



Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Board Special Meeting on Legislation

Friday, March 3, 2017
9:00 AM

Planning Conference Room
Kalana Pakui Building
250 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order by Chair**
- II. **Public Testimony**
- III. **Statewide legislation status update**

The Maui MPO Policy Board will consider authorizing the Executive Director to submit testimony on the following bills during the 2017 legislative session, and any others suggested by board members. The recommendations below reflect the Executive Director's suggestions based on Maui MPO mission and current bill content and status, and are subject to change.

a. **Recommend supporting**

- **HB191 HD1** Safe Passing: Vehicles must allow 3-foot buffer when passing bicyclists.
- **SB290** Authorizes bonds of \$40M for design and construction of Lahaina bypass Phase 1C from north Keawe Street to beyond Pu'ukoli'i Road.
- **SB221** Establishes the photo red light imaging detector systems program and authorizes counties to collect fines and expend proceeds.
- **HB491** Establishes and funds a two-year pilot that requires counties to maintain and repair sidewalks in school zones.
- **HB401** Increase rental vehicle customer facility charge from \$4.50 to \$9.00, and deposit half of revenues in State Highway Fund for projects to increase the capacity of certain existing roadways or the construction of certain new roadways. (On Maui – Pa'ia Relief Route, Lahaina bypass, Honoapi'ilani Highway realignment, Kihei-Upcountry highway, and Ka'ahumanu Avenue widening.)

b. Consider supporting

- **SB 1183 SD1** Authorizes Counties to establish a surcharge on State tax to be used for public transportation capital and operating costs.
- **SB1012 SD1** Increase State fuel tax, vehicle registration fees, and weight tax to provide \$100M to State Highway fund for maintenance and congestion relief.
- **HB1580 HD1** Establishes a clean ground transportation benchmark framework including a near term 2025 target encouraging electric vehicle infrastructure.
- **HB317 HD1** Allocates \$2,000,000 from transient accommodations tax revenues to the Hawaii Tourism Authority for the implementation of initiatives to address homelessness issues in tourist and resort areas.

c. Recommend opposing

- **HB1586** Phases out the county allocation of transient accommodations tax revenues over a 3-year period.
- **HB686** Conveys ownership of Honoapiʻilani Highway from State to County.

d. Consider adopting Maui MPO internal control policy allowing Executive Director to provide comments on proposed legislation

When feasible, the Maui MPO Policy Board shall meet and vote to support or oppose proposed statewide legislation, authorizing the Executive Director to submit approved testimony on behalf of the Maui MPO. In some cases, it may be infeasible for the Policy Board to vote on testimony prior to submittal deadlines for the hearing, or the content of bills previously voted on by the Policy Board may change significantly in a newer version.

During the 2017 legislative session, the Maui MPO Executive Director, in consultation with the Policy Board chair, may submit testimony to the Hawaii State Legislature on proposed legislation affecting the operation of the Maui MPO, or related to transportation, energy, taxation and land use planning. Testimony shall be consistent with the Maui MPO mission, and shall include the following disclaimer: "The Maui MPO has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. In my capacity as the Maui MPO Executive Director I respectfully offer the following comments."

IV. Announcements

a. Next Policy Board meeting scheduled for Monday, May 13 at 9am

V. Adjournment

AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION. For a confirmation of the meeting date and time, please contact the Maui MPO, 200 S. High Street, Wailuku, HI 96793, (808) 270-8216, (808) 270-7505 (fax).

ORAL OR WRITTEN TESTIMONY on any agenda item will be accepted at the beginning of the meeting and shall be limited to three (3) minutes. TESTIMONY MUST BE LIMITED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. If written testimony is submitted at the meeting, 15 copies are requested. INDIVIDUALS WHO INTEND TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND WHO HAVE DISABILITIES REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE should call the Maui MPO at (808) 270-8216 at least five (5) working days in advance of the meeting.