

**COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI**  
**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

November 16, 2007

**Committee**  
**Report No.**

07-133

Honorable Chair and Members  
of the County Council  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Planning Committee, having met on October 2, 2007, October 16, 2007, and October 30, 2007, makes reference to County Communication No. 07-257, from Councilmember Danny A. Mateo, relating to the matter of a Maui Island Infrastructure Study.

According to County Communication No. 07-257, the Council and other decision makers in County government are forced to make critical decisions on major policy issues, notably including development applications, based on mere assumptions about infrastructure. Maui's water supply, transportation, and wastewater systems must be comprehensively evaluated to determine current capacities and future needs.

By correspondence dated October 1, 2007, Tom Cannon, Chair, Maui Island General Plan Advisory Committee, expressed concern about the Wailuku-Kahului Wastewater Reclamation Facility being located in a tsunami zone.

At its meeting of October 2, 2007, your Committee met with the Planning Director; a Senior Planner, Long-Range Planning Division, Department of Planning; the Director of Environmental Management; the Director of Public Works; the Deputy Director of Water Supply; the Deputy Director of Transportation; and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony.

The Senior Planner informed your Committee of infrastructure studies that have been completed under the auspices of the Department of Planning in recent years in conjunction with the ongoing General Plan update, including the following: the Public Facilities Assessment Update (2002), which reported on public facilities used for government services, such as fire protection, law enforcement, education, and recreation, with projections to 2020; the Infrastructure Assessment Update (2003), covering water, wastewater, drainage, parking, and electrical systems; the Telecommunications Assessment (2007), and the Public Facilities Assessment Update (2002), which reported

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on public facilities used for government services such as fire protection, law enforcement, education, and recreation, with projections to 2030. She also noted that the Department of Planning had produced projections to 2030 for water supply and wastewater based on data provided by the Department of Water Supply and the Department of Environmental Management, respectively. She advised your Committee that the available infrastructure studies provide valuable information to planners and appointed and elected officials. The Senior Planner further advised your Committee that there was no apparent need for the County to produce additional comprehensive infrastructure studies.

The Director of Environmental Management advised your Committee that the County's existing wastewater studies and plans are frequently updated, and thus, are useful and effective.

The Deputy Director of Water Supply advised your Committee that there was no apparent need for the County to produce additional comprehensive infrastructure studies. He also responded to your Committee's questions about the Department of Water Supply's planning projections.

Your Committee deferred consideration of the matter pending further discussion.

At its meeting of October 16, 2007, your Committee met with a Senior Planner, Long-Range Planning Division, Department of Planning; the Director of Environmental Management; the Director of Public Works; the Deputy Director of Transportation; the Corporation Counsel; and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

Your Committee received public testimony from one member of the public who raised concerns about the adequacy of the County's existing infrastructure studies and who distributed a table listing various types of infrastructure for which the County needs to plan.

The Director of Public Works and the Deputy Director of Transportation informed your Committee of the County's available data relating to current capacity and future needs for transportation infrastructure throughout Maui County.

Your Committee deferred consideration of the matter pending further discussion.

By correspondence dated October 26, 2007, Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson transmitted correspondence dated October 17, 2007, from Zoe Norcross-Nu'u, raising

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concerns about the adequacy of the County's infrastructure studies relating to the coastal environment.

By correspondence dated October 26, 2007, Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson transmitted a copy of her correspondence dated June 19, 2000, to Councilmember Wayne K. Nishiki, raising concerns about the adequacy of the County's infrastructure studies.

At its meeting of October 30, 2007, your Committee met with the Planning Director; a Senior Planner, Long-Range Planning Division, Department of Planning; the Director of Environmental Management; the Chief of Wastewater Reclamation Division, Department of Environmental Management; the Director of Public Works; and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

Your Committee received public testimony from one member of the public who raised concerns about the adequacy of the County's existing infrastructure studies.

Your Committee commended Councilmember Mateo for raising the important issue of a possible Maui Island Infrastructure Study. In addition, your Committee expressed its appreciation to the Administration representatives who identified and commented on existing infrastructure studies for the Island of Maui. Your Committee noted that any new infrastructure study would require a new budget appropriation. A new budget appropriation during the current fiscal year would require a mayoral-initiated budget amendment. A budget appropriation for the next fiscal year could be considered during the Council's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget deliberations. Your Committee further noted that the Administration has not requested that the Council fund any new infrastructure studies, and it is, therefore, unlikely that the Mayor will initiate a Fiscal Year 2008 Budget amendment for such a purpose. Also, your Committee noted that Administration representatives have advised that existing infrastructure studies provide sufficient data for the County's current needs. Your Committee voted to recommend that the communication be filed.

Your Planning Committee **RECOMMENDS** that County Communication No. 07-257 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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