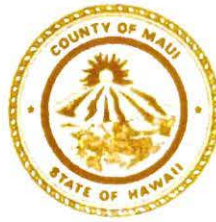


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**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL**

  
**Acting Mayor** **Date**

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Tamara Paltin, Chair  
and Members of the Disaster Recovery, Internal Affairs and Planning Committee  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

Dear Chair Paltin and Members:

**SUBJECT: SOUTH MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE PROCESS (DRIP-9(3))**

Thank you for inviting the Maui County Planning Department to Participate in the Council's Disaster Recovery, International Affairs, and Planning Committee's discussion on July 3, 2025. Regarding the answers to the communication dated July 7, 2025:

- 1. Upon receipt of a proposed bill to update the South Maui Community Plan approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, when does the Department anticipate transmitting the bill to the Council?***

Within two weeks of receipt of the proposed bill to update the South Maui Community Plan approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, the Maui County Planning Department (Department) anticipates transmitting the bill to Council. This will give Department staff time to prepare a matrix of Corporation Counsel proposed changes.

***2. Please provide a list of the Department's top five locations in the South Maui Community Plan Area for possible site inspections by the Committee. Please consider community importance, novelty use, and historical or cultural importance when developing the list?***

The following is a list of the Department's recommended locations for possible site inspections. The list is broken down into two subcategories: Challenges and opportunities, and large areas identified for growth.

**i. Challenges and opportunities**

1. Kūlanihāko'i Gulch, a county-funded sediment removal project, is an opportunity to observe flood mitigation in action. Flooding is one of the top challenges in South Maui.
2. The North-South Collector Road, at the intersection of Liloa Drive and East Waipu'ilani Road, is an excellent vantage point to observe the contrast between the developed and undeveloped portions of the North-South Collector Road. The North-South Collector Road is the number one priority for implementation, as identified by the South Maui CPAC.
3. Līpoa Mauka (formerly known as Maui Research and Technology Park) offers an opportunity to see a planned development in the process of being developed. The rooftop deck of the Kīhei Charter School in Līpoa Mauka also provides a vantage point for viewing the Kīhei Mauka area, a large area designated for growth.

**ii. Large areas identified for growth**

1. Kīhei Mauka encompasses approximately 670 acres designated for growth in the North Kīhei and South Kīhei subareas. The draft plan designations are based on project proponents proposed map and include Neighborhood Center (NC), Residential (RES), Employment Center (EC), Open Space (OS), and Park (PK) designations.
2. Honua'ula includes approximately 670 acres designated for growth in the Wailea subarea. The draft plan designations align with the map accepted by the Maui Planning Commission for the proposed development and include Neighborhood Center (NC), Residential (RES), Open Space (OS), Park (PK) and Public/Quasi Public (P/QP) designations.
3. Mākena Mauka encompasses approximately 1,040 acres designated for development in the Mākena subarea, including Small Town Center (STC), Residential (RES), Open Space (OS), Park (PK), Public/Quasi Public (P/QP), and Rural Residential (RR) designations.
4. Wailea Golf Course includes approximately 225 acres designated for development in the Wailea and Mākena subareas. The draft plan designations are based on the project proponents' proposed map and include

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the following designations: Neighborhood Center (NC), Residential (RES),  
Resort/Hotel (R/H), Open Space (OS), Park (PK), and Public/Quasi-Public  
(P/QP).

Please let us know if you have any questions or require additional clarification. Mahalo for your  
time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kate L. K. Blystone', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

KATE L. K. BLYSTONE  
Director

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