

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
PUBLIC WORKS AND
FACILITIES COMMITTEE

February 16, 2007

Committee
Report No.

07-12

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

Chair and Members:

Your Public Works and Facilities Committee, having met on January 31, 2007, makes reference to County Communication No. 06-309, from Councilmember Michelle Anderson, transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.60, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO PEDESTRIANS".

The purpose of the proposed bill is to establish a 12-foot-wide crosswalk on a portion of South Kihei Road, approximately 1,300 feet south of the intersection of Alanui Ke Alii Road and South Kihei Road.

At its meeting of January 5, 2007, the Council referred County Communication No. 06-309 to your Public Works and Facilities Committee (County Communication No. 07-4).

By correspondence dated January 23, 2007, the Council Chair transmitted correspondence from the Chief of Police regarding Officer Brad Hickle's observation of the proposed crosswalk location and his recommendation that a crosswalk be established.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management; an Acting Lieutenant, Department of Police; an Officer, Department of Police; and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony.

The Director stated that the bill being considered resulted from a request made by several residents of Hale Pau Hana condominium located on the makai side of South Kihei Road because there is no convenient location to safely cross the road to shopping areas on the opposite side. He further stated that this matter was referred to the Traffic Safety Council (TSC) for consideration at their meeting of December 5, 2006, and the TSC subsequently recommended that a crosswalk be installed. The Director informed your Committee that the Department has initiated the process to temporarily install the crosswalk pursuant to Section 10.28.130, Maui County Code. Section 10.28.130 allows

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the Director to authorize an approved traffic control device to be placed on any highway under the jurisdiction of the County without the approval of the Council, provided the placement of the traffic control device is limited to eight weeks or less. Passage of the bill would allow the crosswalk to remain permanently once the eight-week administrative authority expires.

Councilmember Anderson provided further background information on the need for the crosswalk, and introduced several documents regarding the level of pedestrian activity generated by the businesses along South Kihei Road and how a lack of parking has compounded pedestrian activity. Councilmember Anderson presented the following correspondence regarding the Kai Nani Village Center parking requirements: 1) a copy of correspondence dated January 25, 2006, to Councilmember Anderson from Robert McDaniel III; 2) a copy of correspondence dated April 28, 2006, to the Planning Director from Councilmember Anderson; 3) a copy of correspondence dated February 15, 2006, to a Planner, Department of Planning, from Robert McDaniel III; 4) a copy of a document dated February 15, 2005, entitled "Rent Roll: RENT – 2511 S. KIHEI RD"; and 5) a copy of correspondence dated June 1, 2006, to Burrows Investments LTD. from the Planning Program Administrator, Department of Planning.

Your Committee discussed the orientation of the proposed crosswalk in relation to public bus stops in the area. Your Committee recommended that the Department relocate signage and repaint striping across existing entry and exit areas to South Kihei Road in the vicinity to further improve pedestrian safety.

Your Committee voted to recommend passage of the proposed bill and filing of the communication.

Your Public Works and Facilities Committee **RECOMMENDS** the following:

1. That Bill No. _____ (2007), attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.60, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO PEDESTRIANS", be **PASSED ON FIRST READING** and be **ORDERED TO PRINT**; and
2. That County Communication No. 06-309 be **FILED**.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

