

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

**MINUTES**

**September 4, 2002**

**Site Inspection**

**CONVENE:** 7:18 a.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 Wayne K. Nishiki, Nonmember

**ABSENT:** None

**EXCUSED:** None

**STAFF:** Gary R. Saldana, Legislative Analyst  
Jo-Ann Sato, Committee Secretary

**ADMIN.:** David Goode, Director, Department of Public Works and Waste  
Management  
Gregory Garneau, Deputy Corporation Counsel

**OTHERS:** **Item 12:** Alvin Shima, Principal, Kihei Elementary School  
Joe Bertrum, Kihei Community Association  
Cheryl Zarro, Parent Advisory Lokelani Intermediate  
School

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**PWT-12                    CONSIDERATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHT REQUEST FOR THE  
INTERSECTION OF PI'IKEA STREET AND LILOA STREET IN  
KIHEI**

The Committee assembled at the northeast corner of Pi'ikea Street and Liloa Street, in Kihei.

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Chair Molina introduced the members of the Committee, Administration representatives, and staff who were present and provided a brief overview of the item.

The Committee received testimony from one individual. Mr. Joe Bertrum, Kihei Community Association (KCA), indicated that the subject intersection is an excellent location for a roundabout. He stated that the KCA is supportive of alternative traffic calming elements, which will help to control traffic and beautify the community. He also indicated that the North/South collector road, which is proposed to traverse along Liloa Street, should incorporate a bike path and greenway.

The Director of Public Works and Waste Management stated that the temporary four-way stop at the intersection was initially installed during the first week of July 2002. He indicated that the Department requested an additional eight weeks for the installation of the temporary four-way stop to assess its effectiveness during a portion of the school year. The Director further stated that the stop signs located in the middle of the intersection were not removed because his staff recommended they remain until an alternative location is determined. He stated that the Department is also reviewing the installation of plastic delineators for the right turn lane from Pi'ikea Street onto Liloa Street moving in a northerly direction. The Director also stated that the Department is reviewing the feasibility of installing a roundabout at the intersection.

Mr. Shima stated that the crossing guard at the intersection of Liloa Street and Lipoa Street should not be relocated. He indicated that numerous children use the intersection to get to school; therefore, maintaining the crossing guard will help to maintain the children's safety.

Ms. Zarro stated that most parents drive their children to school because of the hazardous conditions at Pi'ikea Street and Liloa Street. She further stated that children would prefer to walk, ride their bikes or skateboards to school if safety measures were in place. She estimated that approximately 50 children walk or ride bike to Kihei Elementary School and 100 students walk, 28 ride bike and 8 ride skateboards to Lokelani Intermediate School.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Arakawa, Mr. Shima stated that student enrollment at Kihei Elementary School is approximately 820 children. He also estimated that more children walk home during the afternoon, than walk to school in the morning.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Nishiki, the Director stated that phases one and two of the adjacent housing projects have been completed. Phase three is currently under construction and will include approximately 100 to 120 residential units.

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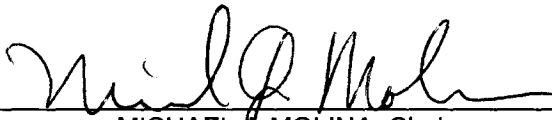
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Chair Molina requested that the Committee take a few minutes to observe the vehicle and pedestrian activity at the intersection. The Committee noted that the vehicle traffic increased at about 7:30 a.m.

There being no further questions or discussion, Chair Molina adjourned the inspection at 7:40 a.m.

APPROVED:



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MICHAEL J. MOLINA, Chair  
Public Works and Transportation Committee

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