park containing an 8-10-foot wide paved multi-use path, providing public access to the shoreline of the western loch of Pearl Harbor, including the Betty Nagamine Bliss Memorial Overlook which is part of the Pearl Harbor Natural Wildlife Refuge Hono'uli'uli unit; and

WHEREAS, the environmental impact statement for West Loch Golf Course and Shoreline Park, prepared by the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Parks and Recreation in March 1988

states on page 1-5 "The Park will be maintained by the City and County staff of five persons."; and

WHEREAS, the 2-mile linear portion of Kapapahu Shoreline Park has been overrun with the invasive red mangrove and other invasive grasses and weeds reducing the paved path's width by more than half in some areas; and

WHEREAS, the paved portion of the 2-mile linear portion of Kapapahu Shoreline Park is in deplorable condition displaying just about every type of pavement defect known, e.g., various types of cracking, depressions, rutting, upheaval, and raveling; and

WHEREAS, the temporary catwalk scaffolding bridge crossing Hono'uli'uli' Stream along the paved portion of Kapapahu Shoreline Park is only 39-inches wide, with 45-inch high handrails, making it impossible for an adult tricycle to cross, difficult for a standard size bicycle to cross and very challenging for a young child to cross safely; and

WHEREAS, with the integration of the Leeward Bikeway with the Kapapahu Shoreline Park it is logical to expect that many more cyclist and pedestrians will be using Kapapahu Shoreline park's multi-use path then presently do, making it essential to ensure everyone's safety: Now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ewa Neighborhood Board No. 23 requests that the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu and its relevant Departments and the City Council of the City and County of Honolulu procure the funding required and complete needed work to restore and maintain Kapapahu Shoreline Park to a safe and usable condition. This will involve removing all the vegetation encroaching the multi-use path, removing dead trees, repairing the piers along the shoreline, repaving the multi-use path and replacing the temporary catwalk scaffolding bridge that crosses Hono'ulu'uli' Stream with a permanent pedestrian and bicycle bridge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Restore Kapapahu Shoreline Park Resolution be transmitted to: Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, City Council Members, The City Department of Transportation Services, Department of Planning and Permitting, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Facilities Maintenance, Department of Design and Construction, all Neighborhood Boards, and the Hawaii Bicycling League.