

IEM Committee

From: Bob Richardson <LisBob@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2016 1:27 PM
To: IEM Committee
Cc: Tara Owens IEM-75
Subject: proposed crosswalk at 483 South Kihei Rd.

Aloha IEM Committee Members- this is Bob Richardson from South Maui Volunteers. I am so sorry for the delay. We have been off island from Sept. 14 until Oct. 3.

South Maui Volunteers did install that beach access trail at that location. It was for a project sponsored by the Dept. of Public Works and was under the direction of UH Sea Grant. The project was permitted through the Maui County Dept. of Planning. Tara Owens with UH Sea Grant would be the qualified expert that could help you with a more technical response. I have included Tara Owens from UH Sea Grant on this reply.

Those sand fencing panels were installed to help capture blowing sand on the sides of that beach access and to help hold the sand off of the beach trail. The panels also help the public understand the location for a pathway to reach the beach area. Without some indication of a beach access the public will often just walk over the entire dune area which degrades the dune and causes sand to be blown onto the street. The sand panels also assist mother nature by providing a wind protected space for native plants to grow and recapture this space. Typically once the vegetation has returned there is no long term need for the sand fencing panels. However, if the trail access signage and post and rope fencing are removed or damaged, the public will again resort to using the entire dune face as a trail access and sand will be lost due to wind.

Perhaps Tara can comment about county liability for the beach trail pathway in the future, and who is responsible for its maintenance. If there is a current problem with this access trail, our volunteer group would be more than happy to repair any damage. Typically this is not in our kuleana but with a contact from Tara or PW, we would respond.

It is my sense that a crosswalk at this location would be beneficial since it will reinforce to the public the need to cross the dune at designated locations.

Bob Richardson
South Maui Volunteers

From: IEM Committee
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2016 3:32 PM
To: KiheiVolunteers@hawaii.rr.com
Cc: IEM Committee
Subject: IEM-75, Amending Section 10.60.042, Maui County Code, Relating to Crosswalks Established, Kihei District

Mr. Richardson,
Please review attached letter from Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee Chair, Elle Cochran, regarding a proposed crosswalk on South Kihei Road.
We look forward to your response.

Thank You,
IEM Committee Staff