

East Side Public Workshop Notes

August 23, 2011

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Kaua'i Multimodal Land Transportation Plan

This was one of five public workshops held on Kaua'i from August 16 to 24, 2011 as part of the Kaua'i Multimodal Land Transportation Plan. The workshops were intended to give the planning team, County staff and the public an opportunity to discuss the issues and concerns residents of Kaua'i were experiencing related to the island transportation system. This workshop was held at the Kapa'a Neighborhood Center on the evening of August 23, 2011.

To provide a factual, non-hypothetical basis for the conversation, attendees began by filling out mini travel diaries. The diaries allowed attendees to record a recent day of travel, trip by trip, noting start location, end location, mode of travel, length of trip and so forth. Then, attendees participated in break-out group discussions based on the diaries, with a focus on whether transit, bicycling or walking might have been feasible for some of the trips. The groups were asked to describe what the specific barriers were to non-auto travel. Finally the groups described what they envisioned for 2030: what should be different? How should these travel patterns change?

Attending:

- 30 members of the public (see attached list of attendees)
- Celia Mahikoa, County Executive on Transportation
- Ted K. Blake, Patrick Picard, Jim Charlier Project Consultants

Travel Diaries:

- Most attendees lived in Wailua Homesteads, Kapahi or Kapa'a and worked in the Lihu'e area; some also worked in Kapa'a with few employed elsewhere
- Most children of participants attend school in Kapa'a, with some attending school in Lihu'e and some on the North Shore
- Many travel diaries showed complex travel days with multiple trips
- Several people had used the bus for all or part of their trips
- The most common bus use occurred between Kapahi or Wailua Homesteads and Lihu'e; these journeys often included walk trips within Lihu'e
- Overall there were few bicycling or walking trips
- Most days involved a trip to Lihu'e for work, errands or both, as well as some shorter trips within Kapa'a
- Many people were not familiar with the bus routes or schedules and were not familiar with how to obtain information about the bus system
- Some attendees had traveled long distances during the diary day for business to multiple parts of the island
- Others made multiple trips back and forth between points on the east side

Barriers to Riding Transit and to Bicycling or Walking:

- People felt they did not have time to wait for the bus, or to walk or bicycle
- Trip lengths were thought to be too long for walking or bicycling to be feasible
- It is often too hot or rainy to walk or bicycle
- Weather also discouraged bus travel because of the lack of shelters at stops



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- The narrow roadway shoulders, lack of sidewalks and overgrown vegetation along the roadsides make it dangerous to walk or bike, especially in the neighborhoods around Kapa'a, Wailua Homesteads and Kapahi
- Bus service is too infrequent and stops are not close enough to homes, especially in Wailua Homesteads
- There are too few bike racks on the buses (the two spaces are often in use)

Vision for 2030:

- There would be frequent bus service to Wailua Homesteads
- A shuttle would be operating in and around Kapa'a
- There would be more frequent stops along bus routes, perhaps with some local and some express bus routes
- Buses would skip stops when no one is getting on or off to reduce travel time
- There would be bus shelters at most stops
- Bike lanes would be provided on all new roads
- Streets would be safer for walking and bicycling
- Information and marketing materials for The Kauai Bus would be readily available
- The frequency of bus service would be higher
- It would be possible to get bus passes without going to The Kaua'i Bus offices
- WiFi would be provided on buses
- There would be on-line "apps" tied to GPS locators on buses to allow riders to track specific buses and plan their arrival
- There would be a system for carpooling using a park-n-ride, with a formalized hitchhiking location



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Tuesday, August 23, 2011

Attendees List	
1	Jimmy Trujillo
2	Rayne Regush
3	Elena Kaaui
4	Naomi Sugihara
5	Imai Aiv
6	Tek Nickerson
7	Glena Mielsem
8	Nadine Nakamura
9	Isobel Storch
10	Mary E. Herring
11	Fred Dente
12	Ken Taylor
13	Rosie Rapozo
14	Darrick Nordmeier
15	Christopher Kaplanis
16	Robert Cecconi
17	Irene Cecconi
18	Annie Meredith
19	Randy Blake
20	Doug Haigh
21	Sally Jo Manea
22	Ken Stokes
23	Sue Liddle
24	Cher Ono
25	Dianne Zachary
26	Christina Guitierrez-More
27	Rob Keane