January 2, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Randolph G. Moore  
Chair, Board of Regents

VIA: David Lassner  
President

FROM: Jan Gouveia  
Vice President for Administration

SUBJECT: UH Mānoa: Recommend approval of construction contract for Kawili Street Pedestrian Overpass

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:

In accordance with Board of Regents' Policies Section 8-1(b), the Planning and Facilities Committee is requested to recommend to the full Board approval of a construction contract for a Kawili Street pedestrian bridge overpass that will connect the Hale `Alahonua residence halls to the main UH Hilo campus.

COST:

$6,000,000

RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Upon Board of Regents' approval.

BACKGROUND:

The University Village Student Housing (Hale `Alahonua) is a newly completed 302-bed facility. This housing project added much needed residential capacity for current demand, as well as future growth. The Hale `Alahonua residence hall is the first phase...
of a larger project to develop the "south-side" of Kawili Street into a University Village that provides a vibrant campus community for the students, faculty, administrators and visitors of UH Hilo (collectively, "University Village").

As set forth in Exhibit 1, the University Village site is separated by Kawili Street. As illustrated in Exhibit 2, Kawili Street is a 4-lane roadway with a great deal of vehicular traffic. The pedestrian overpass will help ensure that resident students are able to travel safely from their residence hall to their classes and co-curricular activities during the day and night.

Additionally, as the University Village expands to include small businesses and other mix-use commercial activities, the need to provide a safe and convenient pathway is essential to the growth and development of both the campus and the Village. Ultimately, the pedestrian overpass will present a physical and symbolic linkage that integrates the University Village with the core UH Hilo campus.

**OPERATING COST:**
Estimated annual operating cost is $21,000. UH Hilo plans to seek general fund support for this annual expense when appropriate.

**BUILDING MORATORIUM:**

It is unclear whether this project is subject to the building moratorium. To the extent it is, the Administration believes this project warrants exemption from the moratorium because it addresses an immediate health and safety concern. As explained above, Kawili street is a 4-lane roadway. Currently, students must cross 5 lanes (including a turn lane) at a point in the roadway where cars travel at high rates of speed down a hill and around a bend.

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

It is recommended that the Planning and Facilities Committee recommend to the full Board approval of the Kawili Street Pedestriann Overpass at an estimated construction cost of $6,000,000.

c: Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board Quinn
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