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**RE: Comments for Proposed Waiale Road Extension Project**

The Waikapu Gardens Homeowners Association appreciates this opportunity to give feedback on the proposed Waiale Road Extension Project by the County of Maui, Department of Public Works (DPW).

As a follow up to the zoom presentation on 12/5/24 for this project, we would like to submit the following comments for your review and consideration:

- 1. We support the idea of installing a one-lane roundabouts, at the new proposed intersection at East Waiko and Waiale Road. This will become a very busy intersection and based on a previous roundabout installed at the Maui Lani Parkway and Kamehameha Avenue intersection, the installation of that roundabout has greatly improved the flow of traffic and safety at that location and will do the same for the new East Waiko and Waiale Road intersection.**
- 2. We would like to recommend installing flashing signal lights to help ensure children and pedestrians can cross the new East Waiko and Waiale Road intersection safely. The proposed Waikapu Country Town project will include an elementary and middle school, along with approximately 1,450 residential units, commercial and retail businesses, and other amenities such as parks, etc. Installing flashing signal lights will help safeguard the safety of children attending these schools and pedestrians who will be using this intersection to access the amenities at the Waikapu Country Town center and nearby communities.**

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3. We would also like to recommend installing a speed table on the south side of Waiale Road just before the entrance of Waikapu Gardens Phase 2. This will help slow down traffic on Waiale Road and allow residents from Waikapu Gardens phase 2 to exit out of their subdivision and on to Waiale Road safely.
4. We would like to advocate for some kind of traffic mitigation (one-lane roundabout, stoplight, etc.) be considered at the entrance and exit of Ha'awi Street at Waikapu Gardens Phase 1 and Waiale Road. This phase of our subdivision includes 410 homes. Waiale Road is the only exit from our subdivision. We want to ensure residents can get out onto Waiale Road safely. This is a main concern for our HOA as we plan and consider the impacts of traffic for our residents who reside in Waikapu Gardens. The Developer of the Waikapu Country Town has publicly expressed his commitment to help pay the cost of installing a stop light to help homeowners get in and out of our Waikapu Gardens Phase 1 safely.

During the zoom presentation on 12/5/24, there were many concerns from residents of neighboring communities along Waiale Road who expressed how busy Waiale Road has become and the difficulties they are experiencing getting on to Waiale Road from their communities due to heavy traffic. With the new Waikapu Country Town development and plans for 2 new schools, it is expected that traffic on Waiale Road will continue to increase, making it even more difficult for residents to get out of their subdivisions safely.

Affordable Housing continues to be a top priority for Maui and the state of Hawaii. We support the development of more affordable housing for our island residents. Smart planning is a key component to making sure future developments not only meet the needs of our island residents, but also, are in balance with the existing community in which they will become a part of.

The Waikapu Gardens Homeowners Association appreciates the opportunity to participate and submit comments regarding the proposed extension of Waiale Road.

Mahalo, and we look forward to working together with you on the development of this project.

Sincerely,



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