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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:

Get Fit Kauai strongly supports the County of Kauai's BUILD application for the Poipu Road Safety and Mobility Project. In partnership with the County, Get Fit Kauai sponsored the community design charrette in 2013 that resulted in this project. It's remarkable to see how well the concept design that was developed during the charrette reflects the community's vision, and how little the design has changed since then. As the County has been working diligently through the engineering and environmental permitting process, now is the time to carry the project through to construction.

Get Fit Kauai has a long and successful history of collaborating with the County to achieve the State of Hawaii's Physical Activity and Nutrition (PAN) Plan. This project directly addresses objectives 3 and 4 of that Plan:

Objective 3: Develop and implement processes at the state and by every county to include physical activity priorities when determining building design and location, land-use planning, and transportation decisions.

Objective 4: Increase by 10% the percentage of people who use active transportation to commute to work or school by expanding opportunities for active transportation (e.g., bike share programs, public transit, transit-oriented development, Safe Routes to School, Work and Recreation).

Thank you for your consideration of this project that not only has economic benefit, but will also contribute to the health, safety, and vitality of our island's residents.

Sincerely,

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