

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

July 22, 2005

Committee
Report No.

_____ 05-98 _____

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 and June 27, 2005, makes reference to County Communication No. 04-234, from the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management, transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 10.48.220, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO TOW-AWAY ZONES".

The purpose of the proposed bill is to establish a tow-away zone on the makai side of Front Street adjacent to Kamehameha III School, Lahaina, 12 parking stalls in length, on each school day between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Your Committee notes that the Council referred County Communication No. 04-234 to the former Council's Public Works and Traffic Committee at its meeting of September 21, 2004.

At its meeting of December 2, 2004, the Public Works and Traffic Committee recommended that County Communication No. 04-234 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. 04-234 to your Public Works Committee (County Communication No. 05-12).

By correspondence dated March 7, 2005, the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management transmitted a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.56A.010, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO LOADING ZONES". The purpose of the proposed bill is to establish a loading zone on the makai side of Front Street adjacent to Kamehameha III School, 12 parking stalls in length, on each school day between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., for the loading and unloading of passengers for a period not to exceed five minutes.

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By correspondence dated March 8, 2005, the Chair of your Committee invited the Principal of King Kamehameha III Elementary School to attend your Committee's meeting of March 14, 2005, to respond to questions regarding the potential impacts to the surrounding businesses and community.

By correspondence dated March 10, 2005, Steve Franz, Vice Principal of King Kamehameha III Elementary School, provided testimony in support of a loading zone to improve pedestrian safety.

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

There was no public testimony.

The Director stated that the principal of King Kamehameha III Elementary School and a Lahaina Community Police Officer suggested establishing a loading zone to provide parents a safe area to drop off and pick up their children before and after each school day. He also stated that the loading zone would reduce the number of children crossing Front Street and improve traffic flow in the area.

Your Committee was concerned that there were no representatives from the school or the Department of Police to explain how the loading zone would be operated and enforced. Your Committee was also concerned that it did not receive any comments from the surrounding businesses.

Your Committee deferred consideration of the matter pending further discussion.

By correspondence dated June 20, 2005, the Chair of your Committee invited Lindsay Ball, Principal of King Kamehameha III Elementary School; Theo Morrison, Executive Director of the Lahaina Town Action Committee; and Ezekiel Kalua, Executive Director of the West Maui Taxpayers Association to attend your Committee's meeting of June 27, 2005, to respond to questions regarding potential impacts to the surrounding businesses and community.

At its meeting of June 27, 2005, your Committee met with the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management; a Community Police Officer; a Deputy

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Corporation Counsel; and Bruce Moore, Administrative Services Assistant, King Kamehameha III Elementary School.

Your Committee received public testimony from Theo Morrison, Executive Director, Lahaina Town Action Committee, supporting a loading zone before and after the school day.

The Director stated that a proposed bill to establish a loading zone was transmitted on March 7, 2005 to replace the previous proposed bill to establish a tow-away zone.

The Deputy Corporation Counsel stated that although either proposed bill could be considered, the proposed bill to establish a loading zone was more appropriate.

The Community Police Officer provided photographs of a loading zone established on Market Street for Iao Intermediate School and the area on Front Street where a loading zone is proposed.

The Director stated that the proposed loading zone would improve traffic because parents would discontinue the existing practice of illegally stopping traffic on Front Street while unloading their children.

Mr. Moore explained that the school crossing guards, the school staff and the Community Police Officer would be responsible for operating and enforcing the loading zone. He also stated that appropriate signage would be posted and the school will inform the parents who are taking their children to school.

Your Committee questioned why the effective hours for the proposed loading zone were not consistent with the loading zone for Iao School.

The Community Police Officer stated that, for safety reasons, he favored extending the proposed loading zone to 3:00 p.m.

Your Committee requested that an evaluation be done by the Traffic Safety Committee after the proposed loading zone is established and operating.

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Your Committee recommended that the proposed bill be revised to change the name of the school to its proper name, King Kamehameha III Elementary School, and that the effective hours of the loading zone be between 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Your Committee voted to recommend passage of the revised proposed bill to establish a loading zone and filing of the communication.

Your Committee is in receipt of a revised proposed bill, approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating your Committee's requested revisions.

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 10.56A.010, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO LOADING ZONES", be PASSED ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT; and
2. That County Communication No. 04-234 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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