

Resolution

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URGING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CENTRAL MAUI PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE MASTER PLAN FOR 2030 AS A GUIDE TO INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN CENTRAL MAUI

WHEREAS, an epidemic of obesity and disease brought on by inactivity and dependence on automobiles exists in Hawaii and much of the rest of the nation; and

WHEREAS, those who do not drive, including children, seniors, and those with physical challenges, have been effectively designed out of using their bodies to move around their communities safely; and

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control first identified this epidemic in 1998 when it called on local jurisdictions to provide residents with the necessary facilities to safely move around their communities without the use of an automobile; and

WHEREAS, a survey presented in the 2002 Hawaii State Bicycle Plan reported that 85 percent of Maui respondents said they would use safe pedestrian and bicycle facilities if they were provided; and

WHEREAS, the following objective is part of the Countywide Policy Plan: “Reduce the reliance on the automobile and fossil fuels by encouraging walking, bicycling, and other energy-efficient and safe alternative modes of transportation”; and

WHEREAS, the Maui Island Plan includes goals for making the island’s communities more pedestrian and bicycle friendly, and for connecting communities via non-motorized paths; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 12-34, Maui County has a policy of creating “Complete Streets” that would include pedestrian and bicycle facilities in their design; and

WHEREAS, the Central Maui Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan for 2030 (“Master Plan”) was prepared by the State of Hawaii, Department of Health, Health Hawaii Initiative in March 2012; and

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WHEREAS, the Master Plan used community input and professional planning standards to set out priorities for infrastructure improvements to facilitate transportation by foot and bicycle, and a strategy to implement these priorities; and

WHEREAS, one of the Master Plan's priorities is the creation of an independent, non-motorized path for pedestrians and bicycles from Wailuku to Waikapu, along Waiale Road; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan was a supporting document to the Maui Island Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan provides important guidance that can be used by the Department of Public Works in creation of truly complete streets in Central Maui; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it urges the Administration to implement the Central Maui Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan for 2030 as a guide to infrastructure improvements in Central Maui; and
2. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of Public Works, the Planning Director, and the Director of the State Department of Health.