

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

March 1, 2002

Committee
Report No.

02-26

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 February 13, 2002, makes reference to County Communication No. 01-194, from Councilmember Alan M. Arakawa, referring the matter relating to the traffic situation at the intersection of Kamehameha Avenue and Hina Avenue in Kahului.

By correspondence dated October 29, 2001, your Committee Chair requested that the Traffic Safety Council (TSC) provide its recommendations to address the traffic concerns at the intersection of Kamehameha Avenue and Hina Avenue.

By correspondence dated December 11, 2001, the Chair of the TSC responded to your Committee's request by concurring with the following suggestions made by the Department of Public Works and Waste Management: (1) in the short term, install raised reflective markers on the existing pavement words, and reflective strips on the existing stop sign post; (2) in the mid term, install warning flashers; and (3) in the long term, conduct a study on the effectiveness of a roundabout versus traffic signals.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Director of Public Works and Waste Management, a Lieutenant from the Department of Police, and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

The Director of Public Works and Waste Management provided an overview of the matter. He indicated that the Department is proceeding with some of the recommendations offered by the TSC. The Department has submitted a work order to restripe the existing crosswalk, repaint the "Stop Ahead" wording on the pavement, and install raised markers on the painted wording on the pavement.

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In addition, the Director noted that the Department is requesting Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funds for Fiscal Year 2003 to address concerns relating to the subject intersection, and is considering either a traffic signal or a roundabout that would slow the flow of traffic.

The Lieutenant from the Department of Police provided statistics on accidents that occurred at the intersection. He reported that within the past nine years, 51 accidents have occurred, with most accidents resulting from inattentiveness. Based on statistics, the Lieutenant surmised that reflective markers and a horizontal diversion, such as a roundabout, should help to reduce the number of accidents.

Your Committee expressed its support for, and concurrence with the Department of Public Works and Waste Management in its efforts to address the traffic concerns relating to the intersection of Kamehameha Avenue and Hina Avenue.

Your Public Works and Transportation Committee **RECOMMENDS** the following:

1. That the matter relating to a request for Capital Improvement Program funds for Fiscal Year 2003 for the installation of either a traffic signal or a roundabout to address traffic concerns at Kamehameha Avenue and Hina Avenue be **REFERRED** to the Budget and Finance Committee;
2. That a copy of this committee report be **TRANSMITTED** to the Department of Public Works and Waste Management; and
3. That County Communication No. 01-194 be **FILED**.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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