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April 12, 2022

Mr. Marc Takamori, Director
Department of Transportation
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Takamori:

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2023 BUDGET (TD-1) (BFED-1)

May I please request you be prepared to answer the following questions at the BFED Committee meeting held via BlueJeans on **April 13, 2022**.^{*} This will enable the Committee to comprehensively review the FY 2023 Budget. Please also submit your answers to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by the end of the day on **April 13, 2022**. **Date subject to change without notice.*

Overall

1. Can you identify planned or pending CIPs that your Department would be able to initiate in phases or defer? Does your Department have any CIPs that are "shovel ready?" Which CIPs would require upfront funding? (AL)
2. Does the Department have designated grant writers? If so, how many? What amount of Federal and State grant funds did your Department receive in FY 2022 and how were they used? Does your Department anticipate receiving grant funds from either, or both, of these entities in FY 2023? If so, please explain the purpose of the funds. Are matching funds required for the release of the funds? (AL)
3. What is prompting the dramatic rise in the overall requested budgetary amounts for this Department in FY 2023? (Page 611, Program Budget) (KTK)

4. The FY 2023 Budget includes a \$10,500,000 increase in transportation program grant funding. Please provide the following information: (Page 620, Program Budget)
 - a. Why does the Department expect this significant increase? (TK)
 - b. Are these formula grants or competitive grants? (TK)
 - c. How much of this expansion request is American Rescue Plan Act Funds? (Page 19-22, Budget Details, Sub-Object Code 6221) (MM)
5. Please provide greater detail on the Department's plan to expend these grant funds? (Page 19-22, Budget Details, Sub-Object Code 6221) (KRF)
6. Please rank the three new bus transportation requests in order of the Department's highest priority. (Page 19-24, Budget Details, Sub-Object Code 7045) (MM)
7. CBS-1039, includes \$600,000 in funding for FY 2023. Does the Department have the capacity to ramp up the bus stops and shelters capital improvement program from the \$186,800 expended or encumbered in prior years to the \$600,000 appropriated for FY 2022 through FY 2028? (Page 840, Program Budget) (TK)
8. Did the Department utilize Federal consulting services to acquire Federal grants in FY 2023? Has the Department used Federal consulting services in the past and how effective were those services in receiving funds? (Page 620, Program Budget) (SS)
9. In addition to hotel association leaders and employer groups, are there any other specific groups or organizations the Department consults to determine transit needs and priorities to facilitate changes to the Commuter Program? (Page 608, Program Budget) (KRF)

Salaries and Wages (Category "A")

1. How many vacant positions currently exist in the Department? (KTK) (AL)
 - a. Please list the job titles of all vacant positions. (AL)
 - b. Please describe any difficulties filling these positions. (AL)

- c. What is the Department's plan to attract and retain high quality candidates for the vacant positions? (KTK)
 - d. Please describe any creative recruitment methods used and how effective have they been in filling vacancies. (AL)
2. Regarding the Departments proposed three expansion positions: (Page 19-3, Budget Details, Index Code 917706A, Sub-Object Code 5101; Page 616 of the Program Budget)
 - a. What circumstances necessitate the proposed positions? (KTK)
 - b. Please provide position description, minimum qualifications and justification for the three expansion positions being proposed. (TP)
 - c. Please rank the three new positions requested in order of the Department's highest priority. (MM)
 - d. Do you have qualified people in mind ready to start work on July 1, 2023? If not, why is 12 months of funding being requested? (TP) (TK)
 - e. What will you do to attract and retain high quality candidates for those positions? (KTK)
 - f. Are the currently proposed positions sufficient to meet the anticipated needs and increased workload of the Department? (KRF)
3. While considering the Department's workforce needs, were there any additional positions in consideration for your budget request, and if so what were the titles of those positions, their job descriptions, and potential cost? (Page 19-3, Budget Details, Index Codes 917706A) (KRF)
4. Do we need to approve the MPO Executive Director salary before passing this budget? (Page 19-19, Budget Details) (TP)

Operations and Equipment (Categories "B" and "C")

1. Is the expansion request of \$1,000,000 for Transportation Services to implement the results of the Comprehensive Operational Analysis? (Page 632, Program Budget, Index Code 917760B, Sub-Object Code 6160) (TP)

2. If the two replacement buses for Molokai are approved, what is the Department's goal for when they will be operational? (Page 19-6, Budget Details, Index Code 9177378) (MM)
3. The FY 2023 Budget includes \$6,574,758 for a 3 percent increase for the Human Services Transportation grant for staff salaries based on the MEO and Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement, increases in insurance premiums, and other operations expenses. Please provide the following information: (Page 19-8, Budget Details, Index Code 9177458, Sub-Object Code 6317)
 - a. Please explain what caused insurance premiums and other operational expenses to increase for the county grant subsidy? (MM)
 - b. Please provide more detail on the "other operational expenses" covered or anticipated as a part of this request? (KRF)
4. Regarding the PARK Maui Program:
 - a. Where will the new \$3,754,945 PARK Maui Program be established? Please include a description on why the program is necessary. (Page 19-10, Budget Details, Index Code 9177488, Sub-Object Code 6112) (MM)
 - b. Key Activity Goal 2.1 estimates \$3,000,000 in total revenues collected for the parking program. Please explain how the Department arrived at this estimate. The other costs for the program are expected to be \$3,754,945 suggesting that the program will cost \$754,945 more than anticipated revenues in FY 2023. Are those other costs one-time expenditures? (Pages 628-630, Program Budget, Index Code 917748B, Sub-Object Code 6112) (TK)
 - c. What are the minimum and desirable qualifications and attributes the Department is looking for in a PARK MAUI contractor? (Page 19-10, Budget Details, Index Code 917748B, Sub-Object Code 6112) (KRF)
 - d. What metrics will the Department use to determine the success of the PARK MAUI initiative? (Page 19-10, Budget Details, Index Code 917748B , Sub-Object Code 6112) (KRF)

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- e. Please verify that the Transportation Parking Coordinator and Transportation Contracts positions are not related to the PARK Maui project. (Page 629, Program Budget) (TP)
 - f. Is there continued oversight or monitoring of the PARK Maui contract coming from the Department of Management or is the Transportation Department taking the project over completely? (Pages 629-630, Program Budget) (TP)
5. The FY 2023 Budget includes \$65,000 for the purchase of a new diesel 3/4-ton crew cab truck w/utility body and lift gate for the Public Transit Program. Please provide the following information: (Page 19-15, Budget Details, Index Code 917729C, Sub-Object Code 7040)
- a. What is the need for this vehicle? (TP) (MM)
 - b. What is the estimated use life of this vehicle? (MM)
 - c. Could the Department borrow a similar truck from another department? (MM)
6. The Department deleted \$135,000 for a one-time appropriation for an ADA replacement bus for MEO. Was this bus purchased or are funds for this replacement bus included in the FY 2023 expansion request? If the bus was not purchased, please explain the deletion of the funds. (Page 19-6, Budget Details, Index Code 917737B, Sub-Object Code 6317) (KRF)

Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Lesley Milner at ext. 7886, Jerry Paredes at ext. 7140, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Sincerely,



KEANI N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, Chair
Budget, Finance, and Economic
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cc: Mayor Michael P. Victorino
Budget Director

BFED Committee

From: BFED Committee
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 2:04 PM
To: Marc.Takamori@co.maui.hi.us
Cc: BFED Committee; 'Michelle Santos'; 'Zeke Kalua'; michele.yoshimura@co.maui.hi.us
Subject: (TD-1) PLEASE READ attached letter re: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2023 BUDGET (BFED 1) (TD-1)
Attachments: (TD-1) 220409atd01 signed.pdf

Mr. Takamori: Please refer to the attached letter from the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development (BFED) Committee Chair, dated April 12, 2022.

Mayor's Office (attention: Michelle Santos and Zeke Kalua): Please forward the attached letter to Mayor Victorino.

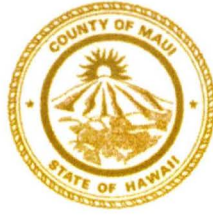
Ms. Yoshimura: FYI

Thank you,
Yvette Bouthillier, Secretary
BFED Committee

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April 14, 2022

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Honorable Michael P. Victorino
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For Transmittal to:

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

Dear Chair Rawlins-Fernandez:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year ("FY") 2023 Budget (TD-1) (BFED-1)

The Department of Transportation (DOT) hereby transmit the following response to your letter dated April 12, 2021 regarding Fiscal Year ("FY") 2023 Budget:

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

Michael P. Viti *4/14/22*
Mayor **Date**

Overall:

Question 1: Can you identify planned or pending CIPs that your Department would be able to initiate in phases or defer? Does your Department have any CIPs that are “shovel ready?” Which CIPs would require upfront funding? (AL)

Response: Our Bus Stops and Shelters CIP (CBS No: CBS-1039) is currently done in phases. Deferring the project will set us back by a few years. The proposed Transportation Baseyard (CBS No: CBS-7244) requires upfront funding for land acquisition and planning/design to leverage federal funds for construction.

Question 2: Does the Department have designated grant writers? If so, how many? What amount of Federal and State grant funds did your Department receive in FY2022 and how were they used? Does your Department anticipate receiving grant funds from either, or both, of these entities in FY 2023? If so, please explain the purpose of the funds. Are matching funds required for the release of the funds? (AL)

Response: The department does not have designated grant writers. We have one staff member that performs that task along with other duties. The department received \$2,545,910 for the purchase of hybrid electric range buses; \$361,000 for the purchase of ADA side and rear entry minivans, and \$1,700,000 for the purchase of Zero Emissions Bus (ZEB) buses, all of which requires a County match. We also received \$6,841,645 in CRRSAA funds which were used to supplement the FY 2022 Maui Bus Fixed Route, ADA Paratransit, and Commuter contracts, along with supplementing farebox revenues. We will be receiving ARPA funds in FY 2023, and we applied for FTA Bus and Bus Facilities and FTA Low or No Emissions Vehicle Program funds in FY 2023 as well. Matching funds are required for the Bus and Bus Facilities and Low or No Emissions Vehicle Program grants.

Question 3: What is prompting the dramatic rise in the overall requested budgetary amounts for this Department in FY 2023? (Page 611, Program Budget) (KTK)

Response: Operational expenditures includes grant revenue. The dramatic rise in the overall requested budgetary amounts is due to grant revenue allocations for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds.

Question 4: The FY 2023 Budget includes a \$10,500,000 increase in transportation program grant funding. Please provide the following information: (Page 620, Program Budget)

a. Why does the Department expect this significant increase? (TK)

Response: The increase is due to grant allocations for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds.

b. Are these formula grants or competitive grants? (TK)

Response: The ARPA Funds is a one-time allotment.

c. How much of this expansion request is American Rescue Plan Act Funds? (Page 19-22, Budget Details, Sub-Object Code 6221) (MM)

Response: The \$10,500,000 increase is what is allocated in grant revenue for the ARPA Funds.

Question 5: Please provide greater detail on the Department's plan to expend these grant funds? (Page 19-22, Budget Details, Sub-Object Code 6221) (KRF)

Response: The ARPA Funds will be supplementing the FY 2023 Maui Bus Fixed Route, ADA Paratransit and Commuter contracts and farebox revenue.

Question 6: Please rank the three new bus transportation requests in order of the Department's highest priority. (Page 19-24, Budget Details, Sub-Object Code 7045) (MM)

Response: The equipment detail request on page 19-24 are grant revenue funds to access Federal Transit Administration funds for bus and bus related equipment.

Question 7: CBS-1039, includes \$600,000 in funding for FY2023. Does the Department have the capacity to ramp up the bus stops and shelters capital improvement program from the \$186,800 expended or encumbered in prior years to the \$600,000 appropriated for FY 2022 through FY2028? (Page 840, Program Budget) (TK)

Response: The Department requests annual funding for the bus stop and shelter project to continue to improve stops making it more accessible and user-friendly to the transit ridership.

Question 8: **Did the Department utilize Federal consulting services to acquire Federal grants FY 2023? Has the Department used Federal consulting services in the past and how effective were those services in receiving funds? (Page 620, Program Budget) (SS)**

Response: The Department does not utilize a Federal consulting service. The Department works with a Washington DC liaison who keeps the Department abreast of federal transportation rules, legislations, and available funding opportunities. Not only was the liaison able to assist the Department in getting federal funded buses, the liaison was also instrumental in assisting the Department in getting the Maui MPO established.

Question 9: **In addition to hotel association leaders and employer groups, are there any other specific groups or organizations the Department consults to determine transit needs and priorities to facilitate changes to the Commuter Program? (Page 608, Program Budget) (KRF)**

Response: Through our recent comprehensive operational analysis route study, our consultants, along with the Department, provided outreach with the commuter ridership which included an on-board survey, public virtual meeting, and in-person pop-up events.

Question 10: **During the Department's budget discussions, there were questions relating to the Transportation Baseyard CIP Project (Page 842, Program Budget, CBS No: CBS-7244)**

Response: The Department is requesting \$16 million to acquire land and fund initial planning, design, and construction management for a County bus maintenance baseyard facility. The second phase of the project would be to seek U.S. Department of Transportation discretionary funding for the construction of the facility. Some of the key benefits of having our own County facility is that it would allow the Department to plan for and install electric charging infrastructure, and create a greater opportunity to obtain a more diversified fleet. Also, if the County owns the facility, it would allow for more open competition when going out to bid for future public transportation contracts which should bring down the cost. Under

our current contracts, the contractors either lease or own their own baseyard. In order to access federal funding for infrastructure such as charging stations, the County must own the land that the assets are located. Funding would not be available to improve facilities that are not under the County's ownership, which is our current situation. Over the course of the next four years, there will be at least \$3.5 billion per year in federal transportation discretionary funds available from U.S. DOT programs such as RAISE Grants (\$1.5 billion/year); MEGA Grants (\$1 billion/year); Bus and Bus Facilities Grants (\$1.5 billion/year). Providing local funding would assure that the opportunity to pursue federal discretionary funds that have been provided through the landmark \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, enacted by the Congress last November.

The Department is planning to acquire a minimum of 10 acres of centrally located land. The maintenance baseyard facility could eventually serve as a possible transfer station and park and ride for both fixed route and commuter riders. The site would need to be close to major collector roads for easy access to public transit routes.

The State of Hawaii Department of Transportation submitted a letter of support for the County of Maui Department of Transportation's effort to obtain its own maintenance facility for the Maui Bus. Please see Attachment "A".

Salaries and Wages (Category "A")

Question 1: How many vacant positions currently exist in the Department? (KTK) (AL)

a. Please list the job titles of all vacant positions. (AL)

Response: Transportation Parking Coordinator, Transportation Contracts Specialist, Transportation Planner, LTA Transportation System Analyst

b. Please describe any difficulties filling these positions. (AL)

Response: The Transportation Parking Coordinator, Transportation Contracts Specialist, and Transportation Planner positions were approved as a budget amendment in FY22. They are currently unfunded. The Department is working with DPS on those three positions. Once funding is available in FY23,

those positions can go through recruitment. The Transportation System Analyst position is a limited term appointment position.

- c. **What is the Department's plan to attract and retain high quality candidates for the vacant positions? (KTK)**

Response: Once the three new positions are ready for recruitment, the Department will be working with DPS to fill those positions.

- d. **Please describe any creative recruitment methods used and how effective have they been in filling vacancies. (AL)**

Response: The department works with DPS and has been successful in filling all past vacancies.

Question 2: Regarding the Departments proposed three expansion positions: (age 19-3, Budget Details, Index Code 917706A, Sub Object Code 5101; Page 616 of the Program Budget)

- a. **What circumstances necessitate the proposed positions? (KTK)**

Response: The three expansion positions were approved via a budget amendment in FY22. Those three positions are currently unfunded. Funding is being requested for FY23. The three positions will support the Park Maui Program.

- b. **Please provide position description, minimum qualifications and justification for the three expansion positions being proposed. (TP)**

Response: The three positions are the Transportation Parking Coordinator, Transportation Contracts Specialist and Transportation Planner. The position descriptions and minimum qualifications are being reviewed with DPS. The three positions will support the new Park Maui Program.

- c. **Please rank the three new positions requested in order of the Department's highest priority. (MM)**

Response: The three expansion positions were approved via a budget amendment in FY22. Those three positions are currently unfunded. Funding

is being requested for FY23. All three positions are necessary to support the Park Maui Program. If the positions are not funded, the department would not have the capacity to support the Park Maui Program.

- d. Do you have qualified people in mind ready to start work on July 1, 2023? If not, why is 12 months of funding being requested? (TP) (TK)**

Response: The Department was approved the three new positions via a budget amendment in the month of February in FY22. Those positions were unfunded so that the Department could work with DPS on the position descriptions and minimum qualifications so the positions would be ready for recruitment in FY23. Based on the current timeline, the Department is expected to only need nine months' worth of funding for the three positions in FY23.

- e. What will you do to attract and retain high quality candidates for those positions? (KTK)**

Response: As the three new positions will be supporting the Park Maui Program, the Department is working closely with the Park Maui consultant who understands the demands of those jobs.

- f. Are the currently proposed positions sufficient to meet the anticipated needs and increased workload of the Department? (KRF)**

Response: The Department appreciates the continued support of the Council. These positions will help the Department with getting the Park Maui Program setup. As the program evolves, there may be a need for additional EPs in the future.

Question 3: While considering the Department's workforce needs, were there any additional positions in consideration for your budget request, and if so what were the titles of those positions, their job descriptions, and potential cost? (Page 19-3, Budget Details, Index Codes 917706A) (KRF)

Response: Regarding the Department's FY23 budget request for additional positions, there were not any additional positions being considered. The funding request was for the three EPs recently approved in the FY22 budget amendment.

Question 4: Do we need to approve the MPO Executive Director salary before passing this budget? (Page 19-19, Budget Details) (TP)

Response: Regarding the MPO Executive Director salary, there is no need to approve the salary before approving the budget. The Executive Director is paid through County, State and Federal Funds. The Department updates the MPO salary details with their current salary at the time of the budget process.

Operational and Equipment (Categories "B" and "C")

Question 1: Is the expansion request of \$1,000,000 for Transportation Services to implement the results of the Comprehensive Operational Analysis? (Page 632, Program Budget, Index Code 917760B, Sub-Object Code 6160) (TP)

Response: Yes, the \$1,000,000 expansion request is due to the recent Comprehensive Operational Analysis route study near term recommendations. That would include a new Airport route thereby alleviating the Upcountry Islander and Haiku Islander routes from the airport which has had on-time performance issues. It would also allow for later hours of services on select routes.

Question 2: If the two replacement buses for Molokai are approved, what is the Department's goal for when they will be operational? (Page 19-6, Budget Details, Index Code 9177378) (MM)

Response: It takes about a year and a half for the bus order to be completed, and then placed into service.

Question 3: The FY 2023 Budget includes \$6,574,758 for a 3 percent increase for the Human Services Transportation grant for staff salaries based on the MEO and Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement, increases in insurance premiums, and other operations expenses. Please provide the following information: (Page 19-8, Budget Details, Index Code 9177458, Sub-Object Code 6317)

- a. **Please explain what caused insurance premiums and other operational expenses to increase for the county grant subsidy? (MM)**

Response:

- Insurance
 - Actual insurance increased by 17% due to industry trends – including auto insurance, workers compensation, medical and general liability.
- Operational Increases include:
 - Fuel cost increases:
 - AAA average gas price for Kahului
 - 2021 - \$3.77/gal
 - 2022 - \$5.33/gal
 - AAA average diesel price for Kahului
 - 2021 - \$4.19/gal
 - 2022 - \$5.77/gal
 - New Security Surveillance System – installed due to recent thefts

b. Please provide more detail on the “other operational expenses” covered or anticipated as a part of this request? (KRF)

Response: Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement - The expectation is that human services drivers will receive a 3% salary increase for the period of July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023. If they do not receive the increase the union may reopen negotiations.

Question 4: Regarding the PARK Maui Program:

a. Where will the new \$3,754,945 PARK Maui Program be established? Please include a description on why the program is necessary. (Page 19-10, Budget Details, Index Code 9177488, Sub-Object Code 6112) (MM)

Response: The primary goal of the PARK MAUI program is to ensure access to resources and locations for locals by mitigating and managing the congestion impacts of tourism. During FY23 several high demand parking areas will become managed under the PARK MAUI program including multiple South Maui parks, Lahaina Town, Wailuku Town and Paia Municipal Parking lots. Depending on the contract costs for operations, equipment and permitting additional lots may be brought in. Several locations have been requested by Departments to assist with property management challenges. These include the Makawao Municipal Parking Lot, D.T. Fleming, Hanakao’o, and Honokowai. The West Maui locations will require more community outreach

and partnerships than some of the more straight forward locations. The incorporation of facilities is expected to be limited by staffing capacity and permitting within the SMA areas. The \$3.75 Million in contract funding is expected to fund the operations, permitting, citations, online app and website, and public information/communication programs. Outreach regarding PARK MAUI including communication with rental car companies, travel industry authorities, activity providers and lodging destinations will ensure these key partners are equipped to communicate with visitors to achieve maximum compliance.

- b. **Key Activity Goal 2.1 estimates \$3,000,000 in total revenues collected for the parking program. Please explain how the Department arrived at this estimate. The other costs for the program are expected to be \$3,754,945 suggesting that the program will cost \$754,945 more than anticipated revenues in FY2023. Are those other costs on-time expenditures? (Page 628-630, Program Budget, Index Code 917748B, Sub-Object Code 6112) (TK)**

Response: Dixon Resources Unlimited has assisted staff with developing revenue projections models for the parking areas being considered for the program. At this time the assumptions built into the revenue model are conservative – with three factors being considered: 1) occupancy rate, 2) compliance rate, 3) parking fee. Following the work to bring partner contractors onboard staff will begin the community outreach process and some pilot testing. Next, staff will recommend rates to the County Council in the form of a budget amendment to achieve ideal occupancy and compliance rates. The goal will be to cover the cost of operations at a minimum. However, the first year will require some capital outlay likely prompting expenses to exceed revenues. In the following years capital costs in parking facilities that are up and running will be minimal, with surplus revenue anticipated.

- c. **What are the minimum and desirable qualifications and attributes the Department is looking for in a PARK MAUI contractor? (Page 19-10, Budget Details, Index Code 917748B, Sub-Object Code 6112) (KRF)**

Response: Dixon Resources Unlimited is currently working on the Parking Operator RFP which will clearly spell out the qualifications and attributes preferred for this work.

- d. **What metrics will the Department use to determine the success of the PARK MAUI initiative? (Page 19-10, Budget Details, Index Code 917748B, Sub-Object Code 6112) (KRF)**

Response: Since the goals of the program are to ensure access for local residents and employees the two primary metrics will be occupancy rates and compliance rates. We also anticipate setting location-based metrics for the different facilities. As an example, in the congested small towns we may want to set a metric for the number of employee permits issued to protect access to our workforce. For the beach parks it will be important to track the percentages of residents and non-residents accessing the lots. The goal would be equilibrium of use, ensuring County residents have access to facilities when desired. The balance point is expected to vary by facility and will require ongoing tracking and possibly non-resident rate adjustments to ensure resident access.

- e. **Please verify that the Transportation Parking Coordinator and Transportation Contracts positions are not related to the PARK Maui project. (Page 629, Program Budget) (TP)**

Response: The parking coordinator and the contracts position are related to PARK MAUI. These positions are expected to have other DOT duties in their workload, but a significant portion of their work will be related to parking.

- f. **Is there continued oversight or monitoring of the PARK Maui contract coming from the Department of Management or is the Transportation Department taking the project over completely? (Page 629-630, Program Budget) (TP)**

Response: The Department of Management will remain involved until the program is fully staffed within DOT and as long as needed to build out the legal framework, develop community outreach templates and get all of the vendors contracted and operational.

Question 5: The FY 2023 Budget includes \$65,000 for the purchase of a new diesel 3/4 -ton crew cab truck w/ utility body and lift gate for the Public Transit Program. Please provided the following information: (Page 19-15, Budget Detail, Index Code 917729C, Sub-Object Code 7040)

- a. **What is the need for this vehicle? (TP) (MM)**

Response: The department currently does not have a vehicle to perform work out in the field. Bus stops and shelters are located in various areas of the island including Upcountry, Haiku, Paia, Kahului, Wailuku, and South and West Maui. Department employees must use their own vehicles to perform bus stop maintenance, inspections, and repairs. This proves difficult at times when equipment such as ladders and tools must be hauled to the various bus stops using personal vehicles not intended for that purpose.

b. What is the estimated use life of this vehicle? (MM)

Response: 10 years

c. Could the Department borrow a similar truck from another department? (MM)

Response: No, the vehicle will be used between 7:45 am to 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday, as well as in the event of emergencies or call outs during weekends. The vehicle would also be holding necessary department tools for the bus stop shelters including items for the CAD/AVL system in the transit buses.

Question 6: The Department deleted \$135,000 for a one-time appropriation for an ADA replacement bus for MEO. Was the bus purchased or are funds for this replacement bus included in the FY 2023 expansion request? If the bus was not purchased, please explain the deletion of the funds. (Page 19-6, Budget Details, Index Code 917737B, Sub-Object Code 6317) (KRF)

Response: Because the bus was purchased, the one-time appropriation was removed.

Sincerely,

**Marc
Takamori**

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Marc I. Takamori
Director, Department of Transportation

Attachment

ATTACHMENT "A"

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The Honorable Michael P. Victorino
Mayor
County of Maui
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Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mayor Victorino:

Subject: Letter of Support for the County of Maui Department of Transportation's Maintenance Facility

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 maintenance 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

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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 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 maintenance 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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

JADE T. BUTAY
Director of Transportation

BFED Committee

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Please see attached response from the Department of Transportation.

Mahalo,
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