

EDB Committee

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Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

When I think of ways Maui County could be spending 84 MILLION dollars to build a parking garage that charges for parking and that adds expensive retail space and more office space, I shake my head and think of low income housing, work force housing, community rehab programs and mental health support for the people who live here.

Why isn't the Council wondering the same thing?

Is this a sweet deal for the property owners/Developers to drive up their property values thru future development of Wailuku town? This development has zero charm and will destroy the existing historic feel to Wailuku town. Has anyone consulted with the Main Street Group that help to preserve Historic towns like Wailuku? I was involved with the Main Street Project in Historic Port Townsend when I lived there in the 80's. It's very important not to ruin the feel of an Historic town like Wailuku with an out of place monstrosity when the town itself is begging for investment money to restore and renovate the buildings that have stood the test of time and history. Take care of what we have.

We cannot afford to waste 84 MILLION DOLLARS plus another 6 MILLION annually to operate this so called Hub. We are in the thick of a low income, workforce housing crises...HELLO? Where are the priorities of the Council to move forward with a project like this when the initial phase is already in cost overruns?

Don't make this Maui's lite rail monstrosity please. Take care of the people 1st, not the Developers.

Mahalo for your time,

Ms. Barbara Barry

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