

Meeting Notes

February 14, 2012 TAC Meeting

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Kauai Multimodal Land Transportation Plan

Attending:

- Celia Mahikoa, County Executive on Transportation
- Marie Williams, County Planner
- Imaikalani Aiu, County Housing
- Lyle Tabata, County Public Works
- Michael Hinazumi, Hawaii DOT
- Ted K. Blake, Project Consultant
- Jim Charlier, Project Consultant
- Patrick Picard, Project Consultant

Project Update:

- Gearing up for a second round of public workshops
 - Will present and seek public reaction to proposed goals, scenarios, and programs
- Completed bus survey report
- Will begin writing plan after the public workshops

Public Workshops:

- Poster boards to be used at the public workshops were presented and discussed
- Workshops will be interactive with several ways to gather public feedback
 - Comment cards – with questions related to the goals and scenarios boards
 - “Dots” exercise – targeted at understanding which program action items section should be prioritized
 - “Kauai Bucks” – The public can choose which of the six programs is most important to them by investing “Kauai Bucks” in various “banks”
 - Poster board presentation and informal Q & A with the public
- Goals Poster
 - A few small additions to Goals 1-3 to include climate change mitigation and meeting the needs of an aging population
- Forecasts, Trajectories, and Scenarios Posters
 - Seek to gather the public’s reaction to the project theme of no net increase in VMT through 2035
 - Concern – will the public accept current levels of congestion through 2035?
 - Question – does this mean this plan does not recommend capacity projects?
 - Question – could the plan identify priority projects?
 - DOT is calculating traffic forecasts in their plan
 - County is currently sorting through and prioritizing the list of projects identified in the ’97 plan
 - Is it possible to have no VMT growth?
 - Concern – Poipu may double in size mostly with higher income residents – not the demographic likely to use transit
 - With growth there is demand for every mode, not just automobile
 - Land use is the source of traffic demand – a greater mix of uses can mitigate traffic demand



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- The State recognizes the problem of supply generating demand and is trying to manage traffic where possible, not just widen every road
- Program Posters
 - Concern – how will we ensure that everyone will prioritize the program recommendations in this plan?
 - It's important that all government bodies and stakeholders work together to have a common goal and communicate
 - This plan will be the transportation component of the general plan subject to periodic updates
 - The plan will provide policy guidelines for implementing complete streets
 - The upcoming County projects are related to improving existing streets only – no new lane miles planned

Additional Issues:

- Scenic Roads
 - The planning department was supposed to do a more detailed analysis of development along each “heritage” route identified in the County General Plan
 - Scenic route designation will be much easier to manage than the federal designation
- Land Use Component
 - Should include increased density
 - Should improve walkability
 - Incorporate a form based code
- County Roads Component
 - Should add “a state of good repair” to program elements
 - County plans to add micro pavers
 - Lyle will send projects and cost estimates
- PBRA Comments about the Plan
 - Recommends impact fees
 - County is currently studying the implications of adding impact fees
 - County has a plan to connect the sidewalk, add a bike lane and prevent illegal parking between Poipu Rd. & roundabout – PBRA to put up 20% of project cost
- Potential Increase in Traffic along Maluhia Rd. with new development in Poipu
 - STIP is programmed (planning) for widening of Maluhia Rd.
 - Intersection at Kaumualii Hwy. will need attention, but public does not want roundabout or traffic light – solution would be to mitigate traffic

Next Steps:

- Draft plan document will be ready in April
- Next TAC meeting: morning of Tuesday, April 24th.
- Will try to schedule a meeting with the RLRLTP staff in the next couple of months

