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Subject: Draft Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2040

Aloha,

I am writing to voice my concerns regarding Projects 206 and 304 which reference the extension and widening of the Kualaka'i Parkway near the Ka Makana Ali'i development in west Oahu. The proposed route with the required set back, railroad crossing barriers and sensors will cross through the west end of the Hawaiian Railway Society's (HRS) Ewa Rail Yard, it's associated switches and track and the historic Oahu Railway and Land (OR&L) track and right-of-way, all of which are listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places.

The proposed crossing route, which appears to primarily be an accommodation to the Ka Makana Ali'i development, as there are other less impacting routes available, would impinge and have a severe impact on the HRS/OR&L property and it's operation. Because of the close proximity of the proposed crossing to the rail yard any movement of equipment in the rail yard would potentially trigger the railroad crossing barriers impacting both the road and rail traffic.

The Hawaiian Railway Society is an educational, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to presenting, preserving, restoring and protecting Hawaii's railroading history. The HRS operates historic locomotives and rolling stock, and houses and preserves unique artifacts of Hawaii's history. It offers a unique historic and educational railroad experience to visitors and residents alike unavailable any where else in Hawaii. It is an irreplaceable asset to the State and needs to be protected.

As alternatives I suggest either the crossing be moved further west or an overpass built sufficient to clear the HRS and OR&L yard, track and right-of-way.

Mahalo for your consideration