

From: [Lisa Ledesma](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Nawiliwili to Ahukini shared use path
Date: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 6:34:07 AM

Please please for our future and kids future. We need to clean up behind Ahukini and connect the bike path so we can all get out and use it. Connecting it to Ahukini from Kealia has been on our wish list for years. It so dangerous now back there to run and yet it safer than the highway.

I hope we can start focusing on our people vs the tourist. We need our children to get off the computers and out on the path. But now it is too dangerous to do. By approving the connection and finally doing it will help families come out and enjoy our coastline.

Aloha Lisa Ledesma

From: [Fran McDonald](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support CDUA-KA-3926
Date: Monday, July 8, 2024 5:50:40 PM

Dear BLNR,

I am writing in support of Conservation District Use Application KA-3926 for the Nawiliwili - Ahukini Shared Use Path.

This area is supposed to be a conservation area to be appreciated by all Kauai residents.

Instead it has become a vehicle junkyard, a dangerous place to exercise or explore and a hazard to the community and the environment.

If it were converted to a park like multi use path it would not be a hiding place for drug dealers, nefarious gatherings and dumping of toxic waste.

I am imploring you to please approve this application.

Mahalo,
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Support of Conservation District Use Application - CDUA KA-3926
Nawaii-Ahukini Shared-Use Path Project
Located at Kalapaki and Hanamaulu, Lihue, Kauai
TMK (4) 3-5-001:008 & 102 & 128 & 160

Dear Mr. Cain,

This Letter is submitted as strong support for approving issuance of the permits requested for the expansion of the Ke Ala Heel Makalae in the Ahukini area.

Prior to my retirement I served as the Building Division Chief, Department of Public Works, County of Kauai. For many years I was the lead project manager for Kauai's shared-use path projects in addition to my other roles as the Building Division Chief.

Permitting and completion of the section of the path from Ahukini Landing to the Ninini Point Light House is critical for remedying the extreme environmental degradation that is occurring in the area due to extensive unauthorized long term camping. Previous shared-use path projects have shown that consistent use of paths by the public have eliminated the unauthorized long term camping.

The approved Federal Highway Administration's Categorical Exclusion (Federal-Aid Project Number: CMAQ-0700(57)) included written approvals from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service. Many of the conservation measures developed with these agencies to avoid potential impact to protected species are severely violated by the current situation.

The State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) provided written concurrence of *no adverse effect* for the Categorical Exclusion. They acknowledged the background studies including archaeological inventory surveys, cultural impact assessment and architectural inventory survey and conducted public meetings and individual consultations for the subject project with Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs) and other consulting parties in compliance with Section 106. A total of 26 historic properties were identified within the APE, 9 of which were determined to be significant per Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) §13-275-6 as well as eligible to be listed on the National Register for Historic Places (NRHP). Many of the conservation measures directed

by SHPD to avoid potential impact to historic properties are severely violated by the current situation.

The County of Kauai has committed funds to clean-up this unique and beautiful coastal area and has obtained the federal clearances for use of federal funds for construction of the path. The approval of CDUA KA-3926 will be one further step for the final approval for use of the federal funds and assure long term preservation of the area by allowing the completion of the shared-use path and the associated public use, conservation measures, and protections for historic properties.



Douglas Haigh