

RES22-125 Testimony

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TRANSPORTATION, SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH

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Meeting Date: Jun 14, 2022 @ 09:00 AM

Support: 24

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 14

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 9, 2022 @ 08:20 AM

Testimony:

May it please the Council:

As a resident of Lanikai I fully support Resolution 22-125 and wish to express my thanks for Councilmember Kiaaina's initiative to seek a "Lanikai Transportation Management Plan".

I strongly encourage the Council accept the resolution as proposed and, in doing so, further direct the City's Director of Transportation Services to also specifically assess and report on the following:

1. widening and improving, with curbs and gutters, Aalapapa and Mokulua Drives (not only to better define legal or illegal parking but also as means to address persistent flooding).
2. assuring any parking solution doesn't foster an impression that Lanikai property owners obtained parking restrictions to keep non-residents away from the beach.
3. enforcing current, or developing new, laws regarding obstructions (example: rocks and trees) which have been placed in road easements thus limiting parking and obstructing emergency vehicle access.

Many thanks to the Council for addressing this issue.

Sincerely,
Gary Wentz

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Representing: Puulani Kai Condo	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 9, 2022 @ 12:33 PM

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Representing: The Lanikai Association	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 9, 2022 @ 04:26 PM

Testimony:

The Lanikai Association supports Resolution 22-125 – LANIKAI TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT PLAN, requesting the Director of the Department of Transportation Services to develop a Lanikai transportation management plan. The Resolution does an excellent job describing the conditions leading to the overwhelming traffic problem in Lanikai; as well as the effects and risks of the current situation on residents' and others' health, safety, and quality of life. The Association is also in agreement with the potential options included in the Resolution that should be considered to address the problem. The Association thanks Councilmember Kia'aina for her initiative, and expresses its appreciation to the Councilmember and Department of Transportation for their past cooperation on this issue. That cooperation resulted in enforcement of the ordinance prohibiting parking on unimproved sidewalks during certain hours on three-day weekends, during the Board of Water Supply water main project in 2021, and during the height of the COVID pandemic in 2020-21. Those measures were very successful at reducing the impacts of excessive traffic on health and safety, and quality of life for residents. However, with tourism having opened back up, and more people than ever driving into Lanikai, the situation has deteriorated again, and has resulted in accidents and hostile confrontations, as well as posing the serious daily health and safety risks and detrimental effects on quality of life described above. The Association looks forward to working with the Department on this endeavor.

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Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 10, 2022 @ 08:33 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Lanikai overcrowding has been a serious issue for at least 10 years. The roadways were never designed for street parking, and the entire easement between the pavement and property lines is designated "Unimproved Sidewalk". The City has enforced this to allow pedestrian passage many times, but apparently cars are not thought to impede pedestrians, as they are allowed to park anywhere they can squeeze in, except on the bike lane side. When No Parking in the bike lane was initiated several years ago, all it did was to move parking further into Lanikai, causing worse problems for more residents. It is not our problem to provide for public parking that was never intended. There is only one fair solution, which is Parking By Permit Only. When there are periods of no parking (like during covid) people simply walked in. That is still "beach access" and "pillbox access", and didn't seem to deter anyone.</p>		
Name: Jeffrey Hendrix	Email: lanikaijeff@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 10, 2022 @ 08:37 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Lanikai is now a neighborhood that is too congested for the existing infrastructure. This congestion is causing environmental damage (erosion, trash, endemic plant damage); as well as the risk of limited emergency vehicle access, and pedestrian safety.</p> <p>The foot traffic on Kaelepulu Drive is huge. Essentially at best we are looking at nearly a thousand people a day walking up the road. Upper Kaelepulu Drive has two-way vehicular traffic, street parking, and a constant stream of pedestrian traffic. There is not enough room for this. PLEASE, let's do one of two things:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make the 'unimproved walkways' legitimate side walks, with curbs and drainage (addressing both erosion and pedestrian safety) 2. Or, the more affordable and quicker solution is the short strip of upper Kaelepulu should have NO street parking at all (addressing pedestrian safety and vehicular access) (It's only about 500 yards of street that needs NO parking, from Alalapapa to the Mid Pacific Entrance) <p>Other notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We really need trash cans for the hikers; and maintained trash can pick-up. 2. I am awakened every single day by hikers. If hiking was only allowed during daylight hours, this would help. 3. Urinating in our yards and hedges really needs to stop. I don't know how to do this, but with 945 hikers a day, I am concerned this problem will continue. The only way to reduce it is to reduce the number of people. Think about this...if only 1% of hikers pee in our yards thats still 10 people a day urinating on our properties. 4. One way to reduce the number of people and still provide access to all, is to only have parking on one side of the streets in all of Lanikai (unless no parking is safer, as is the case with upper Kaelepulu Drive) 5. The street directional signs, and cross walks are essentially unmaintained and missing in many areas, causing further dangers. Every day I see a vehicle going the wrong way on a one way street. The painted indicators are worn away. This is dangerous! <p>Thank your for your consideration.</p> <p>Jeff Hendrix 229 Kaelepulu Drive Kailua, HI 96734</p>		
Name: Scott Timberlake	Email: scottptimberlake@icloud.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 11, 2022 @ 04:07 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am a recent resident of Lanikai and purchased a home last year. The parking situation is beyond intolerable with visitors blocking driveways , gate access and filling up parking spaces on the street that residents need for family members living in Lanikai during</p>		

all hours of all days. It is my opinion that anyone visiting Lanikai beach that is not a resident or resident guest should utilize parking facilities at Kailua park with access to restrooms.. there are no public restroom facilities at Lanikai beach or for the large number of hikers to pillbox. I have personally witnessed people defecating in the ocean, shrubbery and urinating on private property. This has to stop and homeowners need safe access in and out of their homes.. more important, emergency responders need quick and safe access to provide emergency services. We do not have that security at all unless your emergency is specifically restricted to hours when access and parking is feasible. The current traffic and parking situation is dangerous to homeowners on so many levels. And nothing ever seems to be done about it. As residents, , this directly affects our quality of life and our neighborhood. This must be taken more seriously if not for basic enjoyment of life and safety . Unquestionably for emergency services vitally needed by anyone at any time..

Name: Melissa Lawrence	Email: mlawrence808@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 11, 2022 @ 06:21 AM

Testimony:
I am an OBGYN physician who has lived in Lanikai for over 25 years. I am frequently on call from home and when called to respond to an emergency at the hospital my response time is incredibly unpredictable due to the traffic congestion. I have had to on occasion ride my bike to a friend's house and borrow her car to get out of the loop in a timely manner. The main loop has become a parking lot as people stop and wait for a parking spot to become available. This is the case every day. Not just on weekends. There is no signage about stopping and holding up traffic. I propose no parking on the main loop or limiting hours as is done on holiday weekends

Name: Anthony Jeffery	Email: sonofabeach96734@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 11, 2022 @ 06:31 AM

Testimony:
Problem is number of tourists and number of cars. Beach is jam packed, no toilets or trash cans. Pill boxes jam packed for sunrise and thru out the day till moon rise. Parking starts @ 5am. Car doors slamming, alarms being triggered. People speaking loud. People sometimes urinating in bushes. During the day people leaving the beach back to their parked cars, shaking off sand, putting beach towels and beach chairs away in trunk. Cars looking to take that parking spot wait for them to leave, a dozen cars now waiting for traffic to move , cars honking to get moving. This happens everyday. Speaking of parking, fire hydrant @ 129 Kaelepulu blocked often. Cars parked on edge of driveways, have a hard time getting in and out. We need help. I have been a resident for over 30 years, keeps getting worst. Please help. Aloha

Name: Thomas Digrazia	Email: digraziat001@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 11, 2022 @ 10:10 AM

Testimony:
Council Members:
Please pass Resolution 22-125.
Lanikai already suffers the effects of too many visitors overrunning our delicate natural resources. If we are going to improve the Pillbox trail without adequate community input and collaboration with government agencies, we are courting further destruction of the subject resource and the livability of the Lanikai community.
We need a well-thought out, consequence--sensitive Management Plan that, among other things, addresses the number of visitors allowed daily access, the time of day for the visits, parking and alternative transportation to the Trail, use of docents to escort and educate visitors to and from the pillboxes, Trail fee, and scheduling of visitors through a reservation system.
Creating such a Plan will provide a model for other tourist attraction on Oahu nei.
Mahalo nui loa for your kokua in establishing a Lanikai Transportation Management Plan.
Tom DiGrazia and Ohana

Name: Richard Nelson	Email: rcknelson@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Support	Jun 11, 2022 @ 05:22 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I have lived in Lanikai for almost 3 years. I have owned a house in Lanikai since 1986. My parents moved here in 1985 and when I first experienced Lanikai in 1986, I bought a house that I rented till I moved here. My family have visited here many times over the years to visit my parents. I have experienced the long delays to traverse Lanikai from the monument entrance to my parents house at the far end which took over an hour on holiday weekends. And getting out of Lanikai which resulted in the no parking law on holiday weekends. I feel this should be implemented on all days as traffic is much worse on normal weekdays than I've ever experienced before. We have not reached the hour delays yet when going through Lanikai, but have experienced a few times of delays over a half hour. When there is parking available in Lanikai, the beaches and the pill box hike are a lot more crowded. The infrastructure is not here to handle the crowds. With no parking on the holiday weekends and when there is county construction going on affecting traffic, this lessens the crowds quite a bit and the driving is more manageable. Best solution is to outlaw parking 24 hours a day, but even the 10AM to 3PM no parking rule would make a huge difference in driving and less damage from visitors to our wonderful resources.</p>		
Name: MARGO BARE	Email: sproctor@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 12, 2022 @ 07:29 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am a 15 year resident of Lanikai, and I (and my entire household) strongly support Resolution 22-125. We very much appreciate the steps the City and DTS have taken to date to address the traffic and parking situation in Lanikai (special enforcement holiday weekends, banning of parking during certain hours at the height of the pandemic and during the BWS pipeline project), but they have also made it clear such steps offer only transitory relief (with sometimes episodic enforcement) only during the stated hours. Before and after such hours and in recent months as tourism has ramped up again the inundation of vehicles coming to Lanikai full of people going to the beach and the Ka' iwi (Pillbox) Trail has gotten worse and worse, with vehicles endlessly circling the Lanikai cul de sac looking for parking and people behaving badly. Aside from the serious diminution of quality of life for those who live in a residential neighborhood which lacks any visitor resources or amenities (lifeguards, restrooms, legal parking, food and drink sources), anyone who lives here sees near misses and threats to health and safety all day long as people focused on getting to the beach or trail clog up roads, hold up traffic, block emergency vehicles, etc. A plan is sorely needed to manage this situation. Mahalo!</p>		
Name: Rick Edwards	Email: rick@seapg.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Puulani Kai Condo Association	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 12, 2022 @ 09:03 AM
Name: Patricia Bell	Email: pattybellrealtor@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 12, 2022 @ 12:32 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Dear City Council,</p> <p>Please approve Resolution 22-125 regarding developing a Transportation Management Plan for Lanikai.</p> <p>As a resident of the neighborhood I support finding a way to implement measures to improve safety and reduce congestion. There is an immediate need for evaluation of the feasibility and efficacy of various options such as extending parking restrictions beyond holiday weekends.</p> <p>Every day in the Loop sees traffic like a holiday weekend. First responders need to be able to ingress and egress, as do the residents. The ability to use the bike lanes safely, not dodging cars parked there waiting for a parking stall or loading and unloading their gear is also of importance. This is a residential neighborhood, not a resort zoned district.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration of the safety of the residents and others who come to Lanikai.</p> <p>Aloha,</p>		

Patty Bell		
Name: Ashley Seifer	Email: ashann568@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 12, 2022 @ 03:48 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>As a resident of Lanikai we are often disrupted by blocked roadways due to people waiting for parking, unsafe bike/walking lanes for our residents and children, and not enough available parking for kamaaina. I believe there are solutions that can be created whether it be permitted parking passes, restricted tourist parking with public lots in Kailua with shuttle service for beach access, or gated access with registrations. We need a solution. It has become an undesirable place of residence for families of Lanikai in present day.</p>		
Name: Guinevere De la Mare	Email: guinevere.harrison@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 12, 2022 @ 04:55 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I was born and raised in Kailua and I am a resident of Lanikai. The amount of traffic, illegal parking, and visitors to the Pillbox Trail and beach has had a negative impact on our residential neighborhood. The volume of traffic is unsustainable. I live on Koohoo Pl, and when cars park illegally on A'alapapa (over the yellow line, protruding into the street), you cannot make the right hand turn without having to do a three-point turn, reversing into oncoming traffic. This is a frequent occurrence (every weekend) and a safety hazard, particularly to pedestrians and those of us with children and dogs who walk around the loop. I have a 12-year-old child who often has to walk or bike into a lane of traffic because of cars, taxis, and Uber/Lyfts blocking the bike path on Mokulua Dr. As a member of Lanikai Canoe Club and the parent of a child who paddles, I hear the struggles of local families who cannot get their children to practice because there is no parking in Lanikai. Oahu residents should not be prevented from participating in community activities because of rental cars clogging residential streets. The hundreds of cars that park daily on the unpaved shoulder of the road on Aalapapa, Kaelepulu, Lanipo, Mokulua, and other streets has also contributed substantial erosion and dangerous ruts that the city does not repair. With no public parking lots, restrooms, or management, our beach, trail, canoes, park, and yards are littered with trash, urine, and human feces. A \$35 parking ticket is not a deterrent to tourists who pay more than that for overnight hotel parking. The city and state should restrict traffic into Lanikai to Hawaii residents, and create a paid parking lot and reservation system like Haena State Park on Kauai, Akaka Falls on the Big Island, or Hanauma Bay and Diamond Head on Oahu.</p>		
Name: Diane Smith	Email: 808dismith@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 12, 2022 @ 05:08 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Re: RES22-125</p> <p>I strongly support the immediate need to develop a Lanikai transportation management plan.</p> <p>Re:Traffic congestion:</p> <p>While the parking ban on long weekends has helped somewhat, traffic congestion remains an ongoing issue. Related to visitor-related traffic, the congestion days and times are fairly predictable. During emergencies anywhere from Kalapawai Market to the entrance to Lanikai the halts/slow downs in traffic flow is not predictable. Both visitor-related and emergency situations can make leaving and entering our neighborhood problematic, and sometimes results in seriously disruptive personal consequences (ex. cannot pick up kids at school, missed appointments, can't get to airport). However, what is most distressing is the lack of access for first responders. With a one-way-in, one-way-out loop, traffic blockages and slow-downs can be home and life-threatening.</p> <p>So there are two types of issues that need addressing in the transportation management plan: Ongoing visitor parking and loop circling congestion, and emergency situations. A range of approaches may be needed over time, as noted in the resolution (additional parking restrictions, off-street and off-site parking solutions, improved transit options, and improved multi-modal access opportunities). In the near term, the need for an emergency-only, alternative entrance/exit to Lanikai (through the Bluestone</p>		

passage to Enchanted Lakes) would provide much needed relief to the anxiety caused by the fairly frequent inaccessibility or slow accessibility of the neighborhood to emergency vehicles.

Re: Pedestrians

A related issue is consideration of pedestrian safety, particularly from the entrance to Lanikai to Kaelepulu. This stretch of road is the most heavily used; On the Mokulua Dr. side by beach goers, and on the A'alapapa Dr. side by Pillbox hikers.

-Re-striping of the bike lane is needed as cars often veer into the bike lanes causing hazards to both pedestrians and bikers (including the many children biking to school).

-Sidewalks are also needed as pedestrians currently use the bike lanes as sidewalks, causing bikers to swerve into the road to avoid the lines of walkers with their wagons, beach toys, strollers, dogs, etc. It may be that the "parking" side of Mokulua Dr. is intended as a sidewalk; however, with all the parked cars, trees and large rocks, it is not possible to use as a sidewalk.

-Improved crosswalks and signage about using crosswalks are also needed. Pedestrians tend to cross from both sides of the road at any point on the Kailua side of the triangle park, causing hazards to those walking and in cars. Pedestrians also tend to wander in the middle of the side roads (Kaelepulu and other side roads opposite beach access points in particular) or to stand in the road while loading and unloading their cars.

Re: Neighborhood vs. Public Park

A health and safety issue that is an important consideration when developing a plan to address the traffic problems in Lanikai is that, as briefly noted in the resolution, this neighborhood does not include a public beach park with public restroom facilities or garbage pick up. Hundreds of people visit this neighborhood everyday and stay for hours at the beach and/or Pillbox hike. Consequently, the ocean, sand, and bushes are used as toilets. There are feces in the water, shallowly covered sand and bushes. Trash is left on the beach and piled up in the beach access paths. These health and environmental hazards also need to be considered in any plan related to traffic and numbers of visitors to the neighborhood.

Mahalo for your efforts to address these concerns.

Diane Smith
18 A'alapapa Pl.

Name: Dan Powlison	Email: danpowlison@earthlink.net	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 12, 2022 @ 06:12 PM

Testimony:

My name is Dan Powlison, my family has been living in Lanikai since 1930 and I've been living in Lanikai since 1992.

I am fully in support of any measures of a plan described as "The plan will look into how to relieve traffic congestion in Lanikai, improve access to first responders and overall roadway safety, provide ease of access to Lanikai Beach, and provide reasonable and appropriate parking controls for Lanikai residents and Lanikai Beach users. It would include an assessment that evaluates the feasibility of potential options, including, but not limited to, additional parking restrictions, off-street and off-site parking solutions, improved transit options, and improved multi-modal access opportunities."

I would add that the hike to the 'Pillboxes' is now one of the major contributors to parking and traffic woes in Lanikai. The parking of hikers and beach goers greatly affects the roads whenever I leave my house. I think it would be appropriate to consider no on street parking allowed in Lanikai every day between 9am and 4pm. Currently similar (though 10am to 3pm) restrictions are put in place on holiday weekends and that greatly helps but the extended hours would be much better as there are woes and congestion before 10am and immediately after 3pm.

Thanks for your efforts!
Dan Powlison

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 12, 2022 @ 09:47 PM

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Norman Williams	abechiief@gmail.com	96734-3133
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 13, 2022 @ 07:25 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>The traffic and parking in Lanikai has gotten out of control. The area has become so popular with tourists that residents are having a hard time driving on the streets in our own neighborhood. The bike lane has become a parking/staging/drop off area which is hazardous to anyone biking, jogging or walking on that side. I recommend a better divider/separation from the bike lane to the roadway. the half circles or dots could prevent drivers from driving in the bike lane and creating a dangerous situation. They are at least 4 inches tall and could be helpful.</p> <p>When Kaiolena was made a one-way street the planning/execution was incomplete. it has tremendously reduced the congestion on that street but the way cars are parking doesn't make sense. Some cars are parking on the dirt like before it was one way. Some are parking on the street right against the yellow line. This creates a better safe area to walk behind the cars but it's not consistent. the street needs better definition. Where are the cars supposed to park and where are pedestrians supposed to walk?</p>		
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Name: Beth Ann Shropshire	Email: alohabethann@hotmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 13, 2022 @ 10:03 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I have lived in Lanikai for 13 years and what has happened over the last five years makes living here miserable. I haven't been to the beach or the pillbox in over a year due to 1000's of people swarming everyday with no rest room facilities or parking. I've spent hours trying to just get out of the neighborhood to go to the store only to be stuck behind a long line of cars looking for parking or circling. It is so bad now tourist walk right in the street and continually load and unload in the bike trail making it very dangerous for bikers or people walking. I personally have almost struck people with my car because of this reason and I see this happen often on my drive out of the loop. I'm for complete restriction of all parking in Lanikai only to residents and guests. It also about managing the natural resources as Lanikai is a sea of trash and human excrement as there are no bathrooms or restriction on how many people can hike the pillbox. Please come up with a plan to alleviate this massive problem before someone is killed or emergency vehicles cannot get in and out due to severe traffic congestion . Also must increase parking space at neighborhood Kaliua beach or designated parking lots with in Lanikai neighborhood. No other community has a one way in/out neighborhood on the entire Island with 1000's of people driving through every day. Please Help Lanikai !</p>		
Name: Chris Sills	Email: lilikoi30@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 13, 2022 @ 10:16 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am writing in support of the development of a Lanikai Transportation Management plan. The traffic and parking in Lanikai makes living here unsafe. The near-constant traffic and congestion are incredibly frustrating. I cannot count the number of times it has taken me between 45 minutes and two hours to get to the roundabout at Kalapawai market from my home in Lanikai because of the huge number of cars looking for parking and stopping in the streets while they load/unload/wait for parking. On my days off, I cannot schedule any appointments between 1-3 pm, as the traffic often won't allow me to leave our neighborhood. Just three days ago, on June 10, my child was sick and I went to town to get some medicine for her. Just as I was preparing to cross the bridge to come home at 10:30, the water main broke and police were allowing only one-way traffic out of Kailua beach/Lanikai. The police didn't start a contraflow to allow residents in until 12:30 pm. It took over 2 hours to drive 2 miles and to get home to my sick child with the medicine she needed.</p> <p>These constant delays are so unsafe and incredibly frustrating. I worry about the ability of emergency vehicles to access our</p>		

neighborhood and then be able to get to the hospital when emergencies arise.

Additionally, the beach and hikes cannot support the huge numbers of visitors. Most days it is shoulder-to-shoulder on the beach and on the pillbox hike. The streets are filled with people crossing and walking in the streets. And with no restrooms or other facilities, it is unsanitary and unsafe. We must limit the number of visitors and traffic to this neighborhood that has only one ingress/egress for safety and sustainability. What we have now is extremely unsafe and completely unsustainable.

Name: S.E. Ludan	Email: seludan@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 13, 2022 @ 10:57 AM

Testimony:

Lanikai street parking should be limited to residents only. The city should issue permits for resident parking as is done in certain other residential neighborhoods.

Lanikai is a small residential neighborhood that is essentially a cul-de-sac, with a one-lane, one-way road in and out. Over the last few years the neighborhood has become overwhelmed with visitor traffic, both local and tourist, attracted to the beach and the pillbox hike. There has been no action whatsoever to limit, control or otherwise manage the hordes of visitors. The small beach, with no restroom facilities, cannot and should not accommodate the huge crowds of visitors. It has become a public health hazard. Likewise, the pillbox hiking trails, the narrow streets, and neighborhood areas adjoining the Lanikai "attractions" are overrun with crowds day and night. Residents are subjected to daily traffic jams, litter and trash, rude and noisy groups, and increasing levels of crime and theft of private property.

The best way to limit and manage the influx of visitors is to prohibit visitor parking in Lanikai. There are already large public parking lots at Kailua beach park, where visitors can park and then walk into Lanikai. Pillbox hikers should not be deterred by a leisurely walk from Kailua into Lanikai. There is regular public bus service available to all. If more parking is deemed necessary, an additional lot could be opened in Kailua.

Please move quickly to implement a policy of resident permit parking only in Lanikai. Thank you!

Name: Bill Hicks	Email: billhickskn@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 13, 2022 @ 11:09 AM

Testimony:

I am the Chairman of the Kailua Neighborhood Board but am testifying as an individual as the Kailua Neighborhood Board has not adopted a position on RES 22-125.

When the Lanikai community was developed in the 1920s today's situation was not anticipated or built into the community planning.

The development of more hillside houses, the Mid-Pacific Country Club, and the Bluestone development throughout the 20th century added to traffic within the neighborhood.

With many original lots now hosting much larger homes, more people are living in Lanikai and sometimes the amount of on-site parking is less than the number of occupant vehicles.

Lanikai Beach has become a much more popular destination for people who live outside of Lanikai over the past three decades, including paddlers who use that beach, greatly amplifying traffic and parking issues.

Within the past decade the Kaiwa Ridge Trail, otherwise known as the Lanikai Pillbox Trail, has also become a much more popular destination.

With these increased pressures, illegally parking on unimproved sidewalk areas became a common practice, as the legal method of parking on street pavement became impractical.

There is only a single small residential road leading into and out of Lanikai.

The installation of a bike lane around the main loop 50 years ago was visionary.

Many incremental changes have occurred over the past 10 years, including no parking on the bike lane side of the loop, the addition of trees and boulders (also illegal) to counter the illegal parking on unimproved sidewalks, the conversion of some streets to become one-way streets, additional no parking zones, and special parking restrictions during long weekends and during major road construction projects. These incremental changes have each served a purpose, but hardly constitute a transportation management plan.

The Kailua Neighborhood Board has been involved and passed several resolutions over the years concerning many of these incremental changes.

There must be continued unimpeded public access to the beach, managed access to the trail, immediate roadway access by

emergency vehicles, and pedestrian safety (which can become compromised by drivers distracted by a search for parking) ... and there must be a way for it all to reasonably flow.

Some out-of-the box approaches may be appropriate to carefully consider. Needed improvements to the Kaiwa Ridge Trail being considered by DLNR are supposed to be accompanied by a management plan, which could include reservations, fees, check-in at a Kailua storefront, and a shuttle between the check-in point to the trailhead which could alleviate some of the traffic and parking congestion. A second road to and from Lanikai from Enchanted Lake might help in the case of emergencies and alleviate chokepoints but could also bring a new set of problems.

I welcome the Department of Transportation developing for public comment a comprehensive Lanikai Transportation Management Plan to address these many issues.

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 13, 2022 @ 11:58 AM

Testimony:

Above all, the most important aspect of Resolution 22-125 should be the health and safety of all residents and visitors

The Lanikai neighborhood has only A'alapapa Drive entering the neighborhood and Mokulua Drive exiting the neighborhood.

Lanikai is a cul de sac, only one way in and only one way out.

This situation should be addressed immediately, a simple solution to this problem has been in place for over thirty years on Kalaheo Avenue, No Parking Anytime both sides of the street.

Lanikai needs No Parking Any Time, for both sides of A'alapapa Drive and Mokulua Drive.

Mahalo

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 13, 2022 @ 12:58 PM

Testimony:

I am a resident on Lanikai and sincerely hope for a resolution to the parking and general "car zoo" and parking problem. My main concerns are three-fold. (1) Biking my children to the local school is a hazard, because people wait in the bicycle lane for parking spots or beach pickup/dropoffs. We often need to wait for the car to move on if traffic is busy, or ride out into the traffic to get around cars. I've stopped asking drivers to move, because they're usually one-off tourists, and on several occasions drivers have cursed at me in front of my children. (2) The amount of rubbish in front of our property is disgusting, often left as people get back from the beach to their cars. My wife and I clean it up whenever possible and have found items too disgusting to mention here. (3) The environmental degradation of the nearshore reef is concerning. My children and I have started to survey the reefs this summer (I'm a marine biologist), to put numbers on decline that is already clear to the eye. Restricting parking might reduce the number of people on the beach and therefore their impact on the ecosystem.

Please note that I am all in favor of locals and tourists sharing this beach with us, but the impact of the sheer number of cars and parking issues needs desperately to be resolved. Thank you for listening.

Name: Tash Wong	Email: meilun@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 13, 2022 @ 01:29 PM

Testimony:

As a resident of Lanikai, I support Councilmember Kia'aina's resolution. Here in Lanikai, we were blessed with a beautiful beach and trail hike. It brings thousands of people to our small residential community every day. Unfortunately, Lanikai was not designed with the transportation infrastructure to safely handle this many people and cars.

A transportation management plan would be a meaningful step towards acknowledging the changes to our community since it was originally designed in 1926, and help to improve safety for both visitors and residents.

Particular areas of focus could be:

- Pedestrian safety: Starting before sunrise each day, hundreds of people walk along Ka'elepulu Dr from Kaiwe ridge trail to the beach, crossing both Alapapa and Mokulua Drives. There are no sidewalks or crosswalks to separate them from vehicle traffic.
- Bike lane safety: Many vehicles use the bike lane as a loading zone for beach goers, posing a hazard to all who use the bike lane for its legal purpose. This is especially concerning for children, and their parents, who ride their bikes home from the nearby elementary school.
- Emergency access: Emergency vehicle access is restricted by traffic congestion. This is caused by people cruising slowly for parking on the unimproved sidewalks, illegally parking too close to corners, or illegally parking far into the street. Vehicles parked often also block access to fire hydrants.

Name: Mark Librie	Email: libriem001@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 13, 2022 @ 02:28 PM

Testimony:

As one of the last strongholds on allowing parking on the City and County unimproved sidewalk, I now need to change my position. The traffic, parking, and drop offs in Lanikai has become ridiculous. The biggest reason for this is people who visit Lanikai, whether tourist or locals show 0 respect for us residents. Parking has become a free for all, and there are now so many drivers who insist on blocking the bike lane so they can drop off. This puts walker, runners, and bicyclists in peril, to go out into traffic to get around them. I see so many kids, having to go out with traffic moving, so these folks aren't inconvenienced, when dropping off beach goers. Then with everyone looking for parking and just stopping in the middle of the road, we can't get about on our daily business. Like I said, it has become ridiculous. We, the residents are losing our lifestyles, because Lanikai is not a tourist destination, but a residential area. I urge you to start to enforce the current law, which is No Parking On The Unimproved Sidewalks, and a substantial fine for stopping, or standing in the bike lane. Mahalo for taking this into consideration.

Name: Barbara Alexander	Email: babs@ladybuglan.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 13, 2022 @ 02:40 PM

Name: Janet Edwards	Email: edg33333@icloud.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 13, 2022 @ 02:47 PM

Testimony:

Lanikai was and still could be a wonderful peaceful place to call home. The reason I say "was" is due to one factor - vehicle traffic that simply overwhelms our community. The onslaught of cars on our small one way loop makes it difficult at times to even leave our homes. We literally have to plan our days around the never ending stream of automobiles searching for parking. The contrast on 3 day weekends when parking is prohibited during the day is incredible. In addition, with the lines of cars blocking our streets it is very difficult if not impossible for emergency vehicles to reach a resident in distress. Please listen to all who have submitted testimony on this issue and act to alleviate this terrible problem not only for Lanikai residents but visitors as well.

Name: Jodi Endicott	Email: jodiendicott@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 13, 2022 @ 03:01 PM

Testimony:

I am in support of RES22-125

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO DEVELOP A LANIKAI TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Residents of Lanikai as well as tourists are experiencing potentially dangerous situations daily due to the inundation of cars trying to park on the Lanikai loop. Throughout the day, visibility is impaired by cars waiting on the road or on the bike lane, hoping a parking spot will open up. This is a game of "dodge the human" as drivers try to work their way free from the Lanikai neighborhood. Tensions rise and blood pressure goes up! Life in this neighborhood is very unpredictable as one never knows if we will be able to be on time for an appointment, a child's event, or work due to the unprecedented traffic delays in trying to maneuver our way around the tourists and visitors. Twice, I have missed once-in-a-lifetime events such as a celebration of life and a son's marriage proposal due to it taking 2 hours to go 2 miles. Impossible to ever have even a regular holiday gathering, let alone a Super Bowl party in this neighborhood as there is nowhere for friends and family to park due to this constant inundation. Scary to think of what could happen if a tourist or resident ever needed emergency services as EMS will be hampered by the crazy traffic. Please help...we need realistic solutions to mitigate this situation by limiting the number of cars on the loop and constant barrage of our neighborhood. Treat us like Haunama Bay and give us a day or two off a week and limit the pre-ticketed parking access into our neighborhood.

Name: Paul Lovell	Email: lovellpa@hotmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 13, 2022 @ 04:06 PM

Testimony:

I am a resident of Lanikai. I hope that as any consideration of changes, that parking and traffic be the first thing that is addressed. We are at a point that our roads have become unsafe. We have too many cars trying to park. They have little or no regard for safety or property. People regularly park in front of fire hydrants, too close to the corners, in the bike lane, blocking gates and driveways, and generally blocking traffic. The corners of Mokumanu are especially congested as they have both beach and pillbox traffic. It is not unusual for the corners to be block to the point a car can just get by. The parked cars inhibit visibility. It is just a matter of time before someone is hit and seriously injured or killed. Cars dropping off in be bike lane (or just parking there) is also become a continual problem. This forces bikes and pedestrians into the street at the most congested areas. Very unsafe. I would recommend banning street parking in Lanikai, the roads are not wide enough to accommodate traffic and parking. Pedestrians already have to walk on the street due to the numbers. We do this on 3day weekends and it does not seem to prevent people from enjoying the beach or pill box. But it does keep everyone safer. I would suggest expending the parking at Iron Wood Park and providing a shuttle. An other option could be a shuttle from Kailua town. I have seen more police on patrol and writing tickets. That is a welcome sight but may not be enough deterrent. Towing cars that are dangerously parked, in the bike lane of blocking gates should be considered. Just today I had to rescue a car of tourists who were confused about the street directions and were blocking the road and bike lane. Based on the scrape on the side of the rental car, they had hit something, not sure what.

Name: Judy Bishop	Email: jbishop@bishopco.net	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 13, 2022 @ 05:12 PM

Testimony:

i submitted my written testimony earlier today then decided to give oral testimony as well.

Name: Scott Whiting	Email: 321z@att.net	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 13, 2022 @ 05:36 PM

Testimony:

I think our community is ready for parking permits. The current method of parking restrictions on three day weekends is not enough. These restrictions do not reduce the majority of the hiker traffic which occurs mostly in the morning before the restrictions start. There is not enough enforcement and is heavily reliant on residents having to call in to report illegally parked cars and hope

a cop shows up. People start parking an hour and a half before the end of the restriction period knowing that the cops probably wont becoming back to write tickets. Another issue is in the summer people may stay at the beach until 8pm. If the parking restrictions end at 3pm there is still five hours of beach time to attract beach goers and hikers parking on the streets.

Name: Laura Albano	Email: lauraalbano@icloud.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 13, 2022 @ 07:40 PM

Testimony:

The amount of tourists trying to either visit Lanikai Beach or climb the pillbox trail off Kaelepulu Drive has dramatically increased over the past 10 years and our little residential town is not able to handle all the cars that are trying to park in our little community. On a daily basis visitors halt traffic while looking for a parking spot, park illegally either in the bike path, in residents yards and driveways, in front of fire hydrants, on the unimproved sidewalk side of Aalapapa and Mokulua Drive,etc. This problem has become a safety hazard as well as a quality of life issue for Lanikai residents. I personally have been hit by a bike when walking past a car that was illegally parked in the bike path. This is so wrong and dangerous! Since the end of the pandemic, tension between residents and tourists has escalated and countless arguments have occurred when residents have asked visitors to move their illegally parked car. We urgently need a real solution to this problem. Mahalo

Name: Lois Crozer	Email: lbc@hawaiiantel.net	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 13, 2022 @ 09:10 PM

Testimony:

Lanikai has been waiting for a comprehensive plan for years, and while we appreciate the effort the DTS has already put into helping our community with traffic concerns for our safety and well being, it's now time for a more substantial concrete plan. As you know, all the streets after the Buzz's canal have only one way in and one way out over this bridge, so if there is a problem such as happened the other day with the BWS, we are majorly affected. We are inundated with locals and tourists coming in and trashing our neighborhoods, parking everywhere, making noise, invading our privacy, making our neighborhood unsafe, and taking away our sense of community. PLEASE look into what kind of comprehensive plan you can do to help us. The Lanikai Association Board has been working on this for years, but every respite we get is only because we push for help with parking. We need help ASAP.

Puulani Kai Condominium

By: Rick Edwards

President

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The primary access street is Kaelepulu Drive. This street already services the Bluestone community, Mid Pacific Country Club, local residents and those wishing to access the trail. Hundreds of cars daily use this street yet there is no delineation for pedestrian path of travel. Parking is allowed and spills out onto the paved roadway. Illegal drop-offs by commercial vehicles occur on a consistent basis throughout the day. The street is of substandard width with vehicular parking well onto the street. Add the hundreds of pedestrians (some days greater than 1,000) meandering about. Basic driving turns chaotic.

Any improvement to the trail should be put on hold until a greater transportation plan is considered. Can the trail support the current number of hikers? Will the "improved" trail draw more hikers? How do all these people access the trailhead? How does the parking demand spillover encroach on the existing roadway system? Hopefully a transportation plan will sort this out.

I support Resolution 22-125 regarding a Lanikai Transportation Management Plan. Lanikai streets are narrow and include a bike/pedestrian way. Vehicular and pedestrian traffic has grown to a point that is causing a very dangerous problem, as vehicles trying to find parking are stopping in the middle of the street waiting for someone to pull out, forcing others behind to pull into the pedestrian/bicycle lane to pass. Also, people are blocking the bicycle/pedestrian lane to load/unload equipment for beach activities. It's only a matter of time before someone is injured. There are no parking facilities in Lanikai, and parking is occurring illegally on the unimproved sidewalks. The police will not enforce the illegal parking, and the City & County will not post 'No Parking' signs. For the safety of our residents and others using the beach and hiking trails, we need a plan which will incorporate a permit system and/or somehow restrict the number of vehicles by changing the enforcement of unimproved sidewalk parking or to ban parking in Lanikai during certain daylight times.

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Since the post-COVID resurgence of tourism there has been an exponential increase in illegal and dangerous parking, driving, and stopping in Lanikai. This has resulted in frequent and sometimes near-constant interweaving of pedestrian, vehicular and bicycle traffic in Lanikai during daytime hours. If nothing is done it is only a matter of time until a pedestrian or bicyclist is seriously injured or killed.

Mokulua Drive and Aalapapa Drive are busy, narrow one-way streets which are the only exit and entrance for a community of 2300 residents as well as for both Oahu residents and a tsunami of tourists visiting Lanikai beach. There are no improved sidewalks and the unimproved sidewalks are mostly unusable due to topography and to plantings and objects placed on them by homeowners (with city permission!), therefore the vast majority of pedestrians walk in the bike path which is right next to vehicular traffic on these roads. There are a lot of pedestrians walking on the bike path, especially during daytime hours when the beach is popular.

Three frequent illegal activities which cause the interweaving of pedestrian, vehicular and bicycle traffic are:

- 1) People who park with their cars sticking way out into the street force drivers to drive onto the bike path.



- 2) Drivers who stop in the bike path force pedestrians and bicyclists to walk and cycle on the street. The reasons drivers do this are to wait for parking spaces to free up, to load and unload at beach accesses, and to use their phones.



- 3) Drivers stop indefinitely on the roads to wait for parking spots to open up. It is only a short matter of time until drivers behind them get impatient and drive onto the bike paths to get by.



In addition to the illegal and dangerous activities there is the frustrating behavior of drivers who drive long distances extremely slowly on Mokulua and Aalapapa Drive looking for parking. They end up with a long line of frustrated drivers behind them who are just trying to get in or out of their neighborhood.

Illegal and dangerous acts causing frequent interweaving of pedestrian, vehicular and bicycle traffic would not be tolerated in Waikiki. Why should it be tolerated in our residential neighborhoods?

I support development of a Lanikai Transportation Plan that will hopefully improve public safety, beach access for Oahu residents and livability for Lanikai residents.

Mark Hildebrant

Friday, June 10, 2022

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RE: Resolution 22-125

Distinguished councilmembers,

I would like to emphasize my strong support for Councilwoman Kia'aina's Resolution 22-125 and to emphasize the dire need for prospective roadway improvements to incorporate storm drainage rehabilitation.

Lanikai's aging, ad-hoc storm drainage system is a major public safety hazard. During storm events, mitigated runoff from city streets endangers the homes and lives of Lanikai's residents and represents a significant liability for the City due to illegal discharge onto private property.

My family and I have been profoundly affected by this issue. We live on Po'opo'o Place, which does not have a roadway drainage system. During the FEMA Major Disaster DR-4639-HI occurring December 6-10, 2021, runoff from Po'opo'o Place discharged biblical levels of storm water onto my property. I estimate that during peak precipitation, the roadway directly discharged hundreds of gallons per minute into my private drainage system. As a result, it failed cataclysmically at 2 AM on December 7, 2021.

Figure 1 illustrates the extent of the damage. A pipe burst due to the tremendous pressures exerted by the encroaching water. The resulting burst instantly eroded hundreds of cubic feet of dirt, which washed away seaward and left a sink hole. My retaining wall is completely compromised. Chunks of the wall fell onto the remaining section of pipe, crushing it beyond recognition.

It appears as if an artillery shell burst in my back yard, just feet away from the foundation of my home. I live in fear every moment that my house may collapse due to structural involvement, or that another storm will come, erode the crater further, and wash my home away with it. This is an unsafe environment for me, my wife, and our three small children aged 2, 4, and 7. We just moved to beautiful Hawaii in June 2021. Not a month after we unpacked our last box, we had to move out of our home due to these significant safety concerns.

Because the City doesn't have any easements or discharge agreements, Department of Facilities Maintenance was unable to help us in any way. My wife and I have begun the long process of obtaining an SBA Disaster Loan, we've come out of pocket tens of thousands of dollars for engineers to study the problem. The repair is likely to cost us a hundred thousand dollars or more. Six months later, we haven't been able to make any progress in making our home habitable again.

The non-existent drainage system on Po'opo'o endangered my family's life, made our home uninhabitable, and will put us deep into debt. We probably have a multi-year legal battle ahead of us establishing liability and recovering damages.

Drainage issues are manifest in Lanikai – and many of these are caused or exacerbated by runoff from City roads. I hope that my experience will help to underline the gravity of this crucial safety issue. I'm urging you to incorporate roadway drainage into the scope of "overall roadway safety" within the Lanikai Transportation Management Plan so that other Lanikai families don't have to experience what we've gone through.

Thank you very much for your time. I deeply appreciate your attention to the Lanikai Transportation Management Plan and cannot express strongly enough my support for this important resolution.

Mahalo,

Joshua Lospinoso, PhD

Figure 1: Photograph of Extensive Property Damage Resulting from City Roadway Discharge





SINK HOLE



City Council Resolution 22-125 Meeting June 14th 9 am

I am in support of Esther Kia'aina's efforts to better manage Lanikai's traffic problems.

As a 76 year old 22 year resident of Lanikai, I am extremely concerned about access to Lanikai for emergency vehicles. This is a serious problem and we have a right to live in a neighborhood that accommodates, at the very least, emergency vehicles. Lanikai has only one lane road in and out, and if emergency vehicles try to access our home, they cannot get here on a sunny day!! There are too many cars and no room to pull over. People double park while waiting for another car to vacate a parking place and if there is someone in the bike lane, other cars must simply sit and wait for the parked car to vacate which takes quite a while because they are rinsing off and packing up their beach chairs and coolers! Traffic comes to a complete stop! Some frustrated people then try to go around the double parked waiting car and they drive right into the bike lane!! All the time!!

Safety is #1 concern, but in addition, residents cannot get in and out to simply go to the store or the doctor!! It is terrible. Tourism has been increasing year after year and our crowds have as well. We simply cannot allow thousands of people into Lanikai! It was not designed for TOURISM and our cul de sac cannot accommodate it. We are further blocked on 2 sides : one side a mountain and the other the ocean! There is no way in or out except a small one lane road which can only be reached by crossing a bridge over a canal leading to the ocean! We are in essence =TRAPPED.

We need IMMEDIATE SOLUTIONS. With only one lane and one way in and out emergency vehicles cannot get to accident or medical emergency situations for residents or BEACHGOERS!! We cannot market Lanikai to tourists and then have no lifeguards, no toilets, and no access for emergency vehicles!!

This problem gets worse each year and is intolerable. It's not a good experience for residents or visitors. It is damaging the oceans. People urinate and defecate on the beaches and near their parked cars!

Further traffic controls won't prevent beachgoers from accessing our beach. There is proof positive in the huge crowds that still flood the beach even on the 3 day holiday weekends which currently have parking restrictions!! Beachgoers can still get to Lanikai beach and they do!! They walk, bike, bus, and Uber into Lanikai and enjoy the crowded beach!

Therefore, in the interest of safety, not to mention quality of life for both residents and visitors, I recommend :

You RETAIN the 3 day holiday weekends parking restriction throughout Lanikai from 10-4pm but suggest changing it to 9-3

You ADD same parking restrictions on 4 day holiday weekends, e.g. Thanksgiving

You RETAIN parking ban AT ALL TIMES for the bike lane side of the LOOP and ADD same parking ban on the other side of the LOOP.

The full parking ban on both sides of the loop is something a Lanikai door to door survey done 4 years ago showed STRONG numbers of residents were in favor of ,so this can be a quick, easy restriction which can be put in place IMMEDIATELY with little or no resistance. While additional restrictions NEED to be considered, they can take more time (like resident parking permits) and we need some IMMEDIATE relief!

Lanikai Transportation Management Plan

I support Resolution [22-125](#), introduced by Councilmember Kiaāina on May 18th, which requests the City's Director of Transportation Services to develop a Lanikai Transportation Management Plan and provide the plan to the City Council within 90 days of the resolution's adoption.

This Resolution is being heard by the Transportation Sustainability and Health Committee.

The Kaōhao /Lanikai area is not unique in facing these problems. Many residential areas on O'ahu are suffering from the problems that this resolution seeks to address/resolve. We are blessed with a councilmember who understands the problem and is seeking a solution for her district residents.

Since the problems are not unique to this area of District 3, perhaps the Council can look on this Resolution as a template to be used across O'ahu.

The residents of O'ahu deserve to live in neighborhoods that are truly neighborly, safe and sustainable.

I would like to address each facet of the issues this Committee ought to focus upon:

- 1. Transportation:** Many residential areas on O'ahu are suffering from an overload of traffic. In Kaōhao /Lanikai we have a protected bay and beach to enjoy. We also have the Ka'iwa Ridge to enjoy. Since this is a residential area, we have neither parking lots nor 'pick up/drop off' points to accommodate others who may wish to enjoy these amenities.

As a result, we have vehicles parking in the unimproved sidewalk areas (which the C&C has previously banned, yet HPD does not enforce) as well as definitely marked banned areas i.e.; near stop signs, fire hydrants and crosswalks.

The flow of traffic is impeded because:

- a. (illegal?) vans are dropping off and picking up folks along the streets,
- b. vehicles stop in the street waiting for a vehicle to leave a parking spot
and
- c. other vehicles are dropping off and picking up folks along the streets,
- d. vehicles park where they are obscuring other drivers' lines of site,
both of oncoming traffic and pedestrians.

2. Sustainability:

- a. Vehicles parking in the unimproved sidewalk areas are compacting the soil. One has but to come after a rainfall and see the standing pools of water, both on certain sections of Mokulua Drive, as well as in the unimproved sidewalk areas.
- b. There are no restroom facilities at Lanikai Beach. Therefore, visitors use the bay and/or adjacent houses' landscaping foliage as a toilet.
- c. There are no C&C trash receptacles, so beach and trail goers either litter the beach, trail, unimproved sidewalk areas and/or streets.

3. Health: We have been very fortunate not to see a serious injury due to the situation here. I am unaware of other health conditions that may have arisen here. Due to items 1a-d, above, folks are put into many unsafe situations/unhealthy conditions.

- a. Keiki cycle in the Bike Lanes for safety. When they are confronted with an obstacle, they swerve around it. Doing so, they enter the lane of traffic.
- b. With no sidewalks, pedestrians share the Bake Line w cyclists. They also are forced into the traffic lane when confronted with an obstacle.
- c. Vehicles parking haphazardly (too close to a corner, for example), when un/reloading beach/walking gear often put their passengers at risk, since they are in the lane of traffic. I have personally seen a toddler wander into the traffic lane.
- d. Fecal and bodily fluids in the bay and on land create unhealthy water, coral and soil conditions.
- e. Trash discarded anywhere/everywhere is totally a health hazard. My neighbor has her keiki wash their hands immediately after touching any soil/plant material off their own walled-in property.

I live on Mokulua Drive, so most of my observations have been there and on close-by cross streets. Friends/neighbors have seen/experienced unsafe situations on 'A'alapapa Drive and on cross-streets.

In summary, we all want to live a life of aloha. When I respect others, I appreciate when they do likewise. There is less and less respect shown to residents by 'visitors' entering Kaōhao /Lanikai.

I ask this Committee to seriously consider Resolution 22-125 and pass it to the full City

Council for discussion/vote.

Respectfully submitted by B.A. Alexander, Kaōhao /Lanikai Resident
On 6/13/22 via C&C Website