

# Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, August 22, 2019**

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## **Community Plan Advisory Committee**

**Attending:** Chair Kai Nishiki, Donald Robert Gerbig, Hans Michel, Ravi Bugga, Joseph D. Pluta, Karen J. Comcowich, Yvette Joyce Celiz, Leilani Pulmano, Dylan Payne, Dawn Hegger-Nordblom, Aina Kohler

**Absent:** Vice-Chair Jeri Dean, Joseph Aquino

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

Pam Eaton, Long Range Planning Division

Jennifer Maydan, Long Range Planning Division

Kate Blystone, Long Range Planning Division

Tiffany Bostwick, Long Range Planning Division

Call to order at 5:38 p.m.

## **Public Testimony (00:00 to 20:28 in Meeting Video)**

Mark Deakos urged CPAC members to design better for the growth that is coming to West Maui, and encouraged “living” communities with net positive energy, water, walkability, and other feature.

Jackie Hala noted that her church is looking for land, and that is the reason for her attending the CPAC meetings.

Albert Perez stressed the importance of putting higher priority on realigning Honoapiʻilani Highway through Olowalu because West Maui will be cut off if it is ever closed (due to the impacts of sea level rise).

Lee Chamberlain talked about wanting more opportunities for biking with regional bikeways, and would like to see more bike commuting and using government funds to support it. When asked by Chair Nishiki if he has a financial motivation, Lee replied that he owns an electric bike business. (Links to written testimony: [Part 1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#))

Donna Clayton urged CPAC members to move forward on the West Maui Greenway effort and have Maui be a leader in healthy living.

Jen Mather agreed with Albert Perez regarding prioritizing the realignment of Honoapiʻilani Highway. She would also like nicer bus stops for locals and nicer sidewalks for children walking to and from school.

### **Guest Presentations Related to Goal 2.2: A Complete, Balanced and Connected Transportation Network (20:28 to 1:55:22)**

1. Maui Bus – Director Marc Takamori, Department of Transportation ([Link to PowerPoint Presentation](#)) (20:28 – 41:02)

Director Marc Takamori gave an overview of the Maui Bus and the Department of Transportation. He spoke about the commuter bus system and bus ridership, as well as future needs, considerations, and funding sources.

#### **Comments/Q&A (41:02 – 1:09:00)**

CPAC members asked questions/made comments about ridership percentages; bus system costs; baggage limitations; ways to increase commuter ridership; and the possibility of additional bus routes and transit hubs in West Maui.

2. Roadways and Complete Streets – Director Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, Department of Public Works ([Link to PowerPoint Presentation](#)) (1:09:00 – 1:33:13)

Director Rowena Dagdag-Andaya described the role of the Department of Public Works (in regards to road jurisdiction), road funding, and future planning challenges. She provided an overview on complete streets, including why it's important; what it's used for; how the County of Maui is implementing them; and what the community can do to support complete streets.

#### **Comments/ Q&A (1:33:13– 1:55:22)**

Yvette Celiz asked Director Dagdag-Andaya to provide the Complete Streets Guide, as well as more information on the West Maui Greenway. Other CPAC members asked questions/made comments about the greenway, jurisdictions and plans for various roads, the possibility of toll roads, and plans to address future changes in traffic patterns.

Chair Nishiki opened the meeting for public testimony for the two presentations given.

Richard Yarkanetti urged CPAC members to address island capacity in the Community Plan, and expressed the need to have a sustainable study on the aquifer.

## **RECESS/DINNER BREAK**

### **Guest Presentations Related to Goal 2.2: A Complete, Balanced and Connected Transportation Network (Cont.) (1:55:22 to END)**

Before the final presentation, Jen Maydan introduced the latest revised draft CPAC Meeting schedule, with changes such as a 5pm start time, added meetings, and presenter information. She asked CPAC members to provide their comments on the additional meetings and new start time via email before the next CPAC meeting.

3. Long Range Transportation Planning – Lauren Armstrong, Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) ([Link to PowerPoint Presentation](#)) (1:57:55 – 2:28:50)

Lauren Armstrong shared some background on the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization, including its history, funding, purpose, structure, and purview. She talked about how the Community Plan fits together with the plans that MPO does, specifically Hele Mai Maui. She also shared MPO highlights from the West Maui area, as well as MPO's next steps, including the Hele Mai Maui 2040 Plan (public review slated for Fall 2019), revisions to the Transportation Improvement Program (Spring 2020), and the Visions Zero Action Plan (Fall 2020).

### **Comments + Q&A (2:28:50 to END)**

Chair Nishiki requested MPO's cost analysis for CPAC. Other CPAC members asked questions/made comments about funding mechanisms, how projects relate to the Community Plan, the Lahaina Bypass, and how to address changes in technology.

No additional testimony provided from the public regarding the MPO Presentation.

**NEXT MEETING IS ON AUGUST 28, 2019. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:39 P.M.**

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