

**DISASTER RECOVERY, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS,
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Council of the County of Maui

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July 3, 2025

Online Only via Teams

CONVENE: 9:01 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Chair
Councilmember Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins, Vice-Chair (arrived at 9:07 a.m.)
Councilmember Tom Cook, Member
Councilmember Gabe Johnson, Member
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member (arrived at 9:51 a.m.)
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Member
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member (arrived at 9:08 a.m.)

STAFF: Jarret Pascual, Legislative Analyst
Keone Hurdle, Legislative Analyst (backup)
Carla Nakata, Legislative Attorney
Yvette Bouthillier, Senior Committee Secretary
Ryan Martins, Council Ambassador
Lei Dinneen, Assistant Clerk

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ADMIN.: Jacky Takakura, Long-Range Division Planning Program Administrator,
Department of Planning
Karen Comcowich, Planner V, Department of Planning
Michael Hopper, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation
Counsel (left at 10:30 a.m.)
Kristina Toshikiyo, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation
Counsel (arrived at 10:30 a.m.)

OTHERS: Kay Anderson, Vice President, Wailea 808
The Royal House of Hawai‘i
Albert Perez, Maui Tomorrow
Rob Weltman
Mike Moran
Dick Mayer

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CHAIR PALTIN: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Disaster Recovery, International Affairs, and Planning Committee come to order. The time is now 9:01 on July 3rd. And if everyone can please silence their cell phones or other noise-making devices, that will help our cause. Members, in accordance with the Sunshine Law, if you are not in the Council Chamber, please identify by name who, if anyone, is in the room, vehicle, workspace with you today. Minors do not need to be identified. Also, please see the last page of the agenda for information on meeting connectivity. My name is Tamara Paltin, and I'm streaming live and direct from historic Lahaina Town at our West Maui Residency Area office at 60 Kenui Street. And with me I have Christian Balagso. Our Committee Vice-Chair Nohe U'u-Hodgins is excused at this time. She should be joining probably...oh, there. Oh, no. Almost. Oh, there. Oh, no. Okay. We'll come back. We also have Councilmember Tom Cook. Aloha kakahiaka.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aloha kakahiaka *[sic]*, Chair. There's currently no one in the Kihei Regional office to give testimony. Looking forward to your meeting today. Thank you.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And now we have Committee Vice-Chair Nohe U'u-Hodgins. Aloha kakahiaka.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair and Members. Sorry, my camera was being a little funky for a minute there. I'm at my private residence. I have three minors and one major, my husband is home, Koa Hodgins.

CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, I like that, one major. I might use that instead of adult male. Okay. And next, we have Councilmember Gabe Johnson. Aloha kakahiaka.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Aloha. Good morning, Chair, Councilmembers, community members. There's no testifiers here at the Lānaʻi District office. I'm alone on my side of the office with a snoring doggy, and Roxanne, the rock star, is in the other side of the office. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you very much. And we have next...I think maybe Tasha Kama will be joining us later. Next we have Council Chair Alice Lee. Aloha kakahiaka.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aloha. Good morning.

CHAIR PALTIN: Good morning. And next up, we have Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. Aloha kakahiaka.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair. Aloha kakahiaka kākou, mai Molokaʻi nui Ahina. I'm at my private residence, alone here in my

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workspace. And we currently have no testifiers at the Molokaʻi District office. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And next up, we have Councilmember Shane Sinenci. Aloha kakahiaka.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Hey, aloha lā Junkenpo, aloha aku ʻo Malu ʻUlu o Lele. Here at my home office in Hāna, here by myself, and there are no testifiers in Hāna, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And last but not least, we have Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura, who said she is running a little bit late and will hopefully be here by 9:30. This meeting of the Disaster Recovery, International Affairs, and Planning Committee of the Maui County Council is located on the traditional ʻāina of Kānaka ʻŌiwi, who never ceded their sovereignty to the United States. We recognize that her majesty Queen Liliʻuokalani yielded the Hawaiian Kingdom to the U.S. in duress under threat of violence to avoid the bloodshed of her people. We further recognize that Hawaiʻi remains an illegally-occupied nation-state by the U.S. as documented in a 2021 scholarly article for the National Lawyers Guild Review by Andrew Reid, Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law. Generations of Kānaka Maoli and their knowledge systems have sustainably cared for Hawaiʻi, and continue to do so. We are grateful to occupy this space and learn the ways in which we can contribute. As a Committee, we seek to support the varied strategies that the indigenous people of Hawaiʻi are using to protect their land and their communities, and commit to dedicating time and resources to working in solidarity. I did just get a notice that Member Kama will be joining us late. So, she's excused at this time. From the Administration today, we have Long-Range Division Planning Program Administrator Jacky Takakura; Planner V with the Department of Planning, Karen Comcowich; and Deputy Corporation Counsel Mike Hopper until 10:30, and after 10:30, I believe we have Deputy Corporation Counsel Kristina Toshikiyo. Our Committee Staff today, we have Senior Committee Secretary Jarret...Yvette Bouthillier, Legislative Analysts Jarret Pascual and Keone Hurdle, Legislative Attorney Carla Nakata, and Assistant Clerk Lei Dinneen. On the agenda today, we have DRIP-9(3), South Maui Community Plan Update Process, and we'll take testimony after opening remarks or presentations. This is the...what...what we'll be going over today is the process, and getting feedback from the Members. There's...there's things that we can decide of how we want to go...how we want the process to go, but I will need Members' cooperation and feedback on how exactly they'd like it to go...and then, of course, permission of the Chair if we're going to do some swaps, and things like that. So, under Rule 7(B) of the Rules of the Council, the Committee intends to discuss the decennial community plan review process under Chapter 2.80B, Maui County Code, in anticipation of receiving a bill to update the South Maui Community Plan. So, as far as I know...I looked through the July 8th agenda, and we haven't received it yet from Corp. Counsel. It left the Planning Commission, and I think it's under review with Corp. Counsel, and then we'll receive it. The Committee may discuss plans for the community plan update and other related matters. No legislative action will be taken. Under Section 2.80B.090, Maui County Code, the Council has one year after receipt of the Planning Commission's

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transmittal to adopt the community plan by ordinance following a public hearing in the community plan area. So, for opening comments I just--and...and I imagine this meeting is mainly geared at our Members who did not go through the West Maui Community Plan process because the Members who did can hopefully remember how we went through that process. And I just wanted to throw it out that my hope is we can do something similar, but not exactly the same, in that what we did for the West Maui Community Plan, although we have one whole year from the time of transmittal--which we haven't had it...received it yet--what...what I'd like to do is try and get it out in one chunk of time instead of three hours every other week. Because then, people will have to like remember what we talked about, and get back up to speed, and things like that. So, my simple proposal--and...and, of course, depends on your feedback and your guys' desires--is I'd...I'd like about two...two to three weeks to go through the community plan. And how that could look is potentially, Members letting me use two of their Committee meeting dates for two Committee week time frames, and then like a follow-up a little bit later for revisions, or what have you. It could like one on-meeting week, one off-meeting week, but then people will have to commit to coming in on their off week, or any combination or suggestion that people come up with. Some of the basic things that we had talked about is, you know, a lot of this depends on how much testimony we get. And so, one of the options we talked about was recessing every other day so, you know, in case testimony goes all day long, we guarantee have one day to do deliberations...but that's just throwing that out there. The other thing we talked about too is...and something that we didn't do with the West Maui community plan update...oh. I'd like to recognize Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura. Aloha kakahiaka.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good morning. I'm sorry that I'm a little late. Thank you.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. We're just going over the process for the South Maui community plan update. The other thing that was proposed, and I thought was a good idea, was before we go into the maps (*phonetic*) phase--and the maps phase, we were anticipating being in the middle--is to have a site visit day in South Maui of preferred locations, maybe of new development, or flooding concerns, and things like that. And then in that evening, holding a Committee meeting in South Maui that's above and beyond what is required for the public hearing. It wouldn't be a public hearing, it would just be a Committee meeting before we go into the maps phase of the process. And so, that's all up for discussion during today's meeting. And at this time, I'd like to hand it over to Jacky, and Karen, or...and/or Mr. Hopper, if they had anything they wanted to add. They did lay out for us like a preferred order, and maybe they can go over it this time, like starting with Section 2, 3, 4, and then going to 1 and 5 after. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. I didn't mean to interrupt your flow, but since you're on the topic of scheduling, if you guys do it in September, I...I can give you a full...my full Committee day on September 4th, if you need it.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, I --

CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, okay.

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MR. PASCUAL: -- apologize. Before we start getting into deliberations, could we just take opening comments, and then testimony? Apologies.

CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah. Yeah. And then I guess the other...the other part is, we don't know when we're going to get it. We're anticipating getting it soon. And we didn't want to bang, bang with other...big things on the horizon are currently going on. Like right now we have Bill 9, Wailea 670 kind of stuff, so that's it. But we'll talk about scheduling after testimony.

SOUTH MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE PROCESS (DRIP-9(3)) (RULE 7(B))

CHAIR PALTIN: And at this time, any opening comments from our Department resources?
(pause)

MS. COMCOWICH: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You're not. Got to press the button. Oh, there. Okay. Now, we're on.

MS. COMCOWICH: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair Paltin and esteemed Councilmembers. Karen Comcowich, the current lead for the South Maui Community Plan Update. Thank you for inviting us to this meeting to discuss scheduling for your review of the draft South Maui Community Plan. The Planning Department's Long-Range Division began working on updating the community plan for South Maui in 2020. The work, so far, has included five phases--research, community engagement, releasing the Department draft of the South Maui Community Plan, review by the South Maui Community Plan Advisory, also known as the CPAC, the Maui Planning Commission Review--and it is currently at Corporation Counsel, reviewing the draft South Maui Community Plan. Then it will be time for the sixth and final phase of the review process, which is the Council review. During the first Council meeting to review the plan, LRD would like to provide a presentation regarding planning, and plan framework, and the South Maui-specific concerns. Council may wish to incorporate site visits into your review. This is an excellent opportunity to see firsthand the challenges and opportunities existing within the...within existing development, like the North-South Collector road, or to visit areas designated for growth, as Tamara Paltin mentioned. For your review, we encourage you to focus on regulatory sections of the plan, which include Section 2, Policy Framework; Section 3, Growth Framework; and Section 4, Implementation Framework. Thank you for your time, and we're happy to answer questions or provide recommendations.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Mr. Hopper, did you have any opening comments that you wanted to provide?

MR. HOPPER: Not at this time, Chair. Thank you.

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CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And in the transmittal, we also wanted to include a matrix that had changes made by the CPAC, changes made by the Planning Commission, so that we can see, you know, like where it was in alignment and where things had changed. So, it started out with the Planning Department providing like this overall framework, and then Community Plan Advisory Committee made changes. I believe they...they had, similar to West Maui, an alaka'i group that kind of guided them with their first version in the Community Plan Advisory Committee, which this body chose, made recommendations, revisions, sent that on to the Planning Commission who made recommendation, revisions. And then now, after its review by Corp. Counsel, then we'll get it and have our opportunity, if we so choose, to make revisions on that. So, I think that concludes all of the opening comments. So, at this time, we'll call for public testimony for DRIP-9(3). Written testimony is encouraged, and can be submitted via the eComment link at mauicounty.us/agendas. Testifiers wanting to provide oral testimony should join the online meeting via the Microsoft Teams link printed on today's agenda, or call in to the phone number, which is also on today's agenda. For individuals wishing to testify via Teams, please raise your hand by clicking on the raise-your-hand button near the top right of your screen. For those calling in, please follow the prompts via phone. Staff will add names to the testifier list in the order testifiers sign up or raise their hands. Once you're...and Teams...for those on Teams, Staff will lower your hand once your name is added. Staff will then call the name you're logged in under or the last four digits of your phone number when it is your time to testify. At that time, Staff will also enable your microphone and video. Please ensure your name on Microsoft Teams appears as the name you prefer to be referred to as, or as anonymous if you wish to testify anonymously. If you are in person, please notify Staff that you would like to testify anonymously. Otherwise, please state your name for the record at the beginning of your testimony. Oral testimony is limited to three minutes. If you are still testifying beyond that time, I will kindly ask you to complete your testimony. Once you are done testifying, or if you do not wish to testify, you can view the meeting on *Akakū* Channel 53, Facebook Live, or mauicounty.us/agendas. At this time, we will call on testifiers wishing to testify on DRIP-9(3).

. . .OPEN PUBLIC TESTIMONY (DRIP-9(3)). . .

MR. HURDLE: Thank you, Chair. The first individual signed up to testify is Kay Anderson, here in the Council Chamber. *(pause)*

MS. ANDERSON: Aloha, esteemed Members of the County Council, County Staff, and fellow residents. My name is Kay Anderson representing Wailea 808, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to speak before you today. Because of time restrictions, I will only be addressing three items from the South Maui Community Plan. The first two are located under Section 2.2, Safe, Healthy, Livable Communities For All. The first is under Section 2.2.31, Prohibit New Gated Communities. This restriction violates your section heading to provide a safe community for all. In addition, you will create a despaired impact within South Maui, as existing gated communities have a higher level of safety,

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as those communities developed in the future, or those existing communities that want to add a gate and cannot because of this policy. In addition, this may lead to unnecessary legal issues for the County in the future. The second is under Section...Section 2.2.5, Support the Creation of Public Campgrounds Within the Region. This policy also promotes an unsafe community, which does not follow Section 2.2. South Maui is considered a desert, and is basically a tinderbox just ripe for fires. Also, you state public campgrounds, so this implies that these would be County...County campgrounds? Finally, the description under Section 3.4, Areas of Change, were written in broad and descriptive language until Honua'lua [sic] and Waia [sic] Golf is described. Both descriptions are not accurate, and we oppose including developers in the South Maui Community Plan for these reasons. As well, all know Honua'lua [sic] changes each time the County Council meets to discuss this property. The write-up for Wailea Golf is misleading. The golf courses have been in Wailea for over 40 years, and building over 1,000 houses would violate your policy in Section 2.5.4, Protect Dark Skies, Mauka and Makai, Public View Quarters and Scenic Vistas, Including Traditionally Significant Views to...to and from the Shoreline, and Section 2.5.3, Identify, Preserve, Protect, and Restore Wahi Kūpuna, Widely-Diffused and Significant Historic Properties in South Maui. In addition, the changes include one remaining 18-hole golf course, one 9-hole par three golf course, which you can play twice to be 18 holes, and a 6-hole three tee course. Instead of expanding open spaces, they have...they have been substantially diminished which violates Section 2.5.3. As far as water . . . (timer sounds). . . is concerned, Wailea Golf has eight wells that draw brackish water from Kamaole Aquifer, but they had extremely limited potable water for over 1,000 homes. Also, there's no mention of the resort Wailea Golf LLC is planning to build on their property. Transparency is critical. Wai [sic] Golf is too early in the process for you to consider, including them in the South Maui Community Plan. They need to go through the regular process every developer --

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Ms. Anderson.

MS. ANDERSON: -- is required to do to obtain a building permit. As you can see, through the Honua'lua [sic] approval process there are many obstacles and challenges before a developer can or ever will build out their property. That is why we believe it is the --

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you.

MS. ANDERSON: -- best interest of the County Council to remove all mention of the specific developers for this plan, and just write in general language. Thank you.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Ms. Anderson. I see that you have a couple questions for you, the first one from Member Cook. Go ahead, Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you. Thank you for coming to testify. My clarifying question. Did you...you went to...you...you followed the community plan along the way. Did you give testimony during the CPAC?

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MS. ANDERSON: No, I did not.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay. Thank you for coming today, and I hope you participate...I encourage you to participate in this process. Thank you.

MS. ANDERSON: I will...I will in the future. And this only gave me three minutes. I would've liked to have...to have spoken to many more items in the South Maui Community Plan. I am engaged in a lot of activities in South Maui.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay. You'll...you'll -

MS. ANDERSON: I'll...I'll have to say, I think the plan was...people that did it worked very hard on it, and...

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So, you will...you will...I mean, I'm sorry to interrupt, but we are limited time. We do read the written testimony. It goes on the record. And you're welcome to submit written testimony in the future when you're also giving testimony. And if it doesn't...if you can't finish it in three minutes, you can refer to that. And...but we have the time for a reason, and I know it's brief sometimes. Thank you for your participation.

MS. ANDERSON: I submitted...I submitted it to the record. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Wait, one second.

CHAIR PALTIN: Yes. We did receive it, and it's posted on Granicus. Member Sugimura also had a question for you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MS. ANDERSON: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you very much, Ms. Anderson. So, you're reference to the golf course, you're talking about the golf course at Honolua?

MS. ANDERSON: No. I do believe that your...your decision to remove that from Honua'lua [sic] was a good decision. I'm referring to Waialea Golf LLC [sic]. And I'm not saying that...that you can't write in general about what's going to happen there, I don't believe a developer's name should be listed in South Maui Community Plan. Because all the way through, you don't even mention a developer's name until you get to Honua'lua [sic] and Waialea Golf LLC [sic]. Because things may change in the 20 years, and I...I think that that's the wrong way to present it in a...in a plan. So...and you did a really good job walk...talking about all the other areas in general on what's being built up. But by...by naming a developer, as you saw, Honua'lua [sic], things change over and over again. It sets...sets a --

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MS. ANDERSON: -- sets it up to be misinterpreted for people when they see the name of the developer. Things change. So, that's my --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

MS. ANDERSON: -- my objection.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Now I understand. Okay. Thank you.

MS. ANDERSON: Thank you.

CHAIR PALTIN: Any further questions for the testifier? Seeing none. Thank you for your testimony. Staff, can you call the next testifier?

MR. HURDLE: Chair, the next individual is The Royal House of Hawai'i on Teams, to be followed by Albert Perez on Teams.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. The Royal House, it's your turn to testify.

THE ROYAL HOUSE OF HAWAI'I: Aloha. This is the Royal House of Hawai'i, and --

CHAIR PALTIN: Aloha.

THE ROYAL HOUSE OF HAWAI'I: -- as a member of the Royal House of Hawai'i, and under Hewahewa, HLU (*phonetic*) 3237, Land Commission...Land Commission Award, aka, and...and Royal Patent number 7447. I stand before you all today as an allodial land Royal Patent heir and resident under Hewahewa, whose roots go farther back before this planet had light, and asserting that any attempts to pass bills, permits, or titles related to the land in Hawai'i are fundamental...flawed and potentially very illegal. The reason is simple. Every parcel of land in Hawai'i is held and under allodial title Royal Patented...patented by the Royal Government of Hawai'i. And this title lasts forever. It says it in all the TMK paperwork under legal info, giving you the Royal Patent who are the rightful owners of that land, that building, or the house it illegally sits on. And it shows...oh. And it shows exactly who owns it. And recently it has been changed, so can I ask why they're erasing that info? Because I'm pretty sure you have to show the Royal Patent since they...the State manipulated our boundaries to create their own boundaries on a TMK, which is a crime on an international level. And in the South Community Plan [*sic*], and for Kihei, I saw that Ka'ono'ulu Ahupua'a, there's going to be a lot of changes over there. And there was no discussion...or we...any of the descendants of Hewahewa have not been contacted about anything in, of, or on Ka'ono'ulu, or anywhere else in the south region because we're all equal beneficiaries. And...the...but the Royal Patent descendants have the automatic rights, and supersede anybody's rights then. But like we're not going to do like massive evictions, you guys. Like we're not that kind of people. Like you need to call the decedents for real, like we're

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not going to do nothing...like we going try...we going help everybody. We got to take care this 'āina. No need *(audio interference)* the money, girl. We need the water, girl. So, please contact the descendants, and every single descendant on every single Royal Patent because it's supposed to be done by right, by law. And I...because like it's so hard. Like I don't know. Like I understand we all have to do the paperwork, but there's no reason for doing that paperwork. And do I have to slice open my arm to show you guys that I'm the descendant? Like I don't know, like it's so crazy. But...like we just get silenced all the time and . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . by right, by law, we have the full rights. But, yeah, thank you for hearing me out. Mahalo.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Members, any questions for the testifier? Seeing none. Thank you for your testimony today. Staff, will you please call the next testifier?

MR. HURDLE: Chair, the next individual is Albert Perez on Teams, to be followed by Rob.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Go ahead, Mr. Perez. *(silence)*

MR. PASCUAL: Mr. Perez, you're unmuted on our end. You would just have to unmute yourself. But if you're unable to do that, I can provide the call-in information if you wanted to call and testify through your phone. *(silence)*

CHAIR PALTIN: Mr. Perez, are you able to unmute?

MR. PASCUAL: So, Mr. Perez, the call-in...the phone number to call in to the meeting is 1-808-977-4067, and then the code to enter...to enter into the meeting is 60792965#.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And Chair, I think it's...and Staff can correct me...shift+command+M, or one of those, to enable the mic to unmute.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, I believe that's correct. Yes. Oh, I see him unmuted . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MR. PEREZ: Can you folks hear me? Shift+command+M worked, but --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right.

MR. PEREZ: Yeah, I don't know. Anyway, I'm just having trouble with Teams, apparently. Anyway, good morning, Councilmembers, Chair Paltin. Albert Perez, Maui Tomorrow. And here we go again. My comments are brief. You know, we need to remember that this is going to be a community plan, and the South Maui community put lots of work into that plan. But much of what they wanted was changed by the Planning Commission, in spite of lots and lots of public testimony. So, if you look at 2.80B, which I urge the Councilmembers to review in full before you start, one of the stated purposes is to increase public and community participation. Overriding the community's desires will do the opposite, and people are noticing that this is happening. So, I...I would just be judicious in doing that, and I would pay more attention to the desires of the community than just the desires of the developers. After all, the community is going to

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stay here, and most of the developers are going to leave after they get their entitlements and their profits...not all, but most. So, also, there are some things in 2.80B--I just read it again this morning--and you'll notice that there are some things that have not been emphasized in past community plans. One is that you're supposed to indicate the desired population. And I remember when I first looked at the...the first community plan I looked was the Lahaina one from 1980. And it had a goal of 20,000 population by the year 2000, but that population had already been exceeded. But anyway, I haven't seen target populations in community plans since then. Maybe I missed them. But it's...it's really important. It's a vital element of planning, and if you don't do that, you're not really planning. So, the...the population, the desired sequence of development, what's going to come before something else, milestones that we're looking to reach with the plan so you can measure and see how...how much progress you made, and maybe make some course corrections. And finally, if you...if you just read the Maui Planning Commission version, you'll miss the flavor and emphasis of the CPAC version. So, I would urge you to review the CPAC version primarily, along with the comments that the Maui Planning Commission made. Again, if we dismiss the desires and the concerns of the community, we will discourage citizen participation, which is a vital element to ensure . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . community respect for the law, and government in general. Mahalo.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Mr. Perez. Members, any questions for the testifier? Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Mahalo, Mr. Perez, for your testimony. Two questions. One, what...which plan did you say that the population size was mentioned? And two, was the population a desired population to target, or was it a population that it was hoping to not exceed?

MR. PEREZ: Hmm. So, it was the...it was the 1980 version of what was then called the Lahaina Community Plan. And I would have to check the exact wording, but I believe it was a target population as opposed to a...a maximum. Which is actually...that's typical for planning purposes, is you...you get...you do socioeconomic forecast, population forecast, and then you make an assumption, that you then use as a basis for which you are planning.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, it's more like an expected population growth, and then plan...planning for that expected or anticipated growth.

MR. PEREZ: Yup. Anticipated forecast.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that clarification. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Any further questions for the testifier? Seeing none. Thank you for your testimony. Staff, can you call the next testifier?

MR. HURDLE: Chair, currently the last individual signed up is Rob on Teams.

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CHAIR PALTIN: Aloha.

MR. WELTMAN: Kala mai. Welina mai e nā lālā o ke Kōmike 'o DRIP o ke Kalana o Maui. 'O Lopaka Weltman ko'u inoa. 'O ka luna ho'omalua wau o ke Kōmike 'Ōlelo A'o Kaiāulu no ka papa ho'olālā no Maui Hema . So, I'm Rob Weltman, and from the time that the current community plan process started through...with community outreach, and all the way through CPAC, and then the Maui Planning Commission I've been following it every...every step and heavily involved. I'd like to thank you for pointing me to the Community Plan Advisory Committee, and to Community Plan Advisory Committee for electing me Chairperson. And officially, we are responsible for the CPAC until the...until the...the plan is finally adopted by the Council. So, we are subject to Sunshine Rules and everything else until that time. And I will be available, and--myself and Chair...Vice-Chair Daniel Kanahale will--will try to attend as...every meeting, if we can. So, I'd like to say I'm impressed with the proposal to devote their concentrated attention to the Council to the plan for a limited time instead of spreading it out across a year. And also, to want to visit South Maui, both to see our current pain points, and how the plan might help address them. And also, especially, the very large development areas that have yet to be finalized or to move forward. So, welcome to South Maui. Welcome to South Maui community plan process. You have my full support in working toward a plan that serves the County for the next 20 years. . . .*inaudible*. . . [Spoke in Hawaiian].

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Mr. Weltman. Any questions for the testifier? I...I did want to add that it...it was my intention to invite the Chair and Vice-Chair as resources, but to...to provide perspective on things that they were deliberating on when the...they made the choices that they made. And also, you know, to assist with any site-specific references that we may...we and Member Cook may not be familiar with. It...it was important to clarify that they would be assisting us as to their recollections, and not individual opinions because they're speaking on behalf of the body. So, any questions for the testifier after that little spiel? Seeing none. Okay. Thank you. Staff, can you call the next testifier? I think somebody just joined.

MR. HURDLE: Yes. We have Mike Moran on Teams, to be followed by Dick Mayer.

CHAIR PALTIN: Aloha, Mr. Moran.

MR. MORAN: Good morning. Aloha, Committee Chair and Committee Members. Mike Moran. Yeah, I was very pleased, Chair, with your opening comments of the intent to look at each step...at where the...where the plan evolved over each step. And I personally participated in each one. I attended almost all of the community outreach meetings. I was a member of...well, one of two members from the Kihei Community Association to the Alaka'i, I was, of course, a member of the CPAC, and I observed and testified at many--I won't say all--at many of the Planning Commission meetings. And so, obviously, I could see how the...the plan evolved. So, I'm very pleased to hear you say that, that you're going to do the same thing. You're going to look at it, and not just look at what was...what was...was handed to us when you get it from Corp. Counsel. Also,

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very pleased at...with the concept of visiting the community. I...I could see that in some of the...well, my observation anyway, from some of the Maui Planning Commission meetings, that...that some of the Commissioners were totally unfamiliar with areas that were being discussed. They were basing it on looking at maps and...and, you know, words instead of looking at the land, so very pleased. I know that puts an additional burden on you, you guys have enough as it is, but I think you're...you're trying to do all the right things. So, we're very...I'm very pleased with...with the process starting off here on very first meeting. And thank you for the opportunity to testify this morning. Aloha.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Members, any questions for the testifier? Seeing none. Thank you for your testimony. And we're ready for the next testifier.

MR. HURDLE: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Dick Mayer on Teams.

MR. MAYER: Can...can you hear me?

CHAIR PALTIN: Yes, we can.

MR. MAYER: Thank you. Let me take...let me turn off . . . *(inaudible)*. . . I'm not sure if the echo coming. Well, I'm not sure...it's frustrating *(audio interference)*. Now...now, *(audio interference)* is there still an echo? Yeah.

CHAIR PALTIN: I...I didn't hear one. Can you try talk a little bit more?

MR. MAYER: Okay. Can you hear me now?

CHAIR PALTIN: Yes, we can hear you good.

MR. MAYER: Thank you. I would like to mention that the resources that you already discussed had mentioned the five stages that they were gone through. In the first stage, they prepared resource papers for the plan. I'm going to be coming on when you later *(audio interference)*, but I want to alert you to this. The resource papers *(audio interference)* with the needs of Maui later on when I can get a copy *(audio interference)*, you'll see that *(audio interference)* came out is inconsistent with the resource paper recommendations. And I'll be pointing that out, particularly with the need of housing units. In fact, when the plan was formulated and passed by the CPAC, and the Planning Commission on to, it ended up with over *(audio interference)* units being *(audio interference)* potentially *(audio interference)* for South Maui. And I have a map that will *(audio interference)* where those are and the *(audio interference)* will be able to give you the details on that. One...when the CPAC finished its work, they put a section into their plan...their version, Section 8...Section H. I sent you all a copy of that section as a email to your County email box, if you'll...you'll see that. And that asked for an infrastructure assessment for all of the plans that were being proposed by the plan itself. The reason that I'm saying this today, this will give you a chance to ask the Planning Commission to please comply with that request by the CPAC. For a detailed

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analysis of what the infrastructure cost to be, and even who would be paying for it...would it be a developer, would it be the County, the State, Federal Government? Because that's very important. Otherwise, the plan will be something you'll pass to be proud of, but it'll be totally unimplementable because there's no logical budget for what is being proposed. The Planning Department did provide a skeleton of a infrastructure study, but did not do what the CPAC asked them to do before it even went to the Planning Commission. They didn't do it then, they haven't done it yet. And so, I'm asking, please, get a detailed budget for the infrastructure cost and...that will be needed . . .*(inaudible)*. . . everything from highways, water treatment to solid waste . . .*(inaudible)*. . . otherwise you'll have a monster of your hand, a huge budget, a huge proposal for 8,000 units, and a total incapacity of the County to provide the infrastructure, and even to ask the developers to do that. I don't want to frustrate future Councilmembers and Planning Commissioners by having to implement a plan that has, really, no factual basis. Thank you very much.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Mr. Mayer. Members, any clarifying questions for the testifier? Seeing none. Mr. Mayer, I just did want to also point out that listed on Granicus item number 1 is Senate Resolution 23 from the State, dated March 6, 2025, that asks that we retain the word "require" when it relates to infrastructure. So, it's also apparently a request from the State as well. I'm not sure if you had seen that.

MR. MAYER: I'm glad you...you...you have that . . .*(inaudible)*. . . from the top and to the bottom...from the State level as well as from the citizens, the residents who put together the CPAC version. So, please have the Planning Department provide that. They did not do that for the Planning Commission, they didn't give *(audio interference)* that was helpful, and now I hope that they'll give one to you.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Yeah, the...the title of the resolution is Earned...Urging the Maui County Planning Department to Retain the Word "Require" in the South Maui Community Plan as it Relates to Infrastructure to Ensure that Development Does Not Occur Without Adequate Supporting Infrastructure. And so, that's posted, I believe, as item number 1 on Granicus.

MR. MAYER: Thank you. Thank you very much for telling me that.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Members, any further clarifying questions for the testifier? Seeing none. Thank you so much for your testimony. Staff, is there anyone else wishing to testify on this item?

MR. HURDLE: Chair, that's currently all the individuals signed up to testify, but I see Mr. Jaycee Law making his way to the podium.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you.

MR. LAW: Thank you, Keone. I snuck this in from the...the lobby, and I'll...I'll get to that later. Kelly King knows what that is. Jasee Law, Kula Uka, Waiakoa Ahupua'a. Aloha...aloha

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Pō'ahā. Aloha Thursday. And you got to work on your Hawaiian too, Mr. Cook. Aloha aha oke Kalana o Maui (*phonetic*), aloha *Akakū*, and aloha to the community out there, all those in TV land that are watching. I appreciate the...the previous testifier, especially The Royal House of Hawai'i, to kind of keep us straight on...on the history part. I really appreciate the person or persons who put the ahupua'a signs down in Kihei because I wouldn't have known that Waiakoa runs all the way down to the beach. So, when...when you mention community, I hope that we don't separate the communities, and we join them together more. So, we might have to go like this, and then go like this too. And like I said...oh, so Hawaiian word of the day is--and I also appreciate the translator who's...who's putting your...your...the Ka Papa Kumumana'o agendas into Hawaiian and 'Ōlelo. So, the...I got a Hawaiian word of the day is process in English, and it's ka'ina hana in Hawaiian. That's about it. And I save the rest of my time for Junya Nakoa.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Members, any questions for the testifiers [*sic*]? Seeing none. Thank you for your testimony. Staff, do you want to do a last call for testifiers?

MR. HURDLE: Thank you, Chair. This is the last call for oral testimony. Please come up to the podium, or raise your hand on Teams if you would like to testify. The countdown is three, two, one. Seeing none. Chair, no one has indicated that they wish to testify.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Members, without objection, I will now close public testimony.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

. . .CLOSE PUBLIC TESTIMONY (DRIP-9(3)) . . .

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. I would like to open the floor for discussion. I propose as many rounds of questions as we need. And I...I'll just let the Members police themselves on not being a question hog, and sharing time amongst their colleagues. I did want to note that, per Deputy Director Lillis, Planning would like to avoid meeting on the following dates, if...if people have a pen and paper, or their Staff recording it. Their suggested avoid dates are August 22nd, August 27th through the 29th because of the HCPO planning conference, which our own Committee Staff will also be attending, October 6th through 10th, January 2nd and 5th of 2026. And then I, possibly, might be out of the country October 14th through the 26th for my daughter's school huaka'i. So...and then as...as was stated in opening comments, Planning's suggested review of the plan is to go Section 2, 4, 3, 1, and then 5. And although we may post what sections we intend to focus on per any particular date, it is important to note that just like budget, and as you seen today, people are open to testify on any section of the plan that they would...they would choose to testify, regardless of which particular section we would be focusing on. You know, not everybody can make it on specific dates, and things like that. And as I did mention, that State Senate Resolution 23 is posted as attachment 1 on Granicus, and it was adopted by the State Senate on April 2nd, 2025. It urges the Department of Planning to retain the word "require" in the South Maui Community Plan as it relates to

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infrastructure, to ensure development does not occur without adequate supporting infrastructure. And according to standing Committee Report 1433, policies mandating infrastructure completion before development occupancy enhance resilience against economic risks, improve public safety, support overall well-being of communities. This would help to avoid costly retrofitting of projects as well. And at this time, I would like to welcome Councilmember Tasha Kama to today's proceedings. Aloha kakahiaka. Please let us know if you are alone in your workspace.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair, and to all my fellow colleagues. I am home alone in my workspace, and there's nobody else here but me. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Member Kama. We just were discussing the process and logistics of how we would go about the South Maui community plan process...update process. And we are hoping to get two to three weeks as a chunk of time. But I will go to you last for your discussion opportunity so that you can have the benefit of other Members' discussion. I...I was hoping to get any feedback or ideas about the proposed plan of how we go about the process. Member Johnson already did say September 4th is a good date for him...and if people can look at their calendars, and whatnot. Some of it is contingent on when we actually do receive the community plan from Corporation Counsel. So, maybe before we start individual opportunities, we can see if Mike Hopper is aware, at all, how soon...or how close we are to using it. And then another thing that I remembered, although different...people in the public have different opinions, in the West Maui community plan process, Mr. Hopper did emphasize that the community plan is considered like a law, especially in the shoreline management areas, and more so as guidance outside of the shoreline management areas...which has been disputed by other members of the community, but I think that's what our Corporation Counsel had advised for the West Maui part. So, Mr. Hopper, did you have any update as to how soon? And is that kind of your general opinion of the SMA and the community plan?

MR. HOPPER: How...well, Chair, first question, I'm not myself working on that...that update, but our office can perhaps provide an update for that. I know that there's...that that's being worked on, but as far as when...when we would see an approval, I think there's discussions with Planning on some items as far as...and...and that's to have the plan approved as to form and legality, or...or the ordinance that adopts the plan sent to you. So, I...I don't have a specific update on that, but we can perhaps get you something soon on...on...on an update there. But I myself...I'm not actually working on that...that aspect, but we could update you, I think, fairly quickly on that. The other issue--let's see if I can find it--for where the plan applies with the force and effect of law, and where it's more...more of a guidance document. 2.80B.030, General Plan, Subsection B, gives some guidance on this. And it basically talks about...it says, all agencies shall comply with the general plan, and administrative actions by agencies shall conform with the general plan except for ministerial permits...ministerial permits or approvals, including, but not limited to, building permits, grading permits, plumbing permits, and electrical permits. All community plans, zoning ordinances, and subdivision ordinances shall conform to the general plan. The general plan includes the...the...the, among other

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things, the Maui Island plan, as well as the respective community plans. So, I think there's guidance there. There's also the State law. As you mentioned, HRS 205A for the Special Management Area specifies that any development, if it's subject to HRS 205A, is required to comply with the plan. And...and for 280B, compliance with the plan is mandatory for essentially discretionary actions...anything that's not a ministerial permit. So, there are cases where it...it applies with the full force and effect of law, and other cases, such as if someone only needs a building permit, grading permit, plumbing permit, or other ministerial permit, which means nondiscretionary permit, the plan doesn't apply with the force and effect of law to that particular permit or approval. So, there are times where it does, and times where it does not. There's guidance in 280B and State law on...on those situations. Things like changes in zoning, subdivision approvals, SMA permits, and other types of discretionary permits are required to comply with the plan. So, I think there's...there's some guidance for you on those examples. But the idea is if you were applying for just a building permit, that's not necessarily going to get routed to the Long-Range Planning Division for them to look over all of the community plan goals, objections, and policies to decide if you comply with the building code. So, that's, I think, some guidance there. But, again, it would depend on the particular case to know exactly what's going to be reviewed. And I think you've got some experienced Planners here that can also help go over how that process works with the Department.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you so much. And before I turn it loose on the Members for questions and feedback, I did want to say that although we're waiting for the document back from Corporation Counsel as to form and legality, Members can get a sneak peek. Either Ms. Takakura or Ms. Comcowich, could you let Members know where they can online, or the public, review the...both the CPAC and the Maui Planning Commission versions and maps?

MS. COMCOWICH: It's online at the We Are South Maui website. The draft plan and the draft plan map are both under the...back splash [sic] draft plan (*audio interference*).

CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, Mr. Hurdle. Okay. Go ahead. Sorry about that, Ms. Comcowich.

MS. COMCOWICH: Oh. Did you hear it's on We Are South Maui? That's the important part. And you can also get all the --

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay.

MS. COMCOWICH: -- reference documents under the plan update process.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Cool. And they also have an ArcGIS map that specifically goes over South Maui Community Plan designations, which isn't something that we had under the West Maui Community Plan, so that's a big improvement as well. For the most part, West Maui was the pilot project on community plan designations of new terms and definitions, and I believe South Maui has continued on using the same verbiage. So, at

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this time, I'd like to open it up from...for feedback, or questions, suggestions from the Members. I'll begin with Committee Vice-Chair U'u-Hodgins.

VICE-CHAIR U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. And thank you, everybody for providing us with some information that can help us on our way. I like what you said. I'm happy to do field trips out to South Maui and get some on-site perspective, so I'm thankful for that. I do like your idea, too, of recessing and adjourning every other day. That gives us some structure and some deliberation time, and allows the public to know, you know, what days might be closed for testimony and what days we'll be happy to take testimony. And other than that, I think we all just have HSAC in September. I don't have too much on the GREAT agenda right now because we've been chipping away at it. But as you know, there are times when we have some deadlines that we must hit. So, if it's too much, then I...we don't need to...we can do it in Committee, and if it's quick, we can do it in Council. But other than that, I'm quite flexible. I don't have too much travel plans, and happy to make this work. This will be a long haul, but thank you for your flexibility.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And I...I guess my feedback to (*audio interference*) would be...like one of the options is if we take two weeks of Committee weeks, then time-sensitive or important stuff could possibly be pulled on off weeks or vice versa. It just depends on like where we come to a consensus on. And with the Committee Vice-Chair starting off, I...I didn't want to go into any particular order unless somebody raises their hand that anything that she said spurred them to have feedback or questions. Okay. I see Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. What was the dates again? I did catch the October and January, the first two.

CHAIR PALTIN: Sure. The dates that Planning...would be harder for Planning to accommodate were August 22nd, August 27th through the 29th, October 6th through 10th, and January 2nd and 5th, 2026. Those would be difficult for Planning to accommodate. And then --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

CHAIR PALTIN: -- for myself, I believe, was October 14th through the 26th.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. Those dates were...were not on the table. Yeah, I do believe the CNHA is the 7th to the 9th.

CHAIR PALTIN: Of October?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. That works out good because it --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah.

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CHAIR PALTIN: -- coincides with a date that Planning is not...it's not easy for them to accommodate.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Well, first I want to say that when we did the West Maui Community Plan, and...and it took us that week, I thought it went pretty smooth, and it wasn't as painful as it sounded...especially like because the Moloka'i Community Plan was right before that, and it was like a year-long process. So, I'm really happy to support giving up Committee meeting times to...to take up the South Maui Community Plan, and...and just get it done for the community as well. I think...I...I understand why the...those dates aren't available, like HCPO, the different conferences. Do we...do we have an idea of when we may be getting it? Because I think that kind of also plays a role in the dates, yeah.

CHAIR PALTIN: We had thought a couple weeks ago it was imminent, but apparently that doesn't seem to be the case. This is July. Planning, do you know when it was turned over, like when Planning Commission finished? That date might give us some insight.

MS. COMCOWICH: It was turned over in May, but Planning...or Maui Planning Commission finished in March.

CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, okay. March, April, May...May, June, July. I would...I would hope we get it by September, and so far, September is looking like a good month to do things. Except for we do have HSAC in September. Staff, do you...do...is it like the 11th through the 12th, or something, HSAC?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I have the 10 through the 12th.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, yeah, that's correct. So, September 10th through the 12th is HSAC.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But September is...is a good month for me as well...just HSAC.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And I think that is during, actually, an off week the HSAC. So, tentatively, September is looking good so far. We...we were only planning on one site visit day, but I mean, we could do possibly more. And then the Council is required to do a public hearing. So, what we would be doing in taking testimony would just be a regular Committee meeting. The Planning Department had informed us that occasionally, it is difficult to get public spaces in South Maui with Internet. And we were open to not doing a hybrid meeting if we do it in South Maui. I did see

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Member Sugimura's hand up, but either before or after, I...I would love to hear Staff explain the process of site visits because that process is also a public process. And so, part of it is if we're going to be going on privately-owned land, we can't do it if the public is not allowed as well because a site visit is a public process. The last site visit that I had in Committee was during COVID, and it was an interesting thing because Mr. Raatz was on site, and he was giving us a virtual tour. But I'll defer to Member Sugimura at this time and then we can talk a little bit about how the site visit works. Go ahead, Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. Thank you very much for going through this process. And I...I do like the idea of having site visits so we can become more familiar with projects that we hear about, and actually get, you know, like that experience. I will tell you, for myself, I'm going to possibly be gone September 15 through the 20th, that week, which is right after HSAC, and then coming back after...well, that...the 20th is, I think, Saturday. I...I wonder if we could hear from the Planning Department...or the word "requires," that word...you know, because we always say must, so the use of that word, as well as infrastructure. Because I believe that it's something that the plan does think about, but I'm not sure if you already have like a budget, or if it goes that detail. I don't think so.

MS. TAKAKURA: Thank you, Councilmember Sugimura. Regarding the word "require," there were many long conversation every time that came up, both at the Advisory Committee and at the Planning Commission, to include it or not. And a compromise that the Planning Commission came up with was to include the word "require," but then to also include "to the extent possible" because of the serious concerns about that requirement being a deal breaker, especially for affordable housing. And so, by having it to be required to the extent possible in plan, what the idea was to...so that developers would have to show that they've tried everything they can to require...or to...to do that or whatever the...the proposed requirement would be. And only if they couldn't...they'd have to show that they tried, to the extent possible, to implement that requirement. And only if they couldn't, then they'd be allowed to. But yeah, we had long conversations with both groups, every single time, on this subject. So, require is in there, but also to the extent possible, at this time. Karen?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you very much.

MS. COMCOWICH: There is one particular policy in Kihei Mauka area that has to do with requiring a mauka North-South Collector Road, and that said require, and it now says...it was required before the development could begin, and now it is concurrent with development. I...I'm just bringing that up because I know that was a big one with the South Maui CPAC and Kihei Community Association.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MS. TAKAKURA: You can--and regarding your question regarding infrastructure, infrastructure is in the actions, you can see. And those actions are directed to the

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Departments, and then there's also some to the State to...to implement. And you also see that outside of the community plans, you see that in the budget, and then in the capital improvement program, which is where you're going to have more realistic numbers. Just keep in mind that this is a 20-year plan, so it's really hard to estimate dollars when you're looking out that far ahead. And so, you know, the...the community plans, the...the budget, and the CIP are all intended to work together. So, you're going to have more accurate numbers for infrastructure in those other more current documents. I hope that helps. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you. And as a follow-up question, or comment, I'm glad you have "to the extent possible" because oftentimes, it's the County or State that do not meet their obligations in a timely way. I mean things take 10, 20, 30 years. Okay, thank you.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. I don't see any hands up right now. So, Staff, did--oh, Member Cook, then Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Chair. So, thank you, Planning and Corp. Counsel, for being here today. And it's exciting to be able to start this process. The expected date that you're going to get it? I mean is there...days, weeks away?

CHAIR PALTIN: I guess we can...we can wait for that follow-up from Corp. Counsel as...as to how soon. But it seems as though they've had it since May, and this is now July. So, I would hope that it wouldn't be that...that much longer. But maybe when Corp. Counsel sends the response, they can send it to all the Members' emails. as well as the DRIP Committee. Is that something, Mr. Hopper, that is a possibility?

MR. HOPPER: Well, I'd check with OCS Staff on...on generally how...well, this...I think the request came from the Planning Department. So, I mean, I think we could talk with them about transmitting. I think normally, our requests go to them, but I think they...they're certainly free to transmit however is easiest for you to get it as...as quickly as possible. But, normally, they would do a transmittal because I don't know if they would include things like their matrices and other things in their transmittal. But if it's noted there's a preference to have it when it's transmitted to the Committee that it go directly to all the Councilmembers, I...I suppose we can consider that. But normally, our office would only transmit if we get the request from Planning Department to them...for them to have the transmittal because again, they may have background documents or things they want to transmit.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. I think we were talking about like how soon the...because you said you were going to follow-up on where they were. So, we're not talking about the actual community plan itself, but when we can expect to receive it. Is it...are we weeks

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out, are we months out? We know you've had it for a...over a...little over a month, so when can we expect to possibly receive it? Because if...if we're going to receive it after September, then we got to do some more date searching.

MR. HOPPER: Yeah, again...okay. I can follow-up and see if we can get...if there's a response there, how that would be transmitted. That's fine, too. I thought you were talking about the actual plan when it's ready. My apologies.

CHAIR PALTIN: No worries. Okay. Member Cook, sorry for butting in on your time.

MS. TAKAKURA: Excuse me, Chair Paltin. This is Jacky. So, what I was thinking we could include in the matrix, a column for Corp. Counsel changes so you can see that...you know, the whole process, if that would help.

CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah, that would be great. I like it. It looks like I see nodding heads as well.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you. So, I'll try and ask a question...a different one. So, will the plan...when you get into the infrastructure, oftentimes it's the funding aspect of it...and then also, the timeline. It's a 20-year plan. And so, when people talk about like 8,000 homes, and the need...needed for the highway, you know, you look at it, and it's all needed. But as far as...does the Planning Department have, in part of the planning, sort of it phased out? Do we have that aspect? Or is that something the Council can assist with during...with the public hearing? If you're going to...if we're going to have budgets and infrastructure tied to the developments, then we may be helpful to be able to get, from the developer, some of their timelines. And these things are projected, but I think it would help...it would help...it helps me, in my conversations with the community, to put things into perspective. Because when people think that things are going to happen in the next two years, or four years, when actually some of these things might be 14 years out, and 16 years out...but having said that, it takes so long to plan a road, to get it all done, that it's totally appropriate to keep the emphasis on it, and then also have a budget so that when we're doing taxation, and how much the developer is going to have to kick in for improvements, working with the State and the County, that we would have a framework. I know it's really deep and complex. I'm just sharing with you. I share your...the complexity, and I'm hoping that we can be of assistance through this process. Do you have...does that resonate at all?

MS. COMCOWICH: So, for --

CHAIR PALTIN: *(Audio interference)*.

MS. COMCOWICH: Wait, who was that?

CHAIR PALTIN: Go ahead, Planning.

MS. COMCOWICH: Okay.

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CHAIR PALTIN: Or Ms. Comcowich.

MS. COMCOWICH: So, for the actions...the limitation actions, there are short-term actions, that would be the 5 to...the next 1 to 5 years, and then there's the mid-term actions that are 5 to 10 years, and then there's the 11-to-20-year actions. That's how the time frames are separated out. That's on page 112 of the current draft. There's also ongoing actions. And to address the concern of Section...of the Section 8, we did separate out the CIP actions that...and added some of the estimates, but that is in today's dollars. The pricing is both [sic] difficult, but it does also help to avoid just making a wish list of actions with no like basis in reality. As far as the...what is required of developers, those are put on when their plans are reviewed, and that is using policies. Like in the existing plan, there's a policy about farther south developments needing infrastructure. So, that is something that has been slowly done. There are policies in this plan to implement that.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you for that. I thank you for all your work in...on it. It's a...a big task. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, getting back to the original question, it seems like my Staff said that September is good for me too. So...so, if everything is able to roll out the way you expect it to, I think September, for me, is a good month and, I guess, for many of our other colleagues too. But in terms of the site visit, can you kind of like lay out for us, what does that look like in terms of half a day, and then midday, and then the rest of the day, or all day? Or how does that look like?

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Yeah. So, I think our Staff and the Planning Department were going through what sites which would be good for us to see either, you know, areas where it frequently floods, possibly the North-South Collector Road and its challenges, areas where development is proposed. The difficult part, I...I believe, is if it's on private property and, you know, oftentimes they may not care if we, nine, and our Staff, go. But because this is a public Sunshine Law process, I believe we'll need to allow the public to enter the private property if it's a site that is chosen. So, that kind of adds to the difficulty. Kind of my tentative plan was to have the site visits on the daytime of the night meeting in South Maui, and kind of just flow into it like where either we drive ourselves, or hop in a County van to visit these various sites and see, then we hear from the community in their district that evening. I don't know how much deliberation we'll be able to get through, depending on how much testimony there is, but I just wanted to, you know, not do the bare minimum in reaching out to the community in their community plan process. Because at the Council level, a public hearing in the district is required. But before we go into the maps section of the community plan process, I just wanted to, you know, let the community know that even though the...all of us may not be super familiar with South Maui, we're open to learning more, and going to check it out ourselves. There was some disappointment, I think, when the plan originally was transferred to the Maui Planning Commission that South Maui, at that time, didn't have

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a member from the start, but had a member by the end. And so, just trying to, you know, reconcile that a little bit, that we will make an effort to go and see these areas of change, the...as I think Mr. Weltman said, the pain points of South Maui, so that we can try and make an informed decision. If Staff, or Corp. Counsel, or our own Legislative Attorney wanted to give a rundown of what we're required to do in terms of site visits and how it relates to the general public, I think that would be helpful for the Members. Oh, I see Ms. Nakata...but we can't hear you because you're muted.

MS. NAKATA: Thank you, Chair. You're correct to say that this is just like any other regularly-posted Sunshine Law meeting, except that it would occur off-site. So, we would still be required to post an agenda the requisite number of days in advance. What we've done in the past with site inspections is, once the Committee has identified the sites that it would like to see, we just need to make sure, from a logistical standpoint, that those are all feasible to be done in the amount of time that you're given. So, if...if, for instance, you're wanting to have the sites inspected during the day with an evening meeting, I think we'd need to be judicious with our time. We would still need to take public testimony, although in the past, I think what's been done is we've encouraged, to the extent possible, you know, public to come to the evening meeting and have their comments then. But we are required to do public testimony. Having said that, whenever you do a site inspection, just like any other Committee meeting, the site would need to be accessible to the public, it would need to be safe...so that's something you'd want to consider. If it is private property, you would need to get the owner's consent, but you could consider whether there's a vantage point off the property that you'd be able to see the land from. Let's see. We'd need to post the agenda on-site if it's feasible to do so. So, if there's a structure on-site that we could post at, but we're not required to post that on a fence. I think...I think the types of sites that the...that might be beneficial to the Committee would be if there is areas where you want to be able to see, you know, topographic features, be able to see what the characteristics of the neighboring uses are...things that, you know, photos, diagrams, maps, wouldn't necessarily be sufficient for. Yeah, I think that's pretty much it, Chair. Oh, I would also say, if you're going to review multiple sites, that could be done on a single agenda, and that would be handled by recesses between meeting locations. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Ms. Nakata. Member Kama, does that satisfy your opportunity? Okay. Thank you. Member Johnson, I seen your hand up.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, everybody, for joining us today. Just to let everybody know that September 4th meeting day that I'm offering up is a full day...it's a morning and the afternoon. So, it's a pretty significant chunk for us. You know, looking back on this, you know, I...I am a little bit surprised that it's taking so long to go through the process. And just kind of in reflection, I'm curious, Planning, can you tell me when it was going through like the Maui Planning Commission, or the 13-member CPAC, was there any quorum issues when it was going through those?

MS. COMCOWICH: The...the Planning Commission definitely had quorum issues. To further elaborate, both...the fire affected both of those. The Lahaina fire was during the CPAC

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when you guys gave us an extension. And then Maui Planning Commission just had trouble meeting quorum, for the most part.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Do...do you think you have like a estimated time lost, or like it set you back a month, or something like that? Do you guys...can estimate that?

CHAIR PALTIN: I think the Planning Commission has six months. I can't hear you, Ms. Comcowich, if you're talking. Sorry.

MS. COMCOWICH: You granted us six months extra each.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Right.

MS. COMCOWICH: But we did have months...let's see, for the CPAC, there were at least two months that we didn't meet at all. Oh, a little bit closer? Okay. And then for the Planning Commission, there were...there were times we were unable to meet, or we had so much on the agenda in the morning that the evening meeting...we were trying to do half days for the regular agenda and half days for the...for the South Maui Community Plan. And that was also challenging --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

MS. COMCOWICH: -- to finish either...either goal. So, we changed . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Well...so, I know if the six months'...I know the six months' extension must've helped, but maybe you could come back with a letter, or maybe you can say it right now if you have any recommendations. Maybe the process...or I don't know. I just...just the fact that we're...we create this process, and then we have to extend it six months, seems that maybe we should fine-tune it. I don't know if you guys have any...any comments on that.

MS. COMCOWICH: The Planning Department is working on updating 2.80B, and probably has recommendations to do with that at that time, but Jacky has comments.

MS. TAKAKURA: Thank you, Member Johnson. I just want to say, with this being a public process, there were days we'd have five hours of testimony. And so, I think it's just --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah.

MS. TAKAKURA: -- the way it is and, you know, we need that. This is based on the public participation. So, I...I don't know. You know, we can't...we can't curtail the public participation in this. So, I'm...I...maybe that's a warning to the County Council that you may have a lot of testimony too, to --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: . . . *(laughing)*. . .

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MS. TAKAKURA: -- plan for that time. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, I...I think we hear that loud and clear. Okay. I'm going to pivot, so thank you for your responses. You know, as far as the site visit, you know, the...there's so many things we could go see, the infrastructure. But for me personally, I...I think, you know, like maybe the priorities that, you know, the community feels is like most important, I'd like to see some of those. And then we all hear of the flooding, and the flooding is not going to go away. So, maybe some of the gulches, maybe some of the new things that the Public Works had done to address the flooding on South Kihei Road...the updates is what I...I probably would be interested in, is what have we done since those major floods, and what does it look like, and moving forward. So...so, just my two cents. So, that's my time. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Yeah, we were going to, a little bit, defer to Planning on their recommendations because they been close to the situation. Oh, did Ms. Comcowich want to speak at this point?

MS. COMCOWICH: Thank you. The...so as far as recommended site visits, we did have Kūlanihākoʻi Gulch to observe the flood mitigation in action. That...so that's a newer County initiative.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Great.

MS. COMCOWICH: There's Liloa Drive, which is the North-South Collector Road. And both of those are...are...there's public...public ownership, and there's space for public involvement. South Kihei Road is a little more challenging, but you could see the multimodal potential there. And then there's MRTTP of LĪPOA Mauka development, and that's a development that's already in the process. Another idea (*audio interference*) --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Great.

MS. COMCOWICH: -- large areas identified for growth, and there's four of those areas.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Those are great suggestions. Thank you so much. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And I would open it, if people have areas that weren't mentioned by Ms. Comcowich, they can email the DRIP Committee. No guarantees that we would be able to accommodate all the requests, but, you know, we'll certainly look into it and see if we can't accommodate it. And as to his other point about September 4th, so the...the Committee weeks in September are...it looks like September 2nd through, maybe, the 8th because the 1st is a Labor Day holiday, and then the second week is September 22nd through the 25th. And in the two weeks, I was not counting the Council meeting date of Friday because we need to have those by Charters [*sic*]. I do see we have hit our midmorning time, and there are Members that would like a pause

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for the cause. So, if there are no objections, is everyone okay with a 15-minute midmorning recess?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objection.

CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. We'll be in recess until 10:45. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 10:31 a.m.
RECONVENE: 10:47 a.m.

CHAIR PALTIN: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the recessed Disaster Recovery, International Affairs, and Planning meeting return to order. As I was saying before we went on recess, we're largely deferring to the Planning Department to give us sites to visit, and our coordination with our Committee Staff to post it and make sure everything is legit. We did want to open it up for recommendations from the South Maui community as well. They can email recommendations to the DRIP Committee, and we will see if we can accommodate or work those in...no guarantees, but we will do our best. And assuming that we get it within the next month or two from Corporation Counsel, we...it looks like tentatively, in September, our Committee meeting dates are the first week in September, which is missing a Monday because of Labor Day...and so it would probably be something like Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and then the following Monday, and/or Tuesday. And then the second Committee week in September is the 22nd through the 25th. And if we post every other day, hopefully that will address issues if we have to take testimony for five hours, as the CPAC had to, that we will still be able to have time to get things done, as well as hear from the community. The intention with the South Maui Committee meeting date, because of difficulties in Wi-Fi access in South Maui, we may be having it just for in person, and not a hybrid meeting for that date. And it...it really is to get out and hear from the community, see the sites, hear from the people in their district. So, I guess...you know, I...I feel that we've laid out. We kind of came to a consensus to do it in those times, to have site visits, to have one Committee meeting in South Maui, and that's in addition to the Council's public hearing in South Maui before we pass it on first reading. Our clock has not started until we receive the transmittal from the Planning Department and Corp. Counsel. So, we have one year, but we'd rather bust it out in one chunk rather than stretch it out over the course of a year, and have to continually remember where we were. The other thing that we had done for the West Maui Community Plan was create a template for proposed amendments. And so, we'll be giving that out as well when we post the document. So, Members, feel free to start reading the community plan. When we were in South Dakota, we learned about, you know, PDFs needing to be ADA-accessible, and I didn't understand that. But PDFs needing to be ADA-accessible is a win for all of us who don't like to read that much because you can be on a walk, and you can have your PDF read to you, which the South Maui Community Plan is. The other day I was cleaning my house, and I listened to Section 1. Somebody read it to me in a British accent. And I learned a lot of things that I never knew about South Maui. It was very interesting. So, you know, you cleaning the house, going for a walk, you can start listening to the South Maui Community Plan PDF. You can have a man read it to you, you can have a woman read it to you, you can

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have British accents...you know, your choice. They...they didn't have a Pidgin option, which would make it really understandable for me, but, you know, they're still learning. They can't fix all the problems in one go. But basically, I guess, that's my plan. I...it hinges mainly on Chair Lee allowing us to do the swaparos [sic] and things, but tentatively, we're looking at September. If...and unless anyone else has anything more they wanted to feedback, add, or--oh, Ms. Toshikiyo, I see, has joined us. Thank you. But that would pretty much conclude today's meeting. And I would defer. I just didn't want to spring anything on anyone, or make them feel like I'm taking their slots without their feedback and buy-in. And this is our first Committee agenda posed in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, and I have gotten good feedback as well. So, yeah, I'll just open it up one last time. Anybody have anything I missed, or wanted to add, or--oh, Member Sinenci, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Just...for me, I just prefer, maybe, James Earl Jones, Section 1.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah. Yeah. You know, in Speechify, I think you can get like Snoop...Snoop to read to you as well. And you can speed it up or slow it down. It's super good fun. I did have Snoop read me some small excerpts, but I...I kind of like the British lady, I don't know why. Okay. All right. Let me get back to my notes so I can close this out in the proper format. *(silence)* I can't find the notes. But anyway, if there is no further items or discussion, the Chair will defer this item --

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR PALTIN: -- without objection...okay. Cool, deferred.

ACTION: DEFER

CHAIR PALTIN: And this concludes today's Disaster Recovery, International Affairs, and Planning Committee meeting. Thank you all for your cooperation. And the meeting...the time is now 10:54, and the meeting is adjourned. Have a very safe 4th of July. If you're going to do fireworks, make sure you have a bucket of water and a hose at the ready. One time we burned our whole entire garbage can down, and lucky thing our neighbor let us know that the garbage can was on fire, and it melted to like a little puddle of plastic. So, use a hose, have a bucket of water nearby, supervise your children. If it's really windy, maybe reconsider because we already lost one town...and be safe. Have a good rest of the day, and a good holiday weekend. And we'll see you guys when we see you. Aloha. Adjourned. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

ADJOURN: 10:54 a.m.

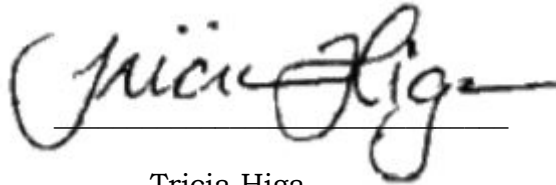
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