

North Shore Public Workshop Notes

August 24, 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 Kilauea Neighborhood Center on the evening of August 24, 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:

- 24 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 and worked on the North Shore between Moloa'a and Hanalei
- A few attendees worked in the Lihu'e area
- Most children of participants attend school on the North Shore or in Kapa'a
- Most attendees did not use the bus for any of their diary trips
- Most attendees were unfamiliar with bus routes and schedules
- Many people were interested in walking and biking for recreation and exercise rather than for transportation (for example one person drove 3 miles with his bike on his car in order to go on a 12-mile bike ride because the first 3 miles was "dangerous")
- Many travel diaries showed complex travel days with multiple trips
- Many of the attendees' travel days involved a trip to Lihu'e during which they would make several local stops to reduce how often they have to travel to Lihu'e – these trips were made by driving
- Several attendees worked multiple jobs or had varying schedules and job routines

Barriers to Riding Transit and to Bicycling or Walking:

- The roads are too unsafe (particularly for children) to allow walking or bicycling
- Cars and trucks are going too fast and on most streets cars and pedestrians are sharing the road with these speeding vehicles
- A twelve year-old at the workshop is not allowed to bike to the park a mile from his home because of a recent close call with a speeding vehicle when he was bicycling on a local street



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- The nature of attendees' work, the need to have access to a car or truck as part of their work, and non-traditional work schedules are all factors that make it difficult for some attendees to use modes other than driving
- Many trips are too long for bicycling or walking to be feasible
- People are making multiple trips as part of long journeys and this discourages transit use
- Several attendees hold multiple jobs, requiring the flexibility of a car
- In many cases the bus does not go where people need to go (such as Wailua Homesteads) or stop frequently enough (such as at 'Anini Road)
- Road connections are often indirect, making bicycling and walking inconvenient
- Walking to the bus stops even when the stops are nearby can be dangerous because of the design of streets and speed of traffic

Vision for 2030:

- The rural character of Kaua'i would be protected (roads would still be narrow)
- The County and State DOT would not have widened highways or added lanes
- The island would not have major urban places
- There would be fewer speeding vehicles, the result of better enforcement
- There would be more safety education
- Traffic calming features would have been installed on roads and streets
- Roads in neighborhoods would be safer to walk and bicycle, especially for children
- A shuttle would operate between Princeville and Hāena and that road would be closed to non-resident motor vehicles
- More bus stops would be provided along the main bus route (Hanalei to Līhu'e)



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Wednesday, August 24, 2011

Attendees List	
1	David Dinner
2	Hope Kallai
3	Andy Friend
4	Claudia Herfurt
5	Anna Myers
6	Janis Lyon
7	Shannon Smith
8	Christina
9	Coleman Langstaff
10	Sherry Scott
11	Neil Clendeninn
12	Jay Furfaro
13	John Constantio
14	Curtis
15	Mark Olson
16	Howard Gregg
17	Jodi Drisko
18	Mel Drisko
19	Kim Elegado
20	Carl Imperato
21	Ben Wellborn
22	Bev Brody