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Aloha planning committee,

Included is some suggested revisions to the proposed Molokai community plan:

For the transportation section in chapter 8 infrastructure, consider reinserting into the goals, policies, actions 'Maintain the East End Highway at its current pavement width except for blind turns or other places necessary for public safety.' I believe the rural character to be protected by the size of the roads in the district, seeing as excessive width will encourage and allow for excessive speed. Keeping the roads narrow will help to limit speed. Also, add a policy preventing 'rumble strips' from being installed in pavement anywhere in mana'e from kamalo to halawa. The rumble strips are revealing itself to be a problem as both a nuisance, and a public safety hazard, with motorists preferring to cross into the shoulder lane on blind turns in order to avoid the center line, which in some parts, is unavoidable, thereby increasing the risk to the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians.

In chapter 10 east end policy statement, in reference to 'cottage industry', add guidelines to exclude the vacation rental industry as a suggested use.

In chapter 9 section 3 fire and public safety, as well as chapter 11 maunaloa policy, consider establishing a maunaloa fire station, in order to meet nfpa standards of coverage of 20 minutes or less. the combined average response times by ho'olehua fire station to emergencies on the west end of Molokai exceeds the standard of coverage of 20 minutes or less. The area is more prone to fires due to a drier climate. Having fire protection immediately available in this area could possibly avoid taxing the remaining fire and emergency resources on Molokai.

Action item 9.1.09: correct spelling for Dixie maru beach is 'Kapukahehu', not 'kapukauahi'.

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