

June 24, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
US Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington DC 20590

**RE: POIPU ROAD SAFETY AND MOBILITY PROJECT – County of Kauai BUILD Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am the General Manager of Kiahuna Plantation Resort Kauai by Outrigger, a property that fronts Po'ipū Road. On a daily basis, I see both the safety problems of the existing road and its great potential. I have worked for many years to support efforts by the County of Kaua'i as plans were developed to improve Po'ipū Road to provide safe travel ways for all users. I strongly support the County of Kauai's BUILD application for the Po'ipū Road Safety and Mobility Project. This project is long overdue.

This project will not only provide a safer transportation network for local residents and visitors, it will provide a much-needed boost for the island's most important industry by serving as a catalyst for private investment in new businesses and jobs. Now is the time, as the largest industry for Kaua'i and Hawai'i, tourism, has been severely impacted by COVID-19.

As a past President and member of the Po'ipū Beach Resort Association, I participated in multiple group collaboration sessions of local businesses, property owners, and county of Kaua'i representatives. I am currently working with others in Po'ipū resort managers and property owners exploring mechanisms for long-term maintenance of the project's enhanced landscape. Po'ipū Road serves as the main gateway and thoroughfare for the Po'ipū resort district. Sharing in the long-term maintenance of the public right-of-way through public-private partnership is a win-win for government and the private sector.

This project is an example of government and the private sector working together to improve the safety, economic vitality, and quality of life for all who visit or live on Kaua'i.

I appreciate your consideration of this worthy project.

Me ka 'oia 'i'o,



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