RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOGNIZING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND URGING HART, THE STATE DOT, AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU DTS TO IMPLEMENT IMPROVED PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE WAIAWA PEARL HIGHLANDS TRAIN STATION

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) and the City and County of Honolulu DTS opened the first nine stations of the Skyline on June 30, 2023,

WHEREAS, the intention of the Skyline is to connect and expand upon existing transportation options for users in an efficient and safe manner,

WHEREAS, concern has been expressed by the public about safety of the current pedestrian infrastructure linking the Waiawa Pearl Highlands station across Kamehameha Highway,

WHEREAS, Hawaii is among the states with the highest number of pedestrian fatalities of seniors,

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu has acknowledged the importance of reducing fatalities on our roadways by developing a Vision Zero action plan,

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has identified an emphasis on safety reflected by:

(1) The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Pub. L. 117-58, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)) which expanded funding opportunities, promoted Complete Streets policies, increased attention to safety for all users of the surface transportation system, modified some eligibilities related to bicycling and walking activities and projects, and added provisions for shared micromobility, and by stating that,

(2) bicyclists and pedestrians shall be given due consideration in the comprehensive transportation plans developed by each metropolitan planning organization and State in accordance with sections 134 and 135, respectively. Bicycle transportation facilities and pedestrian walkways shall be considered, where appropriate, in conjunction with all new construction and reconstruction of transportation facilities, except where bicycle and pedestrian use are not permitted.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization strongly urges the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation, the State Department of Transportation, and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services to prioritize and expedite the installation of comprehensive pedestrian infrastructure at the Waiawa Pearl Highlands station at Kamehameha Highway, including a fully protected pedestrian crossing, in an effort to:

● Prevent pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries

● Address community concerns for the safety of all, including the blind and/or disabled
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- Encourage use of public transit by addressing the needs of pedestrians frequenting the rail station

PASSED AND ADOPTED as a resolution of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization at its regularly scheduled meeting held on August 2, 2023.