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Comments regarding HFC-79 CC20-559 11/26/2020

My name is Marcy Martin and I am testifying on behalf of myself, a regular Lower Paia Park user and surfer. I work full time and like to surf at Paia Bay when the waves are big. I like to surf after work around 5 pm during the fall, winter and spring months when parking is in high demand. I am asking the council to hold off on approving this version of the 50 year PYCC Paia oceanfront park lease until the beach parking facilities around it can be improved to ensure adequate public access until 2071. Also, because this is changing the Baldwin Beach Park Plan shown on the Park's website, I ask that the proposed plan go through a public input process like the original Baldwin Plan.

The small parking area at Lower Paia Park does not meet current demand when the surf is big. This small parking lot serves some very popular activities: PYCC, the skatepark, the bike path, several bicycle tour companies, restaurants, a cruise ship trolley and 1,457 linear feet of sandy beach with rideable waves. When the surf is up and I arrive at the beach at 5 pm, the parking lot is full with multiple cars waiting for available parking. The same is true all day on the weekends. Please consider some of the many solutions to the parking problem prior to committing to this 50 year lease:

1. Put a barrier (maybe trees) along the bike path and restore the parking along Hana Highway between 5 am and 7 pm.
2. Move the PYCC lease over to the middle of the park, or cut out an area by the current parking lot to replace the same number of stalls removed in September 2020.
3. The lease can require PYCC to provide 700 linear feet of public parking within their additional 3.4 acres. PYCC can open the gate along the bike path and create another dirt lot. They can charge for parking and make money.
4. 1/2 of the Paia parking lot closest to the beach (with the mural) can be converted to "beach access" parking. Right now the parking lot is not full and beach users are using it. However, prior to COVID it was full all of the time and I was never able to get a spot when I surfed.
5. Make the Paia parking lot closest to the beach paid parking. Make the beach parking paid parking.
6. Expand the parking lot across the street and move the mini bypass so that users can cross Hana Hwy in town at the crosswalk where traffic is stopped.
7. Create the parking lot shown in the Baldwin Plan, making sure there is 2,000 linear feet of parking (what was lost in September 2020), before the lease is executed to show the public that they will not lose access to the beach and bike path as a result of the lease.
8. Have the PYCC lease start as the area shown in the Baldwin plan. That plan leaves room to grow. Give PYCC a year to year lease of a small area near the shore so that they can create their Hale.

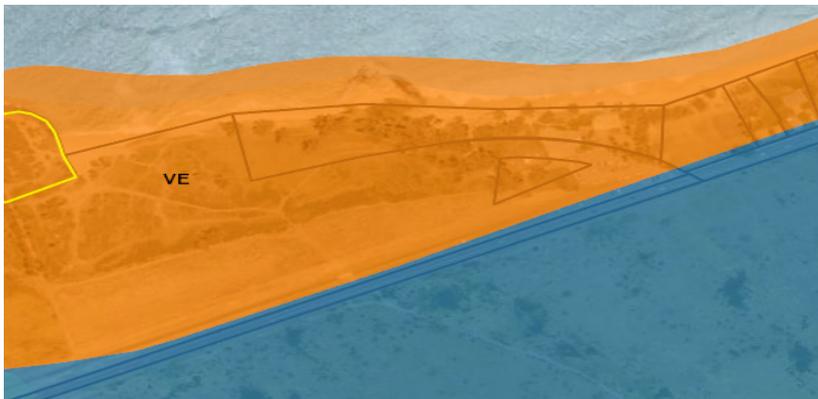
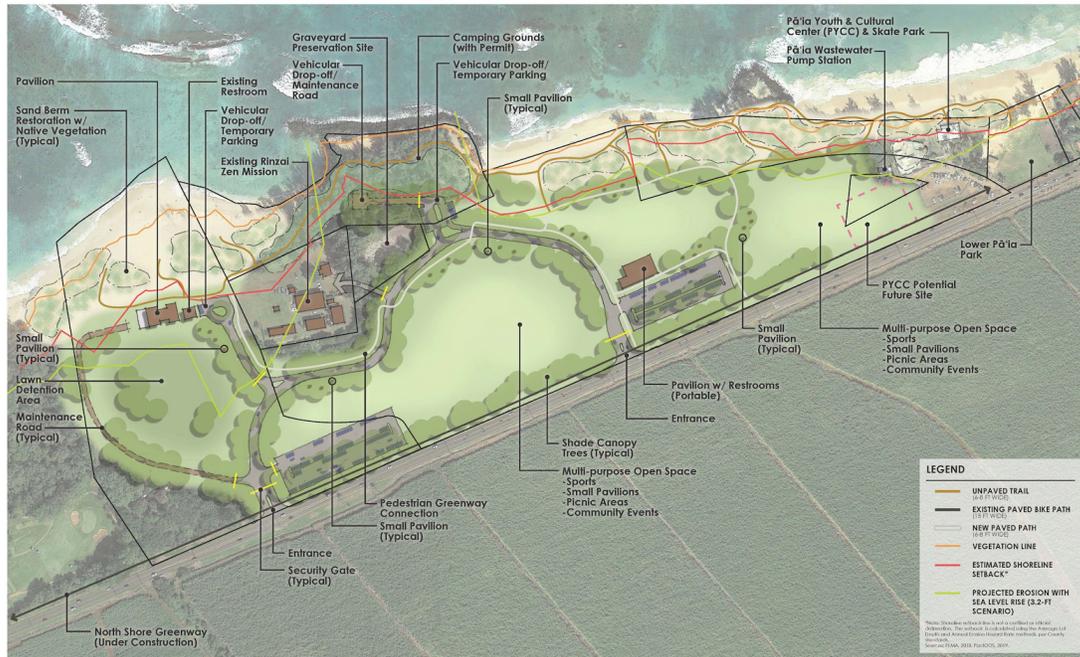
Linear feet (red line) of parking lost in September 2020



Baldwin Beach Plan on the Park's website

<https://www.mauicounty.gov/2336/Baldwin-Beach-Park-Master-Plan>

CONCEPT PLAN A BALDWIN BEACH PARK - PĀ'ĪA, MAUI



FEMA map shows land in a flood zone, can it be developed?