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State Kalaniana'ole Highway proposal called 'unrealistic'

Some residents are protesting state plans to build a bike path and replace a guardrail along Kalaniana'ole Highway.

They're outraged by the \$10 million cost, and worried that a rock wall instead of a traditional guardrail would destroy the road's scenic views. The path would run for 2.5 miles from Hanauma Bay to Sandy Beach.

Eve Decoursey of the Hawaii Bicycling League says bikers would like a path there but wouldn't support the cost.

State Rep. Gene Ward says the money could be better spent elsewhere.

State Highways Chief Hugh Ono says the state is reviewing options before proceeding. The guardrail has already had to be replaced once because of rust from exposure to the salt air.

The state is paying \$2 million of the cost; the rest is from the federal government.