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September 8, 2020

Mr. Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, Director  
Department of Public Works  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Dagdag-Andaya:

**SUBJECT: LAHAINA FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT (WIT-79)**

May I please request you respond to the following regarding the Lahaina Flood Control Project:

1. Please provide background information on the project, including its purpose, the completion date of the Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS"), the completion date of the original design by the Natural Resources Conservation Service ("NRCS"), and the date the NRCS funding ceased.
2. Please provide the current status of the project, addressing the following:
  - Will the Department contract for the design work?
  - Will the NRCS fund an updated National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") EIS or feasibility study? If so, will the study include the following:
    - Reevaluation of the proposed channel alignment.
    - An update of changes since 2004, including land use changes, Lahaina Bypass Highway alterations of flow, Commission on Water Resource Management mandated stream flow, and environmental and site condition changes.

3. Please provide a tentative project schedule and any identified milestones. Please address the following:
  - Will NRCS apply for funding for the design work only after the revised EIS or feasibility study is complete?
  - Will NRCS apply for construction funding after the design work is complete or at another point in the process?
  - Will the Department begin land-acquisition activities after this construction funding is secured or at another point in the process?
4. Has the updated NEPA EIS work been contracted for yet? If so, is the contract with the same consultant who did the original EIS for this project?
5. Who is responsible for overseeing the proposed timeline for the project?
6. When will the proposed alignment be finalized?
7. Is funding guaranteed or likely throughout the construction process?
8. What priority is this project in Hawaii or the nation for funding?
9. What are the estimated costs to the County of Maui for this project, what do these costs include, and what are the tentative dates that funding would be needed?

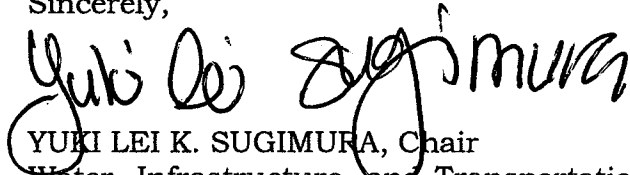
May I also request that you plan to provide at least semiannual updates to the Council standing committee with jurisdiction over this matter. Please also provide contact information for an NCRS representative who could speak on their involvement in this project.

May I request your written response no later than **September 25, 2020**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

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If you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Laksmi Abraham at ext. 7659, Lesley Milner at ext. 7886, or Rayna Yap at ext. 8007).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yuki Lei K. Sugimura". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair  
Water, Infrastructure, and Transportation  
Committee

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cc: Mayor Michael P. Victorino