

Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee on 2022-11-16 1:30 PM

Meeting Time: 11-16-22 13:30

eComments Report

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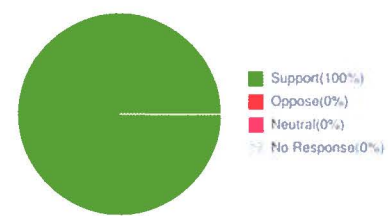
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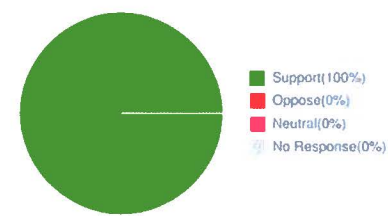
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Location:
Submitted At: 10:48am 11-15-22

The attached is in support. Thank you.



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November 14, 2022

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

Dear Chair Rawlins-Fernandez:

Subject: Letter of Support for the County of Maui Department of Transportation's Baseyard Facility (BFED-122)

The State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) is writing to express full support for The County of Maui Department of Transportation's (MDOT's) efforts to obtain its own baseyard facility for the Maui Bus.

In 2017 the mayors of all four Hawaii counties pledged to transform Hawaii's ground transportation to 100 percent renewable fuel sources by ensuring that all public and private ground transportation is fueled by renewable energy by 2045. Towards achieving this goal, HDOT and MDOT have been working with the Center for Transportation and the Environment on the Hawaii Zero-Emission Bus Pilot Program, which includes deployment of MDOT's first four (4) zero-emission buses, route analysis, and development of a zero-emission fleet transition plan.

The most common technology employed by transit agencies (worldwide) for transition to zero-emission fleets is battery electric buses (BEBs), which require development of a sophisticated charging schedule to operate and ensure the buses can complete their routes without running out of energy. The cost of energy is also a key factor, and in general, BEBs will need to be charged overnight to achieve parity with the fuel cost of operating diesel buses. The new Maui Bus Transit Hub (under construction) at the Kahului Civic Center will accommodate up to four (4) BEBs for overnight charging, however, it is our understanding that there is no County-owned facility or land upon which additional charging infrastructure can be constructed.

MDOT is a recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 funding, which provides funding for buses, related equipment, and construction of bus-related facilities. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed in 2021 significantly increased the amount of funding available for Section 5339 projects throughout Federal Fiscal Years 2022 through 2026. To access this funding, recipients must demonstrate and retain "satisfactory continuing control" over

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the property on which Federally assisted construction takes place and where Federally funded assets are located, as required by FTA Circular 5010.1E.

HDOT is supportive of MDOT's efforts to obtain its own baseyard facility since it will greatly assist The County of Maui in accessing Federal assistance and preparing for the transition of the Maui Bus fleet towards renewable fuel sources.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jade T. Butay", with a stylized flourish at the end.

JADE T. BUTAY
Director of Transportation