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F R O M: Michael J. Molina,
Councilmember



SUBJECT: **TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATIONAL DOCUMENT RELATING TO
STOP SIGN ON HAIKU ROAD (HAIKU)** (IT-35)

The attached informational document pertains to Item IT-35 on the Committee's agenda.

Attachment

cc:

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October 29, 2020

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

Dear Ms. Dagdag-Andaya:

SUBJECT: STOP SIGN ON HAIKU ROAD

Thank you for transmitting the proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.44.030, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO STOP REQUIRED-THROUGH STREET INTERSECTING THROUGH STREET," to the Public Works Commission for their review and recommendation.

My understanding of the Commission's recommendation is that they approve the installation of a stop sign if the matter relative to "sight distance" can be resolved. Also, as an alternative they are supportive of potential traffic calming devices to address safety concerns.

Accordingly, I have attached an aerial picture and map of the proposed location the community desires to have the stop sign location. In an effort to resolve the "sight distance" matter, may I respectfully request your consideration for providing recommendations to address the "sight distance" concerns of the Commission.

I appreciate that the Commission has suggested traffic calming devices as an alternative to the stop sign, but the community has made it clear, they do not support traffic calming as a solution, they prefer the installation of a stop sign.

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter. May I also request that you provide a written response by November 16, 2020. Should you have any questions please contact me or my Legislative Analysis Gary Saldana at 808 264-2841.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL J. MOLINA
Councilmember

CM:MHP:outgoing:Haiku_Stop_sign_DPW07:grs

Attachment

cc: Mayor Michael P. Victorino
Jordan Molina, Public Works Deputy Director
Lucienne de Naie, President, Haiku Community Association

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December 30, 2020

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

Dear Ms. Dagdag-Andaya:

SUBJECT: STOP SIGN ON HAIKU ROAD

Attached please find correspondence dated October 23, 2020, regarding a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.44.030, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO STOP REQUIRED-THROUGH STREET INTERSECTING THROUGH STREET," which was transmitted to the Public Works Commission for their review and recommendation.

Consistent with the Commission's recommendation to approve the installation of a stop sign if the matter relative to "sight distance" can be resolved, I requested assistance in resolving the "sight distance" matter, however to date I have not received a response.

Therefore, may I respectfully request you provide a written response by January 15, 2021. Should you have any questions please contact me or my Legislative Analysis Gary Saldana at 808 264-2841.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Molina".

MICHAEL J. MOLINA
Councilmember

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Attachment

cc: Mayor Michael P. Victorino
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Lucienne de Naie, President, Haiku Community Association

Haiku/Kokomo intersection, interim solution

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- Timothy Wolfe <wolfemanmaui@gmail.com>;
- Philip Lowenthal <phl@lowenthal-hawaii.com>;
- Gary Saldana

Aloha Director and Associate Molina:

Tim Wolfe and I serve on the board of the Haiku Community Association. Our particular assignment has been directed toward generating some traction and progress at getting the fourth stop sign installed at the intersection of Haiku Rd. & Kokomo Rd.

We understand from CM Molina's office that a bill has been introduced that would serve our goal. While that winds it's way through the process there is an immediate action that would provide some serious risk avoidance at the intersection.

Mauka bound vehicles on Haiku Rd. do not have to pause or stop!

Vehicles exiting the commercial center with the intention of turning left downhill have nearly no line of sight access to judge their entry into the intersection when vehicles are parked on the street in front of Nuka Restaurant. The two parking spaces are frequently occupied with large utility trucks belonging to Hawaiian Telcom. Their building is directly across from Nuka. When the trucks are there the line of sight is completely blocked.

With tourism traffic resuming the intersection has become more and more risky and dangerous. Particularly so because there is a pedestrian crosswalk from the Hawtel property to Nuka that is not protected by a four way stop or any warning system.

Granted it maybe some time before it becomes a four way stop, but an interim safety solution would be to paint out the parking spaces in front of Nuka and add specific "No Parking" signs as well. Even a temporary battery powered,(including solar) device could be stationed ahead of the Post Office to warn and slow down the mauka bound vehicles would be helpful.

We have met with the owner of Nuka and he supports both the No Parking signage and the Stop

sign.

Special needs children that attend Root's School use the cross walks too. Please don't put off an interim solution while the gears of government grind away at a permanent solution.

Sincerely,

Laf Young