

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

December 17, 2002

Committee
Report No.

02-206

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 December 4, 2002, makes reference to County Communication No. 02-235, from the Director of Public Works and Waste Management, transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10.36, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO SPEED RESTRICTIONS".

The purpose of the bill is to raise the speed limit from 20 miles per hour (mph) to 25 mph along Waiale Drive between Wai'inu Road and Kuikahi Drive in Wailuku.

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

At its meeting, your Committee received an overview of the bill from the Director. He stated that the matter surfaced as a result of concerns raised by the public who had been cited for excessive speed limit violations along Waiale Drive. He noted that the roadway now functions as a major collector road that connects to Kuikahi Drive, and opens up to Honoapiilani Highway. The Director indicated that the Department had submitted a recommendation to the Maui County Traffic Safety Council to establish a speed limit of 30 mph along this roadway. However, the Traffic Safety Council suggested that 30 mph may be too excessive, and recommended that a 25 mph speed restriction be established.

Your Committee noted that numerous residents living in the Waikapu area utilize Waiale Drive to access the Kahului area instead of traversing through downtown Wailuku. It was also noted that because of the nature of the roadway, consideration should be given to increasing the speed limit to 30 mph.

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The Police Sergeant stated that the Department of Police supports the increase in the speed limit for this roadway to 25 mph. However, the Department did not take a position on increasing the limit to 30 mph. Furthermore, he stated that because a bus stop is located on Waiale Drive, where children are picked up from the Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Shelter and Hale Makana O Waiale, and due to the roadway's narrow bike path and limited sidewalks, the Department is recommending that the speed limit be increased to no more than 25 mph.

In response to your Committee's inquiry about whether motorists have been cited for speeding more than 10 miles an hour over the posted speed limit, the Police Sergeant responded that the Department of Police will issue a citation even if a driver exceeds the speed limit by one mile per hour. He stated that it is the Department's responsibility to enforce the speed limit laws.

After considering the statements made by the Police Sergeant, your Committee recommended that the speed limit be increased to 25 mph along Waiale Drive from its intersection with Wai'inu Road to its intersection with Kuikahi Drive.

Your Committee voted to recommend passage of the proposed bill on first reading and filing of the communication.

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

1. That Bill No. _____ (2002), attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10.36, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO SPEED RESTRICTIONS", be PASSED ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT; and
2. That County Communication No. 02-235 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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