

REPORT TO THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
STATE OF HAWAII  
2007

PURSUANT TO SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 27 S.D.2, SLH 2005,  
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY  
AND EVALUATE EXISTING TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN THE SOUTH  
KONA AREA OF HAWAII.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
STATE OF HAWAII  
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## INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 27 S.D.2, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005:

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is requested to study and evaluate existing traffic conditions in the South Kona area of Hawaii and prepare a traffic solution plan to minimize existing and future traffic problems.

The DOT is requested to:

- (1) Include in the study the issues of land or easement acquisition or condemnation, liability, plan implementation, signage, and the costs of necessary road improvements; and
- (2) Report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2007 on its study, evaluation, and plan.

This report is submitted by the DOT pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 27 S.D. 2.

## **REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE**

The Department of Transportation (DOT) Highways Division has been tasked to study and evaluate existing traffic conditions in the South Kona area of Hawaii and prepare a traffic solution plan to minimize existing and future traffic problems.

The Highways Division is currently negotiating a contract with a consultant to do the planning studies (Environmental Impact Statement, Record of Decision, etc.) for Kuakini Highway Widening – Henry Street to Kamehameha III Road.

We will be expanding the scope of work for that contract to include the preparation of a traffic solution plan for the South Kona area. This traffic solution plan is estimated for completion by late 2008 or early 2009.