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Council of the County of Maui

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Council Chamber

October 29, 2018

CONVENE: 1:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Elle Cochran, Chair
Councilmember Don S. Guzman, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Alika Atay
Councilmember Robert Carroll
Councilmember Riki Hokama (in at 1:33 p.m.)

EXCUSED: Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura

ABSENT: Councilmember Mike White

STAFF: Maggie Clark, Legislative Analyst
Leslee Matthews, Legislative Analyst
Stacey Vinoray, Committee Secretary

Ella Alcon, Council Aide, Molokai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

Denise Fernandez, Council Aide, Lanai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

Dawn Lono, Council Aide, Hana Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

ADMIN.: Richelle Thomson, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel
David Goode, Director, Department of Public Works

OTHERS: Sandra Aki, President, Hale Makana O Waiale Tenant Association
Monique Yamashita, Executive Director, Hale Makana O Waiale

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CHAIR COCHRAN: . . . (*gavel*) . . . Aloha, will the Infrastructure and Environmental Management [*sic*], please come to order? Today is October 29, 2018. The time is about 1:32 in the afternoon. I am Councilmember Elle Cochran the Committee Chair. And, at this time, please silence all cell phones or any noisemaking devices. And with us here today is Vice-Chair of the Committee, Mr. Don Guzman.

VICE-CHAIR GUZMAN: Good afternoon, Chair.

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CHAIR COCHRAN: Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR: GUZMAN: Thank you.

CHAIR COCHRAN: And we have Mr. Alika Atay.

COUNCILMEMBER ATAY: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Aloha. And Vice-Chair of the Council, Mr. Bob Carroll.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Good afternoon, gentlemen. Thank you for being here. And from our Administration we have Director Goode of Public Works.

MR. GOODE: Good afternoon.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Hello. And...hi. And then we have Ms. Thomson from Corporation Counsel. And in the gallery we'll probably be speaking with later is from Ka Hale A Ke Ola, Monique Yamashita. Aloha, thank you for being here. And then Legislative Analyst we have Ms. Maggie Clark and Leslee Matthews in training. Thank you for being here. Secretary Stacey Vinoray, and also with us Mr. Riki Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: . . .*(Inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you, aloha. We have two items today, Members. We have IEM-53, Amendment to Contract C3360-3 (R.M. Towill Corporation), about the Kihei Drainage Master Plan, Waiakoa Gulch to Kilohana Drive. And then IEM-85, Proposed Crosswalk Improvements on Waiale Road near Hale Makana O Waiale and Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Center. At this time I'll open up the floor for testimony. Anyone willing to testify, you'll have three minutes, sign up at the front table, and speak to the items on agenda.

. . . BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY . . .

CHAIR COCHRAN: So, at this time, Ms. Clark, or whoever, do we have anyone here to testify?

MS. CLARK: Madam Chair, the first person signed up to testify is Sandra Aki, testifying on IEM-85, to be followed by Monique Yamashita testifying on IEM-85.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you.

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MS. AKI: . . .(*Adjusts microphone*). . . Getting attacked. Good afternoon, Council... --

CHAIR COCHRAN: Good afternoon.

MS. AKI: --Committee Chairwoman Elle Cochran and fellow Councilmembers. My name is Sandra Aki and I come to you today as the president of the Hale Makana O Waiale Tenant Association as well as a tenant. I have lived at HMOW for over 20 years now, almost 21, and I've seen many things take place both good and bad. I remember when Waiale Road ended where I live and as growth took place so did the road and traffic. Fast forward came the addition of the Kehalani shopping center across from HMOW, the Spencer Homes, and the added access roads of Kuikahi Road and Waiinu Road. I thank God for those access roads because even with it the traffic has increased immensely. Regarding the improvements needed in the crosswalk and sidewalk areas by HMOW and the KHAKO Homeless Resource Center, this is an issue which our tenant association discussed about three years ago. There was a lady who tried crossing the street before we even had crosswalks installed, that was badly injured and if I'm correct later died. We also had three school-aged children crossing the street and had it not been the attentiveness of his fellow classmate who jumped up while pushing his friend out of harm's way, this boy would have been killed. The boy who pushed his friend and jumped up ended up on the hood of the vehicle with broken legs but was alive. There are many more incidents too numerous to count. The area fronting HMOW by McDonald's has no streetlights, thus making it even more of a danger to the pedestrians and vehicles leaving and entering HMOW and McDonald's or even at our second entrance next to the homeless resource center. There are however flashing lights installed by the homeless resource center, yet none by HMOW. We are also in desperate need of sidewalks on the Kahului side of HMOW and KHAKO. Let me also say that there are at least 400-plus adults and at least the same of children at HMOW that are at risk every day. If we say that we love and care about our children and that they are our future of tomorrow, should we not be also doing as much as we can to protect them and their families? And so, Madam Chairwoman and Councilmembers, please, please, please find a way to make our roads well lit, not only with the flashing lights but a well-lit crosswalk area and street. Mahalo.

CHAIR COCHRAN: And thank you, Ms. Aki. Members, any need for clarification of our testifier? Seeing none, thank you for being here.

MS. CLARK: The last person signed up to testify in the Chamber is Monique Yamashita testifying on IEM-85.

MS. YAMASHITA: Good afternoon, Chair Cochran and Councilmembers. My name is Monique Yamashita and I'm the Executive Director for Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Centers and Hale Makana O Waiale affordable rental units. Our facilities are on Waiale Road and I'm here today to support the County implementing greater safety in our community by adding sidewalk improvements such as a lighted

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crosswalk similar to the crosswalk that we have on Waiale Road right in front of our homeless shelter. There are approximately 750 tenants who live at Hale Makana O Waiale at any given time, and while there is already a crosswalk right in front of the facility, the traffic is very heavy at times and I believe our motorists cannot always see the pedestrians who are wanting to cross. So, having improvements for the crosswalk would be greatly...be a great improvement for safety for our tenants. The tenants have stated to me that walking across the road in front of Hale Makana on Waiale Road in the evenings is very dangerous. There are crosswalks but there are no safety lights in place to provide a safe crossing. So, I would say having flashing safety lights to signal that a pedestrian is crossing to cross the road would assist the motorists to know to stop and would allow greater safety for the pedestrians. On behalf of the tenants of Hale Makana O Waiale and the surrounding businesses, business patrons, I do support crosswalk improvements for the residents of the community and surrounding communities on Waiale Road fronting the Hale Makana O Waiale rental complex. Thank you very much.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you, Ms. Yamashita. Members, any need for clarification? Seeing none, thank you for being here.

MS. YAMASHITA: Thank you.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Is...and let me check in with the...any...let me check in with Hana. Ms. Lono in Hana, do you have any testifiers?

MS. LONO: Good afternoon, Chair. This is Dawn Lono at the Hana Office and there is no one waiting to testify.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you, Ms. Lono. Lanai, Ms. Fernandez, anyone there to testify?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Good afternoon, Chair. This is Denise Fernandez on Lanai and there is no one waiting to testify.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you. On Molokai, Ms. Alcon, anyone there to testify?

MS. ALCON: Good afternoon, Chair. This is Ella Alcon on Molokai and there's no one here waiting to testify.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you, ladies. And, Members, without anyone else in the gallery but our two testifiers, I think it'd be safe to say I can now close public testimony, without objections.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS

... END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY ...

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CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you very much.

**IEM-53 AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT C3360-3 (R.M. TOWILL CORPORATION), KIHEI
DRAINAGE MASTER PLAN (WAIAKOA GULCH TO KILOHANA DRIVE) (MISC)**

CHAIR COCHRAN: So, let's jump in, first item is IEM-53, and this Amendment to Contract C3360-3 (R.M. Towill Corporation), Kihei Drainage Master Plan (Waiakoa Gulch to Kilohana Drive). And this is Miscellaneous Communication, dated December 4, 2017, from the County Clerk, and let's see, the...and it refers to the Contract C3360-3 (amendment 3 of the contract), between the County of Maui and R.M. Towill Corporation, for a time extension of the Kihei Drainage Master Plan (Waiakoa Gulch to Kilohana Drive). The amendment also increases the contract compensation by \$102,661. The Committee is also in receipt of correspondence dated October 16, 2018, from Director of Public Works, transmitting the original Contract C3360, and contract amendments one through four along with a brief explanation for each amendment. The original Contract C3360 was executed in 2004. The proposal was intended to develop an implementation plan to correct existing drainage problems and guide the installation of drainage facilities moving forward. Since the original contract, 14 years have passed. The contract compensation amount was increased by \$247,084, and amendment four included hiring a sub-consultant to assess the master plan and provide further recommendations for the Waipuilani and Kulanihakoi Districts. The draft plan is anticipated to be ready in approximately eight to ten months. So, with that at this time I'll turn the floor over to Director Goode to give us comments and an overview. Mr. Goode?

MR. GOODE: Thank you, Chair. Good afternoon, Members. David Goode here, Department of Public Works' Director. This Kihei Drainage Master Plan we've had a couple times in Committee, Chair, not specifically on these amendments but it's an ongoing project. We've made some significant progress and had at least one or two community meetings in the last year. Got a significant amount of feedback as we prepare the final plan, with probably the major feedback coming in the form of a request for a detailed analysis of the Kulanihakoi and Waipuilani Gulches. And so that's the amendment number four. So, we've expanded the scope in amendment four to do this detailed study. And even though R.M. Towill is our lead consultant on this, they were hiring as a sub-consultant EcoSolutions, LLC, Amanda Cording is the head of that study work looking for alternative analyses within that...especially the Kulanihakoi corridor. But amendment three, the one that was actually before, I guess as part of the Budget...or excuse me, the Finance Director's monthly reports. That was to, also to expand the scope to include Maui Meadows in some detail. So, the original scope didn't really include Maui Meadows, it wasn't one of the eight drainage areas, but we've had a lot of issues in Maui Meadows. It seems like every time we get a storm in that area, we've got some overflows, culverts overflowing, there's just a lot going on over there, so we felt we really needed some guidance in terms of how to, you know, plan future

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improvements in that area. So, again we expanded the scope a little to include Maui Meadows. So, both the Maui Meadows portion and the detailed, more detailed work with EcoSolutions in Kulanihako'i and Waipu'ilani has begun. We're still a ways off from getting more final results so it's still going to take some time before we're done. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Okay, thank you, Director. Real quickly, so you're saying you're seeing a lot of impacts happening with the Maui Meadows which seems very mauka. So, how are we looking into above it? I mean the flow obviously is coming down from what, the Kula-Ulupalakua area, in that area?

MR. GOODE: Uh-huh.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Keokea or something? So, is that taken into consideration with this study of, you know, mauka to makai flow kind of concept?

MR. GOODE: Yeah, the study I like to call it the rainbow map, if you may recall I think we even presented it one time here. There's...if you color these watersheds, they go all the way to the ridge at the top of the mountain. And if you color them different colors, it kind of looks like a rainbow 'cause they stretch in a pattern as they work their way up the mountain. So, we have to look at the whole area, Chair. We have to understand what the total area that can receive rain and then where it goes. And those are really large areas, but within each one of those, there's little subareas, right, where the, you know, as the river grows, it brings in different tributaries. So, Maui Meadows kind of sits on a little bit of a knoll, but it does get rainfall from up above as well as inside the subdivision. And we've just had, you know, we've had increase, it seems like increasing responses to the area in the last ten years so we wanted to get a better analysis of what's going on specifically there.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Okay, thank you. Members, the floor is open for you folks to ask Director for any questions or comments on this plan. You guys are good? And so, Director, the, this...is there I guess a draft plan of sorts? Is there... 'cause we're looking at the contract, but then an actual plan, the working document or a draft, is that available, is that around to look at?

MR. GOODE: Yes.

CHAIR COCHRAN: And has it been utilized by your Department in current, you know, planning and CIP projects, what have you since it's been around for what, 14 years now?

MR. GOODE: Well, yeah, the work started 14 years ago, but the draft plan we didn't get until about a year ago or so, year and a half ago. So, we've posted that on our website, the KCA posted it on its website.

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CHAIR COCHRAN: Okay.

MR. GOODE: And that was the basis by which we had the public meetings. So, in these public meetings, I think we even broke up the meeting so that each area, each of these eight subareas could be analyzed by each group. 'Cause what we typically find in those kind of meetings is that folks want to know what's going on where they live, right? So, they're going to go talk...if they're in the Waipuiani, they're going to talk about that, they don't want to go look at Keokea for instance. So, we do have a draft plan, and it was that specific feedback that we got that led us to do the fourth amendment but also responding to the comments we got through those public meetings. So, there is a draft plan out there. We are utilizing I guess some of the data that we've received, you know, in terms of flow. And so if we have projects in the area, we will be looking at that most recent data. But the plan itself is not finalized to the point where...we'd like to come back to the Council, you know, in some form to see if this is how we want to proceed, because there's a lot of dollars associated with it and that's the elephant in the room, how are we going to pay for it and how do we proceed. If there's a desire to proceed, you know, in what order do we proceed, do we start small, work our way up, et cetera, et cetera. So, those are the big questions still remaining.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Okay, thank you. And since you brought up Maui Meadows and it's another...it's a new addition to this study, is that area mainly septic, cesspools? Is that --

MR. GOODE: Yeah, yeah.

CHAIR COCHRAN: --what the infrastructure is there, is that right?

MR. GOODE: Yeah, as far as I know it's not sewerred.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Right. And so how does that relate to any runoff and, you know, percolation of stormwater and things like that, is that part of this study and...at all?

MR. GOODE: No, it wouldn't be part of the study, it...that would have a very small effect. We're mainly looking at kind of the hard surfaces, the size of the culverts under the roads. 'Cause there's a couple roads in Maui Lani that go, you know, perpendicular to the flow of water, and that's where we get some problems on those culverts. And just general buildup of the area, you know, how much flow is coming off individual lots.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Okay. Okay. Well, thank you. Members, anything at this time? Yes, Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, just a question please. If you already gave comment, Director Goode, my apologies, I missed it. But in this type of project, especially with this type of scope and its potential impact on Piilani Highway, what...great or small,

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does the MPO give you comments about this type of project from their perspective of whether or not they have issues or concerns or comment, whether some of their funding assists the portion that traverses the road system?

MR. GOODE: Yeah.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Director?

MR. GOODE: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, for Mr. Hokama, the...if anything we, I don't think we've shared it with the MPO but we would share it with DOT. So, if they're...they understand that their facility in terms of what they have for, you know, handling water under Piilani Highway. So, if we see changes up above that would somehow affect what goes under their roads, they need to know about that. So, that's more than likely we would share more with DOT than the MPO.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay, okay.

MR. GOODE: The MPO would then respond to requests, you know, related to DOT's, you know, improvement program.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much for your comment. Thank you.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. Members, any other questions for Department? Director, so once this is completed, it looks like timeline approximately eight to ten months, is that the correct guesstimation of completion?

MR. GOODE: Yeah, maybe a little longer but the most recent schedule I have for amendment four which is to reevaluate Kulanihakoi would wrap up in September of next year. So, then we'd have to fold that into the overall report. So, yeah, somewhere around a year from now, possibly a little longer to put everything together.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Okay. And then what is...so once it's completed, this is...will just be a working document though? You know as time, years progress, CIPs come online, offline, whatever it is, this will be updated and sort of, I don't know, evolve I guess? Is that how this document is to . . . *(inaudible)* . . .?

MR. GOODE: There will be...yeah, there may be some updating in terms of crossing off projects that are completed, but as far as doing any reanalysis, that would probably take a whole 'nother, you know, a large level of effort. Hopefully this plan would be good, that suffice for a number of decades so then we can plan our CIPs, you know, accordingly.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Okay, very good. Alright, Members, if there aren't any other, further discussion, questions, or comments then I will be deferring this item, without objections.

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COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS. (YS, MW excused)

ACTION: DEFER.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you.

**IEM-85 PROPOSED CROSSWALK IMPROVEMENTS ON WAIALE ROAD NEAR HALE
MAKANA O WAIALE AND KA HALE A KE OLA HOMELESS RESOURCE
CENTER (CC 18-332)**

CHAIR COCHRAN: Okay, and so on to the next, let's see, IEM-85 and this is the Proposed Crosswalk Improvements on Waiale Road Near Hale Makana O Waiale and Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Center. This is County Communication 18-332, from myself, relating to the proposed crosswalk improvements on Waiale Road near Hale Makana and Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Center. And the subject matter referral was prompted by an inquiry from the Department, regarding a proviso that was included in the FY 2019 Council-adopted Budget. The proviso for the Countywide safety improvements CIP project for the Department of Public Works reads provided that \$40,000 shall be for flashing lights at the crosswalks on Waiale Road near Hale Makana and Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Center. The Department would like to move forward with the improvements but wants to ensure the request from the Council is fulfilled. It is also important that we consider the needs of Ka Hale A Ke Ola and the children in the area. According to the Budget Session documents, the proviso was proposed by Councilmember Guzman. And so at this time, Mr. Guzman, do you have any comments about the proviso that was put into this upcoming Budget?

VICE-CHAIR GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair. It was clear that prior to Budget, I had had some visits from Ka Hale A Ke Ola's, I believe their previous executive director. And they had expressed concerns about the safety of that roadway. I then remembered that Waiale Road was part of the Central Maui Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan and that that roadway was very much so considered as what we call in the document doable. Doable meaning that it was primed for safety aspects and calming elements. And so this was...that road was within the Central Maui Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan so it was only fitting that we look into that. I did see that it was in there and part of it was an appropriation. I can't recall the amount of money but I thought this would be a good starting point. I then put a proviso into the Budget to accommodate the sidewalk. Additionally, I wasn't sure at the time of putting in the proviso, whether or not during the subdivision approval there may have been any conditions regarding sidewalks. I was unaware of that, if in fact there was. Or in addition to whether or not there was any deferral agreements on that roadway that would require the previous or the current developer to construct safety elements on the road. I just went ahead and put a proviso in. So, that's my explanation.

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CHAIR COCHRAN: Okay, thank you, Vice-Chair Guzman. Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, thank you. I think for those of us that traverse that road don't question the need of us moving this forward. I think the Council has been consistent, we've been talking about pedestrian-student safety from Iao School going down Kaohu and then connecting to Waiale. So, we have been consistent on our concern of pedestrian safety on our roads, Chair. I would say if...for those of us that traverse that area, that tree is one of the problems too, that overhang because of that shade component. I can tell you yeah, it's a hazard for us as a driver to really see clear especially during twilight time, the pedestrian trying to cross that road. And I would agree with the testifier, I mean, you know, that road was a path I would say before Kuikahi, before Maui Lani Drive ever existed, that was old ag lands. At one time it was Charlie Ota's Black Angus cows pasturing in there for years. So, again I can appreciate the testifier saying from almost nothing the impact of the road system on their lives. So, I would agree we need to move this project forward. I would ask the Director...and I believe for, from Budget, Chairman, we did inquire whether or not there was a previous condition of approval as Mr. Guzman had mentioned earlier of whether or not there is an agreement of those type of improvements for the up-zoning of various properties in that area. 'Cause I thought we tried to catch it that way. If not, I still think it's worthy for us to put the money to get this project squared away, because there's a lot of people...I take that back, there's a lot of bad drivers that impact a lot of pedestrian people there, and I can tell you I've seen every day bad driving in that area. So, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. And I'll let Director Goode chime in on this item, if you don't mind, Director?

MR. GOODE: No problem. Thank you. So, when we get a new budget, sometimes we get provisos that we have some questions about. So, this isn't the first one, I think we've sent a couple letters to Mr. Carroll on some ones in Hana just to get clarification, hey what was the intent. I think we've met with Mr. White and Olinda over the years, so same thing here, we're like okay, what's the idea. So, I appreciate you having this meeting 'cause it has helped quite a bit to hear from Mr. Guzman as well as hearing from the testifiers. I think most of us travel through that area so we see, you know, what happens over there, and we have now commercial activity on the mauka side of Waiale Road that makes it quite easy and tempting and probably necessary to cross the road from time to time, whether at Ka Hale A Ke Ola or at Hale Makana. So, currently there's a number of crosswalks, but they're generally...other than the one down by the bus stop, they don't have the flashing lights and the street lights are probably hit and miss. What I hear, we know the one we're talking about is right there at Na [sic] Hale O [sic] Makana, right? And there's two crosswalks there now. Originally there was none, and then a few years ago we got one in. And then the second one went in when they finished the sidewalks on the mauka side. That was Kehalani's responsibility. So, what I heard was street lights overhead are needed as

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well as a flashing light, and possibly I don't think we'll be able to afford it with the 40,000 but to extend some sidewalks in that area along the Kahului side of Waiale. I'm pretty sure the 40,000 is not going to cover that so probably going to concentrate on the first two at this point, the street light and the flashing lights. So, basically my staff, you know, they asked me hey, what's the idea here, so that's why we wrote the letter. Getting this feedback will allow us to communicate to the engineers to come up with some ideas so that they can put something together, get it up, put it out for bid. Or if it's something we can do in-house, we'll just do it in-house.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Okay. Yeah --

MR. GOODE: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR COCHRAN: --very good. Yes, Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, since we're talking about the general area I would also ask the Department 'cause I think every Member would agree too that that crosswalk right across of McDonald's on Waiale, that's another crazy crosswalk place for pedestrians, because we know how people drive there and let me tell you people really, I swear don't see the pedestrians because they're just trying to make the left turn with traffic coming from left and right. So, I'm sure they're not very focused on pedestrian, they're just trying to get through the vehicle traffic to get back on Waiale from that component of the markets, Foodland, Longs Drugs, McDonald's area. So, if the Department would also take a look at that crosswalk area 'cause I mean I get nervous about that section too, Director. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Yeah, thank you. I believe this is the area in question, correct?

MR. GOODE: Yeah, so I wanted to clarify.

CHAIR COCHRAN: If...'cause I remember...

MR. GOODE: I'm focused on the...I'm going to call it the McDonald's intersection.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Yeah.

MR. GOODE: Is that the one? I'm looking at our...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, because the other one --

MR. GOODE: Yeah, I'm seeing nodding heads.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --that's...was of concern for me with the overhang was the one right across of the --

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CHAIR COCHRAN: The prison.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --prison where have the bus stop station, that area where --

CHAIR COCHRAN: That one is clear.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --the overhang is definitely creating visual issues of the crosswalk itself, Director. So, for me --

MR. GOODE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --it's those two are high priorities. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you. Yeah, I don't know if...do we need Ms. Yamashita to come up to the podium as a resource to clarify, if you folks do need? Ms. Yamashita, if you don't mind? And, Members, if no objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Thank you.

MS. YAMASHITA: Thank you.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Just clarification, are we in your mind talking about the same area, the crosswalk? So, when I first was...I had the inquiry through my office because of the proviso put in to the Budget. I drove by and I'm like oh wait, there's two crosswalks at that intersection, right?

MS. YAMASHITA: Right.

CHAIR COCHRAN: And then, but I noticed I'm looking at the continuity of the sidewalk and the sidewalk is on the Walgreens' side of the, that, right, of that intersection?

MS. YAMASHITA: I believe so. I just passed by --

CHAIR COCHRAN: And then...

MS. YAMASHITA: --today too --

CHAIR COCHRAN: Yeah.

MS. YAMASHITA: --to make sure but --

CHAIR COCHRAN: So --

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MS. YAMASHITA: --there's, there are two crosswalks.

CHAIR COCHRAN: --I thought if the, if people are going to be on the sidewalk then you're going to want this flashing beacon on that crosswalk. You know I mean it just made more sense and it's the side of Longs, it's the side of McDonald's also?

MS. YAMASHITA: Yes, I agree with you.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Okay.

MS. YAMASHITA: That's the sidewalk that to me that I see gets the most traffic, the one going on the side by where Starbucks is at, crosses right in front of McDonald's. That one has the most traffic. I don't think the other one gets as much.

CHAIR COCHRAN: No. Okay. So, is that, Director, was that in your mind too, that portion?

MR. GOODE: Yeah. And that feedback's important because there's two there, we wouldn't put lights at both. In fact we put lights at one and you even conceivably take the other one out 'cause it could get really confusing. So, the engineers are going to have to figure it out. It's a little difficult on the Maalaea side because we have a left-turn lane going into the McDonald's entrance there. So, we've got three lanes of traffic where the other side we got two. So, I'm going to let them figure it out, but that's important information to know.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Yeah, okay. Yeah, Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, Chair, I think that's one of the good things you've been bringing up by this discussion is again how we still need to look at regional planning instead of just focus on a specific project concern. Because I consider this to be an issue of the regional planning component of bus stops, crosswalks, and other components. So, yeah, whatever it takes but for me those two existing crosswalks have pedestrian safety issues that I would really ask Department to take a look. Because I agree, the one by Longs Drugs, McDonald's is busy, but for those that trying to catch the bus, that other crosswalk is a critical crosswalk also. So, I just share that both have priorities for us, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Yes, very much. Thank you. And I think one of the questions too, generalized in this area, has your Department or will your Department be looking into a broader scope, you know, improvement plan of sorts of this area? With all these new developments, you know, further south coming online perhaps and others, so is...rather than just piecemeal, you know, crosswalk by crosswalk by crosswalk, a general bigger, yeah, regional planning as Mr. Hokama just mentioned.

MR. GOODE: Actually we've already started it. So, we have a project for Waiale Road, kind of a master plan really from the bridge all the way out to Waiko, 'cause it's so different

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you're going from kind of an old school different uses to a newer, more-modern, wider road. And we got all kinds of conflicts. We got driveways that are really difficult to get in and out of. We've got newer subdivisions, older subdivisions, you got the prison, the parking. It's kind of a mess. So, our goal was hey, if we can order this a little bit for everybody's safety and the fact that Waiale Road is, you know, is the link right, now to...from that side, from the south side to get in, to town along with Honoapiilani Highway. So, that work is, I think it was...was it SSFM doing the work? We've done a fair amount, I think there's even a draft plan that our traffic engineers have. So, the idea was with that plan then we can again do the same thing, kind of like the drainage plan, okay now we can start biting off pieces here and there and as projects come along get 'em ordered. And finally, Waiale is Federalized, eligible for Federal funds only up to Wells Street and then heading all the way back down Lower Main. So, we need to get...we want the rest of it Federalized so we can position it to get the big money to do the big projects. So, a lot going on on Waiale Road. I think for, I'd say for myself and my seat, it has the greatest possibility of change in the next decade of kind of all our roads I think and needs it.

CHAIR COCHRAN: And having MPO being brought into the subject a little bit ago, how is that, is that on the radar of our MPO? You're still with the MPO, yes, you're on that?

MR. GOODE: Uh-huh.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Okay.

MR. GOODE: Yeah. Well, it's not really because it's not part of the Federal program, it's not eligible past Wells Street. So, until it becomes eligible and until --

CHAIR COCHRAN: Oh, that's...

MR. GOODE: --we knock off other projects kind of ahead of it, you know, then it can bubble up. But in the meantime, we're at least planning for that future where we can say okay, here's the overall concept and then we can probably come to you folks and ask for design funds, you know, so we can get to that point.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Okay. Yes, Mr. Atay?

COUNCILMEMBER ATAY: Chair, if I may ask Director?

CHAIR COCHRAN: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER ATAY: So, what would it take for us to Federalize Waiale Road from Wells?

MR. GOODE: Okay. That's a good question --

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CHAIR COCHRAN: Yes.

MR. GOODE: --Chair and Mr. Atay. So, like anything with government, there's a process, right? And we have to petition through the State of Hawaii, you know, to get Waiale on there. We have to own all of Waiale. We own almost all of it except for the portion on the Maalaea side of that Kuikahi Drive intersection. And so we've been working with the...it's only about 100 yards, couple hundred yards.

COUNCILMEMBER ATAY: Thought that was done, yeah.

MR. GOODE: So, we need to get that piece. It's currently the title is a little bit clouded with a lien, a tax lien. So, once that can get resolved, we can take possession of it. Once we have possession, we can then go to the Feds and say we want to add this road. They have all these complex formulas we gotta comply with. So, that's our process.

COUNCILMEMBER ATAY: Okay. Chair, if I may?

CHAIR COCHRAN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ATAY: 'Cause with interest, I think we spent the last two or three months in Land Use and in Housing, approving different developments all along Waiale Road. And so we know none of these subdivisions can ingress and egress onto Honoapiilani Highway. They all must ingress and egress off of Waiale Road. I know this is not on the agenda, we're talking about crosswalks at these two specific areas; however, we did discuss this during Budget as what one of the testifiers said about protecting our children who use this roadside. We talked about it in Budget, especially coming from Iao School off of Kaohu Road walking back towards Ka Hale A Ke Ola, and there is no sidewalk for these kids to walk on. And this has been over a year we've talked about it. And so we know this is a real need, to protect our children we gotta get on it in moving it forward. We know that this will be a major collector road that will take us through and beyond Waiko Road and connect up to Honoapiilani Highway. We just need to look at it like a regional project. And I would say also we must move towards getting us in position to receive the Federal funds.

CHAIR COCHRAN: Yeah. Thank you for the comments and we'll circle back though to our...roundabout back to our Waiale sidewalk...crosswalk and flashing beacon light. So, hopefully we have the clear direction now for the proviso that's in the Budget coming up, and there's no Legislative action here today on the item, Members. It was to just get...give clarification and direction to the Department to move forward to utilize the funds we appropriated and of course to improve safety in this area.

ACTION: DEFER.

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CHAIR COCHRAN: So, if there's no further discussion here, this is our final item of the agenda and we are adjourned. . . . (*gavel*) . . .

ADJOURN: 2:10 p.m.

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