



## WAHIAWA-WHITMORE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 26

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Aloha Ms. Otsuka:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Central O'ahu Transportation Study. We hope these comments will be accepted in your report.

The Wahiawa-Whitmore Village Neighborhood Board No. 26 provides the following concerns which we believe have not been addressed, even following numerous community meetings or raised concerns:

1. Replacing the Karston Thot bridge with a wider, larger version.

The Board strongly disagrees with this proposal as this bridge is a historic bridge, and is one of the last, remaining, original structures in the Wahiawa and Whitmore Village communities.

2. H2-H1 Traffic

NB26 has not seen any changes/improvements in the Study regarding our traffic concerns. Our communities suffer through traffic congestion every morning, town-bound, usually starting from around the Ka Uka exit. Where is the plan to address this concern?

3. Repaving Kamehameha Highway, Wahiawa-Whitmore

NB26 has been requesting that Kamehameha Highway in Wahiawa be restructured, not just repaved. This is a heavily used road and it seems the town of Wahiawa continuously encounters pot holes which are not seriously addressed. The patch work wears out within months due to the heavy traffic on this highway.

4. Bicycle Lanes

NB26 doesn't know exact numbers, but it doesn't seem that many residents bicycle in the Wahiawa-Whitmore area. Unfortunately, observing bicyclists in our neighborhoods tends to generate calls to HPD.

5. Additional TheBus and The HandiVan services.

NB26 agrees with this proposal to increase TheBus and HandiVan services to Wahiawa and Whitmore Village.

6. Bridge connecting Whitmore Village to Wahiawa.

NB26 does not agree with this proposal as more information is needed. The distance for the proposed bridge between Whitmore and Wahiawa is very long; it won't be a short bridge. Among other questions, who will maintain this bridge and who will provide security on this bridge?

Mahalo again for allowing us to provide comments on the COTS 2019. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Peace,  
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Chair, WWV NB26