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May 11, 2017

Mr. Ford Fuchigami, Director
Department of Transportation
Aliiainokū Hale
869 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Fuchigami:

**SUBJECT: AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS (CHAPTER
201H, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES):
INDEPENDENT DEVELOPMENT OF MAKILA KAI
(LAHAINA) (LU-2(1))**

On May 8, 2017, the Maui County Council's Land Use Committee received an application from Makila Kai LLC, pursuant to Section 201H-38, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The Committee intends to schedule the item for its meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

In the Final Application for Workforce Housing Community, Makila Kai, LLC, the Department of Transportation did not provide any comments on the proposed project. The applicant stated that, "As of October 2016, the State DOT awarded the design-build contract for this Lahaina Bypass Highway phase to Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company, with construction expected to be completed by 2018."

As you are aware, the amount of traffic along the Honoapiilani Highway to and from Lahaina is a serious concern of Maui residents. In reviewing the Makila Kai project, the Committee will need to fully analyze the projected traffic expected from the proposed development. A concern is that the applicant is relying solely on the Lahaina Bypass Highway project completion by 2018 to address the traffic impacts from the project. The Committee would like to know from your office if this is a reasonable assumption and, if not, what your office's expectations are regarding the completion of the Lahaina Bypass Highway project. The

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Committee would also like to know if your office has an opinion or can offer comments on Makila Kai's project.

Therefore, may I respectfully request that you provide a State DOT representative to attend the May 17, 2017 meeting to assist the Committee with its deliberations. I apologize for the short notice but 201H-38, HRS requires the Council to "approve, approve with modification, or disapprove the project by resolution within forty-five days after the applicant has submitted preliminary plans." If a representative is not available to attend the meeting, may I request that you submit your written comments by May 16, 2017, relating to potential traffic impacts associated with the project and a status on the Lahaina Bypass Highway project.

To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Gary Saldana at (808) 270-7137, or Clarita Balala at ext. (808) 270-7668).

Sincerely,



ROBERT CARROLL, Chair
Land Use Committee

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cc: Tom Schnell, AICP, PBR Hawaii & Associates, Inc.