

# Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, August 28, 2019**

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## **Community Plan Advisory Committee**

**Attending:** Chair Kai Nishiki, Vice-Chair Jeri Dean, Donald Robert Gerbig, Hans Michel, Ravi Bugga, Joseph D. Pluta, Karen J. Comcowich, Yvette Joyce Celiz, Leilani Pulmano, Dylan Payne (arrived at 5:45 p.m.), Joseph Aquino

**Absent:** Dawn Hegger-Nordblom, Aina Kohler

## **County of Maui – Planning Department**

Pam Eaton, Long Range Planning Division

Jennifer Maydan, Long Range Planning Division

Dan McNulty-Huffman, Long Range Planning Division

Tiffany Bostwick, Long Range Planning Division

Call to order at 5:32 p.m.

## **Public Testimony (00:00 to 13:19 in Meeting Video)**

Councilmember Tamara Paltin suggested focusing immediate attention on 1) moving sections of Honoapiʻilani Highway that are most directly affected by sea level rise mauka, and 2) connectivity through West Maui’s northern terminus. She acknowledged that she isn’t sure of CPAC’s powers to make these things happen, but urged members to at least get on the same page as the Council and the State regarding these matters. Q&A/discussion with CPAC included identifying priorities as well as Tamara providing more detail on the two key points in her testimony.

## **Policies and Actions Related to Goal 2.2: A Complete, Balanced and Connected Transportation Network (13:19 to 1:47:13)**

Jen Maydan provided a brief overview of the documents provided to CPAC, then gave a presentation on identifying/distinguishing goals, policies and actions, and how to develop appropriate goals, policies and actions for the West Maui Community Plan.

**(13:19 to 24:53)** ([Link to PowerPoint Presentation](#))

## **Review/Discussion of Draft List of Policies and Actions (24:53 to 1:47:13)**

Planning Staff read aloud the Draft List of Policies and Actions related to Goal 2.2: A Complete, Balanced and Connected Transportation Network, and Chair briefly went over the discussion/decision process. ([Link to Draft List of Policies and Actions](#))

Discussion/decisions for each policy/action were as follows:

### **POLICIES**

1. Improve West Maui's active transportation network by increasing multimodal transportation options including completing the West Maui Greenway, and adding new and improving existing sidewalks and other pedestrian and bicycle facilities. **(41:00 to 50:22)**
  - Discussion:
    - Ensure access to/from West Maui and the rest of the island
    - No new roadways below sea level rise exposure area (SLR-XA)
    - No "one way in, one way out" roads
    - Utilize smart/effective landscaping on the West Maui Greenway; move highway mauka of the Greenway
    - Utilize Complete Streets design
    - Don't specify plan (West Maui Greenway); keep wording broad
    - Include skateboards and scooters as part of multimodal transportation
  - Consensus Decision(s): **None**
  
2. Support County Council in consideration of an ordinance to increase the general excise tax for Maui County, and assign some portion of revenue from the increase to transportation improvements and projects. **(50:22 to 1:03:39)**
  - Discussion:
    - Make sure any taxes imposed are used for what they were intended
    - No general excise tax increase
    - Implement other funding mechanisms for transportation improvements such as special improvement districts, rental car surcharges, transponders, toll roads, etc.
  - Consensus Decision(s): **REMOVE POLICY; make Policy #3 all about funding**
  
3. Support adoption of traffic impact fee ordinances so that new projects pay their fair share of transportation system improvements. **(1:03:39 to 1:04:20)**
  - Discussion: See below

- Consensus Decision(s): **Hold discussion until Sept. 5 discussion with Ed Sniffen (Hawaii State Department of Transportation)**
4. Require implementation of safe routes to schools and parks for pedestrians and bicyclists in existing and future neighborhoods within Lahaina Town and the urban growth boundaries in West Maui. **(1:04:20 to 1:14:59)**
- Discussion:
    - Greenways and bikeways with no vegetation to serve dual purpose: active transportation and wildfire buffer
    - Include emergency routes
    - OR, refer specifically to the “Safe Routes to School” initiative
  - Consensus Decision(s): **Hold off on decisions until Lauren Armstrong (Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization) can return to a CPAC meeting as a resource**
5. Require all new commercial and multi-family residential development to install adequate charging stations to support the expanded use of electric vehicles in West Maui. **(1:14:59 to 1:47:13)**
- Discussion:
    - More appropriate for General Plan or Island Plan (based on Decision-Making Tool)
    - Wording should be softened: “encourage” or “allow” rather than “require”
    - Add language “want to support alternative fuel sources”
    - Add language regarding commercial: “in accordance with State law”
    - Concerns about potential costs to small mom and pop stores; Jen Maydan clarified that Community Plan compliance normally only applies to large-scale developments
    - Determine what “adequate” is
  - Consensus Decision(s): **Keep “Require” and add Jen Maydan’s wording at end: “until future technology advancements make this unnecessary”**

## RECESS/DINNER BREAK

**Policies and Actions Related to Goal 2.2: A Complete, Balanced and Connected Transportation Network (Cont.) (1:47:13 to END)**

Because there was still a lot to cover on the agenda for the amount of time left, Chair Nishiki suggested approving policies and actions that don't require much discussion, and skipping policies and actions that CPAC members feel need more in-depth discussion and revisit them later. (1:47:13 to 1:48:38)

**POLICIES (Cont.) (1:48:38 to 2:00:20)**

6. Support increased transit service within and between West Maui's neighborhoods, parks, and commercial areas, and between the Kahului Airport and West Maui hotels.
  - Discussion: None
  - Consensus Decision(s): **Keep as is**
  
7. Support construction of the planned Lahaina Bypass Road in such a way as to promote safe, efficient travel across the region without encouraging further urbanization or impeding agricultural operations. (carried over from 1996 West Maui Community Plan).
  - Discussion:
    - Include language on priority areas – Pali to Puamana
  - Consensus Decision(s): **Revisit**
  
8. Support improvements for the safe and convenient movement of people and goods, pedestrians and bicyclists in the Lahaina region, particularly along Honoapi'ilani Highway, Front Street, Lahainaluna Road, Waine'e Street and Lower Honoapi'ilani Road, and seek to establish a regional network of bikeways and pedestrian paths. (carried over from 1996 West Maui Community Plan, with addition of Lahainaluna Road and Waine'e Street)
  - Discussion:
    - Add language about off-road (dirt-bike) trails
    - Include skateboards and other forms of transportation (not just pedestrians and bicyclists)
    - Make wording more concise, but still inclusive
  - Consensus Decision(s): **Revisit**

Before moving onto Action items, Leilani Pulmano asked about additional policies concerning airports and harbors. Pam Eaton clarified that airports and harbors are not under County jurisdiction. Leilani asked about land use around harbors that would improve that area; Pam replied that land use could fall under County jurisdiction. Yvette Celiz suggested listing and prioritizing action items as CPAC members' homework, and to use the rest of the meeting time for more general discussion of the action items. Jen Maydan noted that the September 3 & 5 meeting agendas are already posted and that the September 5 meeting will be focused on transportation again, so CPAC can have more in-depth discussion at that time.

**ACTIONS (2:00:20 to END) – Organization(s) in parentheses responsible for corresponding action item**

1. Relocate the West Maui Transit Hub to a dedicated facility, close to a transportation corridor, with adequate space for parking and room for future expansion. (Maui County Department of Transportation and West Maui hotels)
  - Discussion: None
  - Consensus Decision(s): **Keep as is**
  
2. Retrofit existing streets with sidewalks, where appropriate, throughout West Maui neighborhoods and commercial areas, specifically along Lower Honoapi'ilani Highway from Kahana to Napili. (Maui County Department of Public Works)
  - Discussion:
    - Add the Lahaina Wharf Historic District
    - Avoid retrofitting hazard areas; relocate instead
    - Not just sidewalks; include language like "multi-modal opportunity, such as sidewalks and bike lanes"
    - Might work as a policy (particularly if the last half is dropped)
  - Consensus Decision(s): **Revisit**
  
3. Prioritize bulb outs or chicanes. Raised crosswalks or speed tables as a fallback. Discourage speed bumps or humps. (Maui County Department of Public Works)
  - Discussion:
    - What does this mean? Rework to be more understandable
      - Pam Eaton clarified that it is based off Complete Streets design
  - Consensus Decision(s): **Planning Staff will rework language and present to CPAC at a future meeting as a policy**

4. Provide multiple convenient and safe pedestrian crossings on Keawe Street mauka of Honoapiʻilani Highway. (Maui County Department of Public Works)
  - Discussion: None
  - Consensus Decision(s): **Revisit**
  
5. Actively market multimodal transportation options to West Maui visitors, including bus, shuttles, taxi, rideshare, bicycling and walking. (Maui County Office of Economic Development)
  - Discussion:
    - Require the tourism bureau to have this as part of their annual budget
    - Possibly combine with number 11
  - Consensus Decision(s): **None**
  
6. Conduct a mobility and circulation study of Lahaina Town to identify issues and recommend solutions for vehicular, bus, bicycle and pedestrian movement, and parking. Implement the recommendations of the study. (Maui County Department of Public Works)
  - Discussion:
    - Is it appropriate to specify implementation before knowing what the recommended solutions will be? How much will it cost?
    - Should clarify the extent of the area (Lahaina Town)
  - Consensus Decision(s): **Support, with some clarifying language**
  
7. Install pedestrian and bicycle wayfinding signage, including maps, directional signs, digital systems and public art, in Lahaina Town. (Maui County Department of Public Works)
  - Discussion:
    - Reflect culture by incorporating ʻŌlelo Hawaii into signage and adding moku signage
  - Consensus Decision(s): **None**
  
8. Conduct a feasibility study to explore congestion reduction techniques to help manage demand on Honoapiʻilani Highway and the Lahaina Bypass. (Maui County Department of Public Works, Hawaii State Department of Transportation & Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization)
  - Discussion:
    - Include 5 exit signs for Lahaina
  - Consensus Decision(s): **None**

9. Identify opportunities to partner with larger employers such as hotels, to sponsor shuttles, ride-share, or other shared ride programs to connect employees to jobs. (Maui County Office of Economic Development)
  - Discussion: None
  - Consensus Decision(s): **Revisit to include additional language**
  
10. Work with the West Maui community to identify locations where Maui Bus shelters and park and rides are needed, and provide lighting, benches, trash receptacles and bike racks at all bus stops. (Maui County Department of Transportation)
  - Discussion:
    - Add covered/roofed benches
  - Consensus Decision(s): **None**
  
11. Provide a direct Maui Bus route from Kahului Airport to West Maui hotels. Increase baggage allowances on these buses and provide appropriate storage to ensure safety. (Maui County Department of Transportation)
  - Discussion:
    - Add “frequent” – via smaller buses
  - Consensus Decision(s): **Revisit to include additional language**
  
12. Increase bus service between low-to-moderate-income neighborhoods in West Maui and community services like shopping, education, health care, and recreation. (Maui County Department of Transportation)
  - Discussion:
    - Add reverse villager route
  - Consensus Decision(s): **Revisit; ran out of time**

Actions 13 – 19 not discussed due to time limitations.

CPAC members’ additional thoughts:

- Regarding Action #17 (Update the Traffic Impact Fee Study and proposed ordinances), study was completed but never implemented; all developments approved in the past two decades agreed to pay the traffic impact fees. This could mean a lot of funding for West Maui.
- Continuing Lahaina Bypass north should be a priority
- Moving Honoapi’ilani Highway uphill must be a priority

- Action items should be cut down (to Top 10)
- Multi-modal options should be considered before infill projects are approved
- Require connectivity from existing neighborhoods to other/new neighborhoods to provide an alternative networks of roadways
- Extension of Mill Street
- Keep the character of the historic district
- Update traffic signal technology to sync/control traffic lights remotely
- Car rental remote site parking lots
- Add passing and turning lanes along Honoapiʻilani Highway at strategic locations

**NEXT MEETING IS ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2019. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:35 P.M.**

