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Laura Ruby—a resident of Moiliili for over 40 years.

#7 Oral Testimony Against the proposal and funding for the Ala Wai Canal Bridge and associated pedestrian and bicycle pathways.

This testimony registers my and 100 other Mo'iili'i/mauka of the Ala Wai Canal community members. We wish that no more C&C funds be allocated for the design or planning stages for the bridge over the Ala Wai Canal—and no future allocations for the construction of a bridge.

--To our knowledge, no community members were asked about the design or planning stage of this bridge.

--The State Historical Preservation Division (SHPD within the DLNR) has not submitted either a 6E or 106 assessment at the outset of this project;

--In this time of fiscal challenges this bridge proposal is neither necessary nor urgent. There were no additional major maintenance or security costs spelled out in the EA.

Some of the hidden and on-going expenses that the C&C will have to bear are:

1—relocation of University Avenue storm drain and box culvert with its outflow into the Canal;

2—the additional police forces on both sides of the Canal that will need to patrol the bridge and park area for miscreants and mo-ped drivers;

3—the police or other enforcement that will need to issue citations for cars parked in the Ala Wai Park parking lot using it as a cheap way to get to Waikiki so that the parking can be used by the Waikiki Surf Club for canoe and kayak practice and events, community gardeners, Makule team players, tai chi groups and general park users;

4—the additional security detail that will need to be on duty for the safe passages of the students at Ala Wai School;

5—the security detail that will need to lock and open chainlink gates at both ends of the bridge each night as the Ala Wai Park closes at 10 pm;

6—the additional fencing surrounding the bridge to keep out the houseless population and the maintenance crew to clean the area; and I'm sure many more hidden costs that will become burdensome to the C&C budget.

7—many park trees lost

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Sincerely,
Laura Ruby