

# MINUTES

## PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Council of the County of Maui

### Lanai High and Elementary School Cafetorium

August 6, 2002

**CONVENE:** 5:05 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Chair  
Councilmember Dain P. Kane, Vice Chair  
Councilmember Alan M. Arakawa, Member  
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member  
Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Member  
Councilmember Danny A. Mateo, Member  
Councilmember Charmaine Tavares, Member

Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson, Nonmember

**EXCUSED:** NONE

**STAFF:** Gary Saldana, Legislative Analyst  
Yvette Bantilan, Committee Secretary

Kathy Kaohu, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Johnson

**ADMIN.:** Lt. Bobby Hill, Department of Police  
David Goode, Director, Department of Public Works and Waste  
Management  
Edward S. Kushi, Jr., Deputy Corporation Counsel

**OTHERS:** Bradford Oshiro, Post Master, Goro Hokama United States Post Office  
Sol Kaho`ohalahala

**PRESS:** None

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**CHAIR MOLINA:** (*gavel*) Public Works and Transportation meeting for August 6, 2002 is now in session. For the record, we have in attendance the Vice Chair of the Committee Dain Kane; Committee members Alan Arakawa, Bob Carroll, Riki Hokama, Charmaine Tavares and Danny Mateo. And although not a member of the Committee the Public Works welcomes Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson.

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From the Corporation Counsel's office we have Mr. Ed Kushi, Jr., Council staff Committee Secretary Yvette Bantilan and the Legislative Analyst Gary Saldana.

Good evening everyone and thank you very much to the community of Lanai for being here and participating for our meeting this evening. We'd first like to proceed before we address our one item on the agenda, we have public testimony. Anyone wishing to testify, please come up to the desk where the Secretary is and the Chair would like to notify that you will be given three minutes and an additional minute to conclude your testimony, and you'll be given an additional three minutes after all others have testified. And while you testify, please be sure to state your name for the record and indicate who you're representing. And to minimize disturbances during the meeting, please turn off all pagers and cellular phones or set them to the silent mode.

Committee Secretary, at this time do we have anyone signed for public testimony? Okay. Seeing that no one signed up for public testimony, the Chair will close testimony on our one item for this evening.

Okay, our opening item, Members, our one item is Item No. 28, which is a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.32.040, MAUI COUNTY CODE PERTAINING TO VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC". The purpose of the proposed bill is to establish traffic flow moving in a one-way northwesterly direction along Jasmine Drive between Kaumalapau Highway to 300 feet north of Thirteenth Street, and Koele Street between Sixth and Seventh Street. The proposed revisions will qualify the boundaries of an existing one-way street along Jasmine Drive and help the flow of traffic in and out of the Goro Hokama United States Post Office along Koele Street. And the Chair has invited to participate in tonight's proceeding the Director of Public Works and Waste Management, Mr. David Goode, and also the Lana'i Station Commander for the Department of Police, Lt. Bobby Hill.

**ITEM NO. 28: RE: AMENDING SECTION 10.32.040, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC (one-way traffic fronting the Lana'i Post Office) (C.C. No. 126)**

CHAIR MOLINA: At this time, the Chair would like to ask Mr. Goode if he can provide us with an overview of this matter and to add in any additional comments to what he stated earlier at our site inspection this afternoon. Mr. Goode, if you will.

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MR. GOODE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Earlier this afternoon, about an hour ago, we went and made a site visit to Koele Street to see the proposed one-way traffic. The overview, Mr. Chair, is that we received a communication from the Maui Police Department previous Commander requesting that Koele Street become one-way from the park headed towards Sixth Street. Now, the reason for the request, according to the Police Department, was due to the configuration and design of the Lana'i Police Station as well, excuse me, the Lana'i Post Office, as well as the fact that the street is only 15 feet wide. It's very difficult when proceeding on Koele Street towards the park to make a right-hand turn into the post office parking lot and then make a further right towards the mail boxes. The proposal is to make it one-way as I mentioned earlier. I did question the previous Commander about the configuration of having a one-way street, a dead-end, into another one-way street. As Councilman Hokama mentioned at our site inspection, it's not uncommon for Lana'i. So we forwarded the recommendation to the Traffic Safety Council and they concurred and with their concurrence we sent it to the Council for your consideration. And, Mr. Chair, I might add also that the ordinance before you includes one housekeeping change as we have typically done when we send ordinances of this type to you folks and that ordinance amendment is to make a little clear in the direction of another one-way traffic I believe on Jasmine Drive. That's it.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, thank you very much, Mr. Goode. The Chair would now like to ask Commander Hill if he would like to make comments, any additional comments? Not at this time. Okay. And we also have from the Post Office, the Post Master Mr. Bradford Oshiro, he he would like to come up here and share his thoughts and comments with regard to this matter.

MR. OSHIRO: Good afternoon. My name is Bradford Oshiro, Post Master in Lana'i. I was wondering if it also could be on Jacaranda we turn that into one-way going from Fifth to Sixth, then the flow of traffic coming into the Post Office go out back on the commercial side and go. The reason why I say Sixth is because Sixth has that slight hill on Lana'i Avenue and traffic, if not slowed down, will create an accident over there. I see a lot of people hesitate about going out there because they're not sure what's coming over the top of the hill. And I know that people travel pretty fast going along Lana'i Avenue and that was my suggestion going from Sixth to Seventh and from Seventh to Sixth on Koele and Jacaranda if at all possible, if you think about it.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, Mr. Oshiro, the Chair will take that into consideration. Any comments to that, Mr. Goode or Mr. Hokama, as the representative of Lana'i? Let's go to Mr. Hokama first on that suggestion from Mr. Oshiro.

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Would we need comment from the Traffic Advisory Council, Mr. Goode?

MR. GOODE: I believe so. I think the tra... the Traffic Safety Council's configure it says all matters pertaining to traffic must be sent to them for consideration first.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Then Chairman, I would recommend that we forward that request from the Post Master as well as notify those businesses that abut Jacaranda and see if we have any comments from those potentially impacted businesses?

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. So noted, Mr. Hokama. The Chair will make sure that request gets put in. Members, any comments or suggestions with regard to Item 28? Nobody. Seeing none.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIR MOLINA: Oh, I'm sorry, Ms. Tavares.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Maybe in relationship to what this request was from the Post Master that maybe it's appropriate if Lana`i community would take a look at all of their grids of streets and determine, you know. Instead of doing one-ways here and there, maybe look at the entire community and have, you know, the community discuss possible traffic patterns within the city or within the urban core instead of doing one street at a time. Maybe there's more of that people would like to see changed. But bring up the whole traffic pattern in Lana`i City as a topic for discussion.

CHAIR MOLINA: So rather than this one street issue just maybe bring this matter up before the Traffic Advisory Committee?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Yeah. Right. I don't know how Mr. Hokama would feel that's important or not.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Mr. Hokama, any comments?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Send the whole item to Traffic Advisory . . . well, my only comment to that is there is not a Lana`i representative on Traffic Advisory. I would hope that maybe this Committee would consider bringing, coming back. And as a Council standing committee, uh, do a public committee meeting, and take input from this committee first and then forward those comments to the Traffic Advisory Committee, Chairman, as a suggestion.

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CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, so noted, Mr. Hokama. Okay, Ms. Tavares, any other comments? Okay, seeing none, Committee members, any other final comments on this item? Uh, excuse me, is there somebody out in the audience?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: (Inaudible) . . .

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. We did close public testimony at this time, however, the Chair will ask the body if you would like to permit testimony from Mr. Kaho`ohalahala at this time? Any objections? Okay, no objections. Okay, proceed Mr. Kaho`ohalahala and you can sign up later on at the Secretary's desk.

MR. KAHO`OHALAHALA: Okay, thank you, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to respond to a question that Councilmember Tavares . . .

CHAIR MOLINA: Oh, could you state your name for the record?

MR. KAHO`OHALAHALA: This is Sol Kaho`ohalahala. In Lana`i City, there was a real pattern laid out for one-way streets and considering that Dole Park is really the center core, that all of the streets begin from the outskirts and the one-ways all head out to the core of town. So if you're on the south side of Lana`i, that half of Lana`i City, you'll notice that all the one-way streets head right into the core of Lana`i City. And even in this north half of the city, you'll notice that the one-way streets all head back into the same core. So there was some assemblance of streets and since you raised a question about whether there was any pattern or any plan for this, and then you're dealing with one street now or two streets, that you may want to take a look at that.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, thank you, Mr. Kaho`ohalahala. Any questions for the testifier? Okay, seeing none. At this time, the Chair will if there's no other final comments or questions from the Committee, the Chair will entertain a motion to recommend the passage of the proposed bill and the filing of the County communication.

VICE CHAIR KANE: So move.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Second.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, it's been moved by Member Kane and seconded by Member Arakawa. Discussion, Members? As the maker of the motion, Mr. Kane?

VICE CHAIR KANE: No further discussion.

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CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, thank you very much. All those in favor say aye?

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOICED AYE.

CHAIR MOLINA: All those opposed? Okay, thank you, the Chair will mark it unanimous.

**VOTE: AYES: Councilmembers Arakawa, Carroll, Hokama, Mateo and Tavares, Vice-Chair Kane and Chair Molina.**

**NOES: None.**

**ABSTAIN: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: FIRST READING OF PROPOSED BILL and FILING OF COMMUNICATION**

CHAIR MOLINA: There are no other items on the agenda for today. Any announcements, Members, other than the fact that we do have a 6 o'clock Land Use Committee meeting, the Chair would like to thank the community of Lana'i for participating in today's events. This Public Works and Transportation meeting for August 6<sup>th</sup> is adjourned.

**ADJOURN: 5:15 p.m.**

APPROVED BY:



MICHAEL J. MOLINA, Chair  
Public Works and Transportation  
Committee

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