

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

November 2, 2001

**Committee
Report No.**

01-216

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

Chair and Members:

Your Public Works and Transportation Committee, having met on October 17, 2001, makes reference to County Communication No. 01-223, from the Council Chair, transmitting a letter dated July 12, 2001, from Glenn T. Kimura, President of Kimura International, Inc., requesting the opportunity to conduct a presentation on the State Bike Plan Update.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Director of Public Works and Waste Management, the First Deputy Corporation Counsel, and Glenn Kimura and Nancy Nishikawa of Kimura International, Inc.

Ms. Nishikawa provided a PowerPoint presentation on the State Bike Plan. She noted that the State Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration are sponsoring their efforts, as prime consultants, to update the 1994 State Bike Plan. Her firm has initiated an 18-month planning process and anticipates finalizing a draft plan in the Spring of 2002.

Ms. Nishikawa indicated that they have no preconceived ideas relating to priorities. They are geared to be responsive to communities by formulating the Bike Plan in accordance with needs.

In response to your Committee's inquiry, Mr. Kimura asserted that they will formulate a Bike Plan that will incorporate bicycle path alignments, as well as proposals on educating the public and on the implementation of related policies.

The Director of Public Works and Waste Management reiterated Ms. Nishikawa's statement that for a particular project to qualify for Federal funds, the project must be included in the master plan. The County may consider funding projects with County funds; however, he recommended seeking Federal funds as well.

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Your Committee recommended that the consultants meet with the Mayor, the Mayor's bikeway committee and commercial bicycle operators. Your Committee considered the possibility of amending Chapter 10.04 of the Maui County Code, which prohibits the use of bicycles on sidewalks. Similarly, your Committee considered the use of other alternate modes of transportation, such as strollers, electric wheelchairs and pedestrians, on bicycle paths.

Because no Council action was required and the presentation was informational only, your Committee recommended that the communication be filed.

Your Public Works and Transportation Committee **RECOMMENDS** that County Communication No. 01-223 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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