

EACP Committee

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Aloha Chair Sinenci & EACP Committee:

The amount of traffic coming to Hana outweighs the capacity of our infrastructure by far. Asphalt breaks down with so much traffic, especially busses & trucks that's so heavy, it literally breaks off the asphalt on the edges of the road, making it narrower & narrower until 2 cars cannot meet up safely anymore & one car needs to stop &/or reverse. Tourist don't know how, or too scared to, reverse on the Hana Highway.

Parks & bathrooms are inadequate for the amount of Tourist. The restrooms get trashed, there's not enough parking so people park out on the main road, blocking traffic. Still others are stopping and taking a peepee in our pristine forests. In Hana, there's such a huge volume of Tourist, about 6-8 new food trucks opened up in the last 6 months and 50% are not from here. Signs dot our precious landscape.

Safety is a huge issue at Ohe'o & Kaihalulu, burdening our community even more. Instead of assisting with the urgent care of the community, our emergency care Rescuers are busy rescuing Tourist and we pay for it. There has been several times that community members needed help but the rescue workers were not available.

Yes, it is past time to shift from marketing to managing Tourism, past time to have the airlines/rental cars, help educate Tourist via ads/flyers, etc. We've heard this for years.

Focus more on Ag, we need to plant our own food instead of importing all of it, creating sustainable jobs for Maui.

Mahalo for your time.

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