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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Keani Rawlins-Fernandez
Chair, Economic Development & Budget Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Rawlins-Fernandez:

SUBJECT: REQUESTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE APRIL 11 AND 12, 2019 MEETINGS (PR-11) (EDB-1)

The following is our Department's response to requests from the April 15, 2019 correspondence with requests/questions from the April 11 and 12, 2019 meetings:

1. *Relating to CBS-1117 Countywide Parks ADA Improvements (page 741, Program Budget):*
 - a. *Please provide a copy of the Department's Accessibility Transition Plan ("ATP"). Does the ATP list projects in priority order? (TK)*

The consultant contracted to develop the Department's Accessibility Transition Plan ceased doing business prior to completing the plan.

The Department is working with the Department of Corporation Counsel on the termination of that contract and selecting a consultant to complete the plan. We are anticipating receiving a finalized plan by the end of the calendar year. The ATP will list projects in priority order.

- b. Is \$500,000 funding adequate for the planned projects in FY 2020? (YS)*

The money requested in FY 2020 should be adequate to start design for compliance at several facilities as well as fund construction on minor projects not requiring a detailed design.

2. *Relating to CBS-4613 Countywide Light Ordinance Compliance (page 745, Program Budget):*

- a. Please explain the reason for the large funding increase from \$600,000 in Fiscal Year ("FY") 2019 to \$2.5 million in FY 2020. (TK)*

FY 2019 funding was focused on completing a survey of outdoor lights at all facilities and development of a plan to achieve compliance as well as funding minor fixes not requiring detailed designs. FY 2020 funding is for a concerted effort to design and retrofit a majority of the out of compliance conditions at all park facilities.

- b. Is addressing blue-spectrum light pollution one of the reasons for the change-out? Is the change-out limited to lighting in parks only or countywide? (SS)*

The purpose of the outdoor lighting ordinance is to limit degradation of the night visual environment by minimizing light glare, pollution, and trespass. The ordinance is for all outdoor lighting in the County of Maui. The Department is focusing on outdoor lights within County parks. The Department will insure that blue spectrum light pollution will be avoided in all retrofit projects.

- c. Please provide a cost breakdown of the \$2.5 million funding request. (KRF)*

The Department does not have a detailed cost breakdown of individual facilities, only an order of magnitude estimate for overall compliance.

3. *Relating to CBS-1205 Kamaole Point Pavilion (page 750, Program Budget), has the Department considered sea level rise in the planning, design, and life span of this project? Please explain. (TP)*

The proposed site for the pavilion is located outside of the most extreme sea level rise model and the most extreme coastal erosions model as shown on the Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System website <http://www.pacioos.hawaii.edu/shoreline/slr-hawaii/>

4. *Relating to CBS-4581 Countywide Parks Facilities (page 744, Program Budget), why is a separate capital project for contingency funds needed if contingency funds are also included in project cost estimates? (KK)*

Project cost estimate contingency funds are focused more on bidding and contracting. Construction cost estimates are an inexact science and sometimes requested in budgets years in advance of actual construction. For example, the Department plans to begin formulating its FY 2021 CIP budget request in August 2019. Construction on some projects would not be anticipated to start until calendar year 2021. Additionally, quite often the line item funding for a specific project lapses during or prior to the start of actual construction of a project, thereby eliminating the ability to use any of the contingency funds originally in the project cost estimate to cover unforeseen issues that occur during construction. The funds requested in CBS-4581 cover that gap.

Another factor for this request is that a majority of the park facilities are 40-50 years old. During construction of renovations, unforeseen issues arise and having to do a budget amendment would cause an estimated two month delay in the project's schedule. This could potentially add to the increase in cost as well as impact the community's ability to utilize our facilities.

5. *Relating to the "Jaws" Peahi Parcel:*

- a. *What has the Administration done to address security access improvements on this parcel since being acquired by the County in 2016? Is there an easement on the property that addresses this? (MM)*

Monies were appropriated and encumbered in FY 2018 for the installation of signs and gates. The Department of Public Works (DPW) will be doing the installation of both gates and signs. Completion of this work is contingent on the organization, Malama Hamakua Maui (MHM), presenting a management plan to the County of Maui.

MHM did submit a draft of their plan to the DPW for review and comments. The plan was also forwarded to Risk Management for comments. Risk Management, after their review, had some questions and concerns which were forwarded to MHM for their review and response. To date, MHM has not submitted an updated management plan.

- b. Does the \$50,000 FY 2019 grant to Malama Hamakua Maui address maintenance concerns at this location? (YS)*

The \$50,000 grant for MHM is to provide management and maintenance of the parcel. To date, MHM has not submitted a completed grant application to the Department so the funds can be encumbered.

- c. A 2016 Charter Amendment allows for the use of the Open Space Fund for safety and security improvements on lands the County acquired through this fund. If no security improvements have yet been made, can the Open Space Fund address security access improvements at this location? (YS)*

Funds has been encumbered for the installation of signs and security gates. However, the actual installation of gates and signs has not been completed. Installation is pending MHM's submittal of a final management plan.

- 6. Relating to CBS-3209 Central Maui Regional Sports Complex Maintenance Operations and Storage Buildings (page 769, Program Budget):*

- a. Please provide a map of where the storage building will be located. (TP)*

Please see attached Exhibit #1.

- b. What is included in the County's maintenance agreement with the State for the park? (TP)*

The County is responsible for all maintenance and operations at the park while the State completes an Executive Order to transfer the park to the County.

7. *Relating to CBS-1214 Central Maui Regional Park (page 766, Program Budget):*

- a. *What is the master plan to address population growth for this area, i.e., critical core infrastructure? (TP)*

The master plan will take into account projected population growth in the area. It will also address the need for additional infrastructure.

- b. *What will the \$500,000 funding for "Other" cover? (SS)*

The funds requested in FY 2020 are for master planning of the "park" site.

- c. *Please provide a map and more detailed project description. (SS)*

Please see attached Exhibits #2 and #3. A more detailed project description will be completed through the master planning process. The Department will be starting that process with the broad general description "Development of the 209-acre property into a regional park in Central Maui."

8. *Relating to CBS-1143 Kepaniwai Heritage Gardens Improvements (page 762, Program Budget):*

- a. *Please provide a status update on the following FY 2019 grants: 1) Grant to Lo'iloa for the repair and construction of the Hawaiian hale, and 2) Grant to Bahay Kubo Heritage Foundation for repair and construction to the Filipino hut. (KRF)*

1) The Department received a letter dated January 16, 2019 from the President of Lo'iloa stating that they have decided to decline the \$150,000 grant award due to their organization not being able to meet the grant application requirement of providing a copy of their audit. They are requesting that the funds be re-appropriated as a Parks Department CIP project line item.

2) The Department is awaiting the receipt of Bahay Kubo Heritage Foundation's grant application.

- b. What is the status of the partnership which was agreed upon in FY 2019 when these grants were approved? (KK)*

When the grant funds were approved, the Department started working with the organizations to ensure a successful partnership and execution of grant agreements.

- 9. Relating to CBS-1209 War Memorial Complex Paving Improvements (page 764, Program Budget):*

- a. What is the timing and coordination of the project considering the different users of the parking lot? (TP)*

The different users of the parking lot will be notified in a timely manner of the schedule for reconstruction of the parking lot. Discussions with some of the users have already begun.

- b. How does this coordination tie in to the development of the Wailuku Civic Complex? (TP)*

The Department is in discussions with the Managing Director's office in this regard and will work together to ensure that both projects provide the necessary accommodations for the community.

- c. Are the different users being assessed fees to utilize the lot? (TK)*

Yes, fees are assessed to users of the parking lot.

- 10. Relating to CBS-4583 Kanaha Beach Park Master Plan Implementation (page 771, Program Budget):*

- a. What will the \$250,000 funding for "Other" cover? (SS)*

The funds requested in FY 2020 are for an environmental assessment and cultural impact assessment.

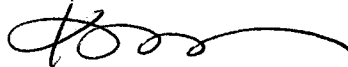
- b. Has the Department addressed sea level rise concerns in the project plans? (SS/KK)*

The environmental assessment will address sea level rise as well as any cultural concerns identified in the cultural impact assessment.

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at Ext. 7385.

Sincerely,



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CENTRAL MAUI REGIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX



EXHIBIT #2

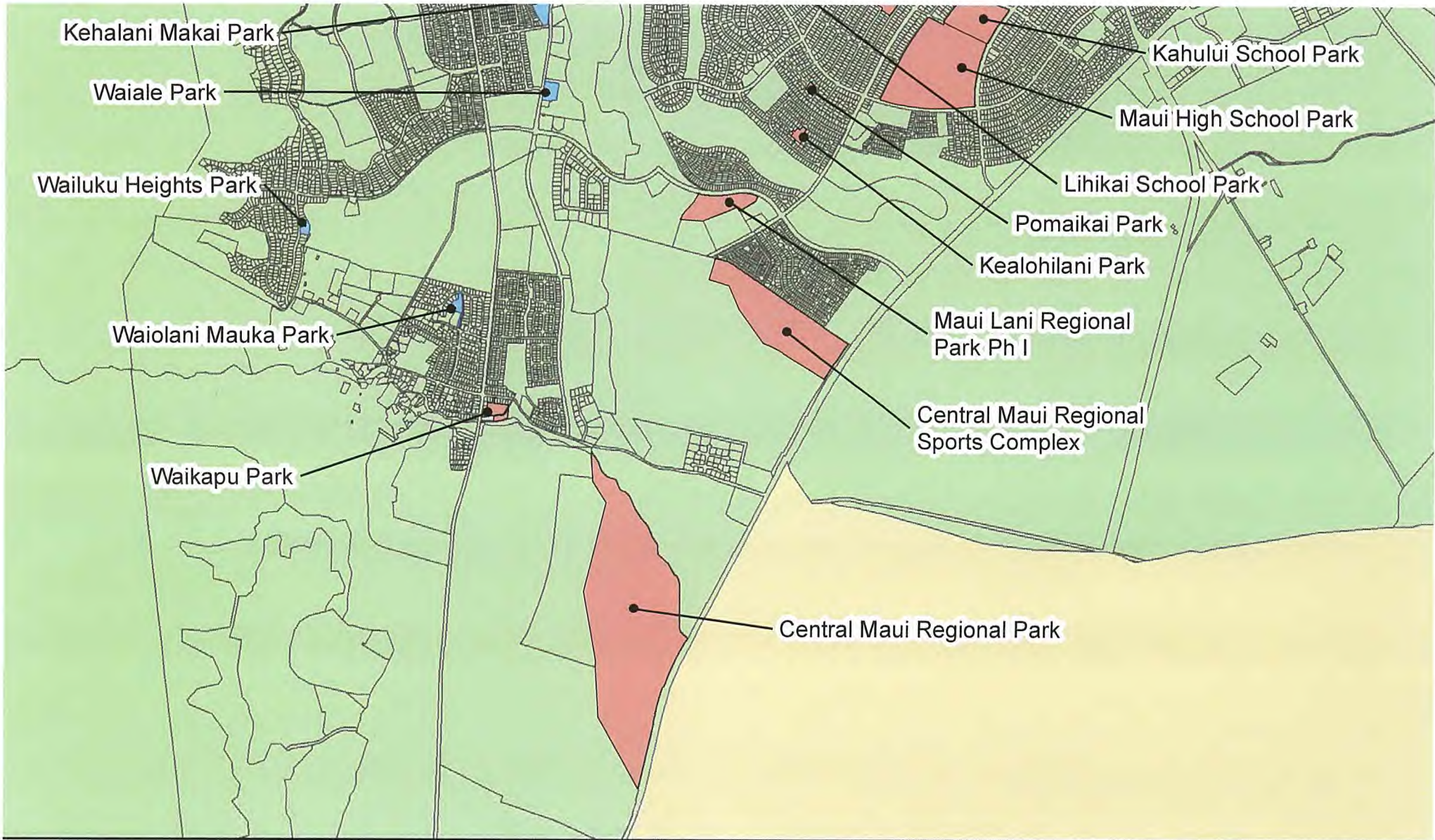


EXHIBIT #3