



WHEREAS, this board has passed resolutions concerning this proposed bridge including in April 2021 and August 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Draft EA did not analyze the possible conflict with the Ala Wai Flood Control Project occurring in the same physical space; and

WHEREAS, the Draft EA did not respond to community members' written and oral testimony regarding a bridge and site location; and

WHEREAS, the original plans for a bridge were presented as a low-rise crossing and not a 180 foot high steel cable support bridge which would irrevocably alter the landscape and block protected scenic views of the Ala Wai Canal, its environs and Diamond Head, and

WHEREAS, a full EIS requires that a development project that constitutes major federal actions and involvement as defined by law, including the use of federal land, federal tax dollars, or under federal agency jurisdiction, is required to properly and comprehensively assess the impact of the proposed project; so

WHEREAS, the proponents of the proposed bridge proclaim that as a priority the proposed bridge can serve as a pedestrian and bicyclist evacuation conduit from Waikiki across the Ala Wai Canal to the vicinity of higher ground near the H-1 freeway, yet safety procedures for tsunamis require that Waikiki occupants shelter in place on or above the 4th floors of Waikiki buildings, seek nearby basements during any missile alerts, and not travel about the larger community; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board finds that the proposed cable suspension bridge and tower 180 feet in height with massive foundations on the mauka and makai side of the Ala Wai Canal are incompatible with the historic character, integrity and feeling of the historic experience of the Ala Wai Canal, which is listed on the Hawaii Register of Historic places; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Diamond Head-Kapahulu-St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board finds that the proposed cable suspension bridge and tower 180 feet in height would adversely impact the documented significant historic view planes through the length of the canal and to the Ko'olau Mountains and Diamond Head and requests that a Full EIS be performed for the proposed project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if such a Full EIS takes place that community members, including representatives from area neighborhood boards be appointed to sit on the advisory board to help implement and complete a full EIS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Diamond Head-Kapahulu-St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board requests the Department of Transportation Services to seriously heed the Board's concerns and recommendations together with the concerns expressed by the Mo'ili'ili community, the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St Louis Heights neighborhood board, various nonprofits, and individuals, to not proceed further with the proposed bridge as it is presently designed with adverse impacts to the historic Ala Wai Canal, pedestrian promenade and significant view planes; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution shall be delivered to the Mayor and to the Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu; to the Honolulu City Council Chairperson and Council Members; to the Director of the Department of Transportation Services; to the Director of the State Department of Land and Natural Resources as the State Historic Preservation Officer and to the Administrator of the State Historic Preservation Division; to the McCully-Mo'ili'ili Neighborhood Board Chairperson and Members; to the Waikiki Neighborhood Board Chairperson and Members; to the Ala Moana-Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board Chairperson and Members, and to the Historic Hawaii Foundation, the Outdoor Circle, the O'ahu Island Parks Conservancy, the Waikiki Surf Club and other interested and affected canoe halaus and cultural and environmental organizations.

The motion WAS ADOPTED; 10-2-0 (Aye: Allen, Decker, Hasina, Knight, Matson, Murchie, Velasco, B. Wong, L. Wong, Welch; Nay: Beutel, Whitsell; Abstain: None).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Welch', written in a cursive style.

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Winston Welch, Neighborhood Board #5 Chair, January 11th, 2024