

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

April 1, 2005

**Committee  
Report No.**

05-61

Honorable Chair and Members  
of the County Council  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Public Works Committee, having met on March 14, 2005, makes reference to County Communication No. 04-183, from Councilmember Michael J. Molina, transmitting correspondence dated July 6, 2004, from Mary J. Cochran, President, Paia Plantation, Inc., requesting time-restricted parking of one to two hours on Baldwin Avenue in Paia.

Your Committee notes that County Communication No. 04-183 was referred to the prior Council's Public Works and Traffic Committee at the Council meeting of July 27, 2004.

By correspondence dated August 31, 2004, the Chair of the Public Works and Traffic Committee requested that the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management assist Mary Cochran in bringing this matter before the Maui County Traffic Safety Council (MCTSC) for comments or recommendations.

By correspondence dated September 29, 2004, the Chair of the Public Works and Traffic Committee transmitted correspondence dated September 27, 2004, from the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management, requesting that the MCTSC discuss this matter at their next meeting.

The Committee received a copy of correspondence dated November 1, 2004, from the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management to a Deputy Corporation Counsel, requesting the Department's assistance in preparing a proposed bill amending Section 10.48.090, Maui County Code, pertaining to 60-minute limited parking.

At its meeting of November 4, 2004, the Committee met with the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management; an Engineer, Engineering Division, Department of Public Works and Environmental Management; a Sergeant, Department of Police; an Executive Assistant from the Office of the Mayor; and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

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The Committee received public testimony from four individuals. Bill Cochran testified in support of establishing time-restricted parking to encourage customer parking in front of their business. Two other testifiers expressed concerns with establishing additional time-restricted parking when there is no enforcement of current parking restrictions. An Executive Assistant from the Office of the Mayor testified that the lack of enforcement affects customer parking for businesses on Baldwin Avenue. He also testified that some rented homes in this area do not have enough parking for their tenants, which increases the demand for on-street parking.

The Committee received photographs of the area proposed for time-restricted parking from the Director.

The Director stated that the MCTSC reviewed this request and had no comments regarding traffic safety. The Director also stated that the Paia Municipal Parking Lot is located on Baldwin Avenue and provides off-street parking without time restrictions.

The Committee noted that the Director is preparing a proposed bill to establish time-restricted parking on Baldwin Avenue and that the Paia community will have another opportunity to comment on the bill at the next Committee meeting on this matter.

The Committee deferred the matter pending further discussion.

By correspondence dated December 1, 2004, the Council Chair transmitted correspondence dated November 18, 2004, from the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management, transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.48.090, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO LIMITED PARKING--SIXTY MINUTES". The purpose of the proposed bill is to establish a one-hour parking restriction on the east side of Baldwin Avenue, from Pua Place to Melia Place.

At its meeting of December 2, 2004, the Public Works and Traffic Committee recommended that County Communication No. 04-183 be referred to the Council Chair for the term beginning January 2, 2005, for a recommendation as to referral or other disposition.

At its meeting of January 21, 2005, the Council referred County Communication No. 04-183 to your Public Works Committee (County Communication No. 05-12).

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By correspondence dated March 7, 2005, the Chair of your Committee invited Debra Schonewill, President, Paia Main Street Association; Mary Cochran, President, Paia Plantation, Inc.; and Kent Apo, Owner, Na Kani O Hula, to attend your Public Works Committee meeting on Monday, March 14, 2005 and respond to any questions regarding the potential impacts to the surrounding businesses and community.

By correspondence dated March 11, 2005, the Chair of your Committee transmitted photographs of the area proposed for time-restricted parking.

At its meeting of March 14, 2005, your Committee met with the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

Your Committee received testimony from two individuals. A business owner on Baldwin Avenue testified in support of the proposed bill. A testifier representing Paia Main Street Association testified in support of a two-hour parking restriction throughout Paia Town and a Community Police Officer for the area.

The Director explained that a significant portion of Baldwin Avenue is presently restricted to 60-minute parking and the proposed bill extends the area an additional 400 feet on the east side of Baldwin Avenue.

Your Committee was concerned about the lack of enforcement of parking restrictions and discussed possible community solutions to address the problem. Your Committee also expressed about the lack of parking available on Baldwin Avenue and requested that the Director look into the possibility of establishing additional parking along Baldwin Avenue.

Your Committee was disappointed that there was no representative from the Department of Police available to address the issue of enforcement of parking restrictions.

Your Committee noted that the matter of establishing a uniform two-hour parking restriction would be discussed at a future meeting

Your Committee voted to recommend passage of the proposed bill on first reading and filing of the communication.

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Your Committee is in receipt of a revised proposed bill, approved as to form and legality, by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating a nonsubstantive technical revision.

Your Public Works Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ (2005), as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.48.090, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO LIMITED PARKING--SIXTY MINUTES", be PASSED ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT; and
2. That County Communication No. 04-183 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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**ROBERT CARROLL** **Member**