

Kōloa-Poi'pū-Kalāheo Public Workshop Notes

August 17, 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 Koloa Neighborhood Center on the evening of August 17, 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:

- 25 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 Kōloa, Poi'pū, Lawai or Omao
- About half worked in Kōloa or Poi'pū and half in Līhu'e
- Most children of workshop participants attend school in Līhu'e, with some in Kōloa
- Even though there are local grocery stores, many people take trips into Līhu'e on a regular basis to buy specific foods or grocery items
- Many travel diaries showed complex travel days with multiple trips
- Very few people used the bus for their trips
- A few people were bicycling for some trips (mostly between Kōloa and Poi'pū)
- Most people drove alone for most trips

Barriers to Riding Transit and to Bicycling or Walking:

- Attendees feel most roads are too dangerous for walking and bicycling, especially for children
- There was discussion of specific roadways, including Waikomo Road, which serves as an important connector for school children
- People felt distances they were traveling were too great to allow anything other than driving alone, given time constraints
- It was noted that the "western bypass" (Ala Kalanikamauka Street) has become popular for recreational/fitness walking and bicycling – this demonstrates existing demand for places where people can get outdoors and walk or bicycle
- There was some discussion of how vegetation – specifically guinea grass – intrudes on shoulders of roads and streets and takes space away from pedestrians and bicyclists, reducing safety on routes that otherwise would be safer



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- Attendees felt bus service was too infrequent for transit to be convenient for most trips
- The discussion revealed limited awareness of bus service levels, routes and schedules
- People also felt that bus travel was slow compared to driving, further discouraging reliance on transit for many trips

Vision for 2030:

- Roads should be safer, enabling children to walk and bike within Kōloa and Poi'pū
- A safe walking and bicycling route would be provided between the school, park and beach for children
- This would support the Safe Routes to School effort already underway here
- Transit would be made attractive to a wider variety of people by
 - Making service more frequent,
 - Adding shelters at bus stops, and
 - Providing WiFi service on buses and at bus stops
- The County would have established a cooperative for farms and agricultural producers that would have resolved distribution, delivery and processing challenges



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Koloa-Poipu-Kalaheo Workshop
Wednesday, August 17, 2011

Attendees List	
1	Lynette Buhk
2	Suzanne Kashiwaedo
3	Lionel Medeiros
4	Ryan Buhk
5	Hartwell Blake
6	Mary Neudorffer
7	Seamus Mackenzie
8	Bob Brun
9	Louie Abrams
10	Rob Murtejh
11	Sara Bowen
12	David Hibbitt
13	Ben Sullivan
14	Roy Oyama
15	Cheryl Farrell
16	Ken Taylor
17	Hunter Hibbitt
18	Jeri Di Pietro
19	Lea Hibbitt
20	Judy Dalton
21	Haunani Kaiminaauao
22	Christa Mackenzie
23	Ned Dana
24	Ken Posey
25	Mary Lu Kelley