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April 4, 2025

Mr. Jordan Molina, Director
Department of Public Works
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Molina:

SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET** (BFED-1) (PW-02)

May I please request you be prepared to answer the following questions at the BFED Committee meeting on **April 14, 2025.*** This will enable the Committee to comprehensively review the FY 2026 Budget.

May I further request that, after approval by the Office of the Mayor, you transmit your answer to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by the end of the day on **April 14, 2025.** **Date subject to change without notice.*

Overall

1. Relating to the DSA – Building Permit Program, Goal #1, item 1:
 - a. What is included in the FY 2026 Budget that will enable the Department to achieve its goal of increasing the percentage of building permit applications reviewed within 30 calendar days from six to 70 percent? (Page 737, Program Budget) (NUH)
2. Have your Department personnel received training to identify invasive species, such as coconut rhinoceros beetles, on County properties? (TP)
3. Has the Department completed the Vegetation Management Plan to pursue exemptions under Chapter 2.50, “Pesticide and Fertilizer Use on Country Property,” Maui County Code? If the Plan has been completed, please provide a link. (TP)

4. Please provide a status update on the resurfacing and paving of Unahiole Street and Ala Moana Street in Lahaina. Resurfacing was anticipated to be completed before the August 8, 2023, wildfires. Now that debris removal is complete, the roads need to be paved. (TP)
 - a. How does the Department coordinate with other County departments' utility repair work in Lahaina? (TP)

Salaries and Wages (Category "A")

1. Does the Department have funding for retention or recruitment incentives, such as tuition reimbursement, similar to what other departments are beginning to implement? (GJ)
2. The Department is requesting a full year's salary for several expansion positions. Have the following positions been filled:
 - a. P-33955 Secretary III, Index Code 916015A;
 - b. P-00506 Fleet Mechanic I, Index Code 916114A;
 - c. P-00507 Fleet Technician, Index Code 916114A;
 - d. P-00508 Equipment Operator Trainer, Index Code 916369A;
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 - f. P-00510 Laborer II, Index Code 916544A;
 - g. P-00511 Laborer II, Index Code 916544A;
 - h. P-00512 Highway Construction & Maintenance Supervisor II, Index Code 916544A; and
 - i. P-00513 Traffic Signs & Markings Supervisor II, Index Code 916601A. (Pages 22-3, 22-17, 22-19, 22-46, 22-51, and 22-74, Budget Details) (TP)

Operations and Equipment (Category “B”)

1. For Laboratory Services, Index Code 916015B:
 - a. Please explain why this is an expansion request for FY 2026. Is the Department just beginning drug testing, or is random drug testing already being conducted Department-wide? (Page 720, Program Budget, and Page 22-6, Budget Details) (TP)
2. For Physical Examinations, Index Code 916015B: (Page 720, Program Budget, and Page 22-6, Budget Details)
 - a. Please provide details on the Pre-Employment Physical Reimbursement. (NUH)
 - b. If an applicant requires an OccuMed exam before being hired, does the Department pay the recruitment incentive upon hire? Please clarify when the reimbursement is issued. (TP)
3. For Professional Services, Index Code: 916023B: (Page 724, Program Budget, and Page 22-13, Budget Details)
 - a. Please explain how the Department currently tracks permit and certificates for the Flood Program and ensures compliance with National Flood Insurance Program and Community Rating System requirements. (YLS)
 - b. How much surveying was completed in Lahaina over the past year and what needs to be completed in FY 2026? (TP)
 - c. The consultant completes subdivision reviews, road ownership research, and field surveys. In the future, does the Department anticipate completing the consultant’s work internally? (NUH)
4. For the following Index Code 916157B items, what future costs or spending trends does the Department anticipate will be needed “due to additional facilities being added over the last several years?”
 - a. Electricity;

- b. R & M – Services/Contracts;
 - c. Sewer charges; and
 - d. Water delivery charges. (Page 725, Program Budget, and Page 22-15, Budget Details) (NUH)
- 5. Please explain why the Department is accounting for future electricity costs. Does this request account for inflation? (Page 22-15, Budget Details) (TP)
- 6. For Training Fees/Seminars, Index Code 916114B, please describe how “ethical and professional” training will support the Department’s Key Activity Goals. (Page 22-25, Budget Details) (NUH)
- 7. For Miscellaneous Other Costs, Index Code 916172B:
 - a. Is the State Department of Land and Natural Resources inspecting all regulated dams in the County or County-owned regulated dams? (Page 22-27, Budget Details) (TP)
- 8. For R & M – Services/Contracts, Index Code 916215B:
 - a. Under Ordinance 5754, the newly adopted Fire Code requires the removal of “vegetation that extend[s] within five feet of a vertical plane of a structure’s roof line.” How will the Department bring all County properties into compliance with this new requirement? (Page 22-28, Budget Details) (TP)
- 9. Has the Department secured the following grant awards, and is the 20-percent County match budgeted for in FY 2026:
 - a. Federal Highway Administration, Federal-Aid and Other Transportation Grants; and
 - b. United States Department of Transportation, RAISE Grant. (Page 726, Program Budget) (TP)
- 10. Please confirm whether the U.S. DOT RAISE grant has been appropriated by the United States Department of Transportation. (Page 726, Program Budget) (TP)

11. For Other Equipment, Index Code 916369C: (Page 732, Program Budget, and Page 22-32, Budget Details)
 - a. Please provide details on the Commercial Vehicle Driving Simulator and how the equipment will be used by the Department. (YLS)
 - i. How do trainees interact with the Simulator? How many employees will use this Simulator over its 20-year lifespan? (NUH)
 - ii. Does the Department anticipate annual fees for the simulator? (NUH)
12. For Professional Services, Index Code 916502B: (Page 743, Program Budget, and Page 22-43, Budget Details)
 - a. Please explain what types of investigations will be conducted with this funding. How will the findings be used by the Department? (TP) (YLS) (NUH)
 - b. What does the Department plan to accomplish with “professional services to retain, develop, and recruit a capable, motivated, and diverse workforce,” and why will this not be accomplished internally? (GJ) (TP)
 - i. Would the Department consider contracting with WBCP, Inc., a consulting service that specializes in government recruitment, talent evaluation, and acquisition, so a Request for Proposals may not be necessary? (TP)
13. For Other Equipment, Index Code 916502C:
 - a. The Department is requesting two handheld radios at \$6,000 each, which are at a higher price point than the portable radios at \$3,210 each requested by the Department of Fire and Public Safety. The radios will help to improve communication reliability between agencies. Please confirm the compatibility of these radios. (Page 743, Program Budget, and Pages 9-56 and 22-45, Budget Details) (TP)

14. For Rentals, Index Code 916544B, the Department is requesting additional funding for an annual lease with the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. Please explain the purpose of the lease. (Page 22-62, Budget Details) (TP)
15. Please explain why a 2,500-gallon water truck, Index Code 916389C, and a 4,000-gallon water truck, Index Code 916544C, both cost \$400,000 each. (Page 748, Program Budget, and Pages 22-66 and 22-70, Budget Details) (NUH)

Appendix A-II

1. For the Plan Review, Permit Processing, and Inspection Revolving Fund, please provide an update on any funds expended for an expedited permitting contract. Are any of the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery funds available for expedited permitting? (Page 46) (YLS)

Capital Improvement Projects

1. For CBS-6069 Countywide Bridge and Drainage Program: (Page 981, Program Budget)
 - a. Please explain why the four existing West Maui dams are classified as “High Hazard” by the State Department of Land and Natural Resources. Does funding cover evaluation and repair costs for the dams? (TP)
 - b. Does the Department seek to maintain, reconstruct, rehabilitate, or preserves bridges located on Old Government Roads? If not, is the County still responsible for residents’ safety when using these bridges during an emergency? (SS)
2. For CBS-6633 Countywide Drainline Replacement Program:
 - a. Does the Department regularly maintain County drainage areas and culverts to keep the public safe and prevent entry? (Page 983, Program Budget) (SS)
3. For CBS-6070 Countywide Facilities Maintenance Program, will funding include proposed improvements to the County buildings in

Wailuku to accommodate parking for current and additional personnel? (Page 985, Program Budget) (NUH)

4. Does the Department have any repairs or improvements planned for the Hāna Baseyard Facility under CBS-7232 Countywide DPW Baseyard Facilities Program? (Page 987, Program Budget) (SS)
5. Please provide a status update on the Pi'ilani Highway Slope Stabilization at Nuanualoa Gulch under CBS-7870 Countywide Rockfall and Embankment Repairs. Is there an anticipated project completion date? (Page 989, Program Budget) (SS)
6. For CBS-1023 Countywide Road Resurfacing and Pavement Preservation: (Page 991, Program Budget)
 - a. For the Pukalani Terrace Subdivision Pavement Reconstruction, please provide a status update on: 1) the work completed; 2) work in-progress; 3); work pending; and 4) work planned for the project. Please include work from previous FYs and the plans for the FY 2026 funds. (YLS)
 - b. When is the Department's next paving project in East Maui? (SS)
7. What is the status of the Kahawaiokapia Bridge Replacement under CBS-5022 Countywide Federal Aid Program? If the design is complete, when does the Department anticipate construction will begin? (Page 993, Program Budget) (SS)
8. For CBS-6067 Countywide Traffic and Safety Program: (Page 995, Program Budget)
 - a. The project description includes an "Annual Traffic Calming Program." How will the public be able to access the program? (TP)
 - b. Complaints have been made regarding the hazardous traffic conditions on Highway 31 in Kaupō because drivers are unable to see oncoming traffic due to hills and dips in the road. Can this CIP address these issues? (SS)

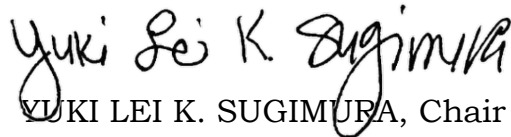
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9. For CBS-1069 Waiale Road Extension, what are the Department's plans for traffic mitigation and pedestrian safety improvements in the Waiale Road and Kuikahi Drive intersection? (Page 997, Program Budget) (YLS)

To ensure efficient processing, please duplicate the coding in the subject line above for easy reference.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Kirsten Szabo at ext. 7662, James Krueger at ext. 7761, Jarret Pascual at ext. 7141, Clarissa MacDonald at ext. 7135, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yuki Lei K. Sugimura". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair
Budget, Finance, and Economic
Development Committee

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Budget Director
Deputy Director of Public Works

BFED Committee

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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

 4-15-25

Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Yuki Lei Sugimura, Chair
Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Chair Sugimura

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2026 BUDGET (BFED-1) (PW-02)

The Department is in receipt of your correspondence dated April 4, 2025, requesting information on our FY2026 Budget and is providing the following responses.

Overall

1. *Relating to the DSA – Building Permit Program, Goal # 1, item 1:*
 - a. *What is included in the FY 2026 Budget that will enable the Department to achieve its goal of increasing the percentage of*

building permit applications reviewed within 30 calendar days from six to 70 percent?

The items that will assist DSA with decreasing the building permit review time that are included in the FY 2026 budget are the funds for the plan review positions as well as the funding for professional services.

2. *Have your Department personnel received training to identify invasive species, such as coconut rhinoceros beetles, on County properties?*
Yes, Department of Agriculture and UH provided virtual training.
3. *Has the Department completed the Vegetation Management Plan to pursue exemptions under Chapter 2. 50, "Pesticide and Fertilizer Use on County Property," Maui County Code? If the Plan has been completed, please provide a link.*
No, vegetation management plan is in process.
4. *Please provide a status update on the resurfacing and paving of Unahiole Street and Ala Moana Street in Lahaina. Resurfacing was anticipated to be completed before the August 8, 2023, wildfires. Now that debris removal is complete, the roads need to be paved.*
The paving project is on-hold until other Departments confirm there will be no further trenching for utility repairs. At Unahiole Street and Ala Moana Street, heavy vehicle traffic is anticipated until September 2025 as DLNR-DOBOR is currently dredging Mala Boat Ramp.
 - a. *How does the Department coordinate with other County departments' utility repair work in Lahaina?*
During the design phase, the Department notifies other utility agencies of the planned resurfacing work. The Department's engineers meet regularly with other Departments to coordinate potential utility conflicts.

Salaries and Wages (Category "A")

1. Does the Department have funding for retention or recruitment incentives, such as tuition reimbursement, similar to what other departments are beginning to implement?

The department has a Recruitment Incentive Agreement that covers certain job classes. The Recruitment Incentive Program components include the following:

- *Signing Bonus*
- *Travel & Transportation Incentive*
- *Pre-employment physical reimbursement incentive*
 - a. *Blue collar United Public Workers– all positions*

2. The Department is requesting a full year's salary for several expansion positions. Have the following positions been filled:

- a. *P-33955 Secretary III, Index Code 916015A;*
- b. *P-00506 Fleet Mechanic I, Index Code 916114A;*
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- h. *P-00512 Highway Construction & Maintenance Supervisor II, Index Code 916544A; and*
- i. *P-00513 Traffic Signs & Markings Supervisor II, Index Code 916601A.*

P-33955 Secretary III and P-33962 PW Highways Utility Worker have been filled.

P-00510 and P-00511 Laborer II's have been created as P-34007 and P-34008 and new hires are completing pre-employment medical exams.

P-00508 EO Trainer, P-00512 HCMS II, and P-00513 TSMS II positions have been submitted (with approved reorganization proposals) for creation and are in process with the Department of Personnel Services (DPS).

P-00506 Fleet Mechanic and P-00507 Fleet Technician positions are awaiting creation and finalization of an approved reorganization also currently with DPS. (This is what was provided in the BFED 1 PW 1 response; however, these two positions are pending PDs from the division and have not yet been submitted to DPS for creation.)

Operations and Equipment (Category “B”)

1. For Laboratory Services, Index Code 916015B:

- a. Please explain why this is an expansion request for FY 2026. Is the Department just beginning drug testing, or is random drug testing already being conducted Department-wide?

Random drug testing is already being conducted Department-wide and the cost will be fully covered by the Public Works Administration Program. Other programs will continue to cover the costs for other required lab services such as bloodborne pathogens.

2. For Physical Examinations, Index Code 916015B:

- a. Please provide details on the Pre-Employment Physical Reimbursement.

If an applicant is required to complete an OccuMed exam before being hired, the recruitment incentive as written is that the employee can submit for reimbursement of the cost after successfully completing one year of service with the Department.

- b. If an applicant requires an OccuMed exam before being hired, does the Department pay the recruitment incentive upon hire? Please clarify when the reimbursement is issued.

Please see answer 2a above.

3. *For Professional Services, Index Code 916023B:*

- a. *Please explain how the Department currently tracks permit and certificates for the Flood Program and ensures compliance with National Flood Insurance Program and Community Rating System requirements.*

Certificates required for flood development permits are tracked by permit number in MAPPS. For certificates required after construction, permits are placed on a list that is tracked manually where each permit number is periodically searched in MAPPS to determine when construction is near completion. This is typically done over a 2-year period after issuance of the flood development permit. Upon completion of construction, a request letter for the finished construction certificate is sent to the permit applicant. The certificate is reviewed, and corrections requested. Upon approval of the certificate, the flood development permit is completed.

- b. *How much surveying was completed in Lahaina over the past year and what needs to be completed in FY 2026?*

In the past year, our consultants have completed almost all fieldwork of survey monuments and property pins along County rights-of-way in the Lahaina burn zone. This resulted in the development of a GIS survey map intended to guide all surveyors performing work in the burn zone that will allow consistent use of the existing survey monuments and will provide added resources for the public to help with the rebuilding effort.

In FY 2026, additional work is needed to complete the survey map for all of Lahaina burn zone, including resolving any survey discrepancies such as gaps and overlaps. Additionally, consultants will review surveys associated with building permit applications, when required.

- c. *The consultant completes subdivision reviews, road ownership research, and field surveys. In the future, does the Department anticipate completing the consultant's work internally?*

The licensed surveyor position has been vacant for years. If the position is filled in the future, the Department will perform some of the reviews but anticipate the need to retain the consultants for support.

4. *For the following Index Code 916157B items, what future costs or spending trends does the Department anticipate will be needed "due to additional facilities being added over the last several years:"*

a. *Electricity;*

Funding requests are based on prior year actual spendings or if not available, utilizing data of comparable facilities. We anticipate future cost to increase 5% annually thereafter due to inflation.

b. *R & M – Services / Contracts;*

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c. *Sewer charges; and*

Funding requests are based on prior year actual spendings or if not available, utilizing data of comparable facilities. We anticipate future cost to increase 5% annually thereafter due to inflation.

d. *Water delivery charges*

Funding requests are based on prior year actual spendings or if not available, utilizing data of comparable facilities. We anticipate future cost to increase 5% annually thereafter due to inflation.

5. *Please explain why the Department is accounting for future electricity costs. Does this request account for inflation?*

The \$50,000 expansion request for FY 2026 on 916157B-6120 is to align the budget with FY 2024 Actual Spending. This amount does not account for inflation.

6. *For Training Fees/Seminars, Index Code 916114B, please describe how "ethical and professional" training will support the Department's Key Activity Goals.*

Ethical and professional training will improve diagnostic and repair skills, resulting in more effective and efficient garage services by minimizing errors. Continuous up-to-date training is essential for our employees to effectively perform garage services amidst evolving technology. Ultimately, this directly supports the Department's Special Maintenance

Program Goal #2 providing effective and efficient services through a professionally trained workforce.

7. *For Miscellaneous Other Costs, Index Code 916172B:*

- a. *Is the State Department of Land and Natural Resources inspecting all regulated dams in the County or County-owner regulated dams?*

The Department of Public Works is currently coordinating with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) for the inspection of all county-owned and regulated dams under DPW's jurisdiction.

8. *For R & M – Services / Contracts, Index Code 916215B:*

- a. *Under Ordinance 5754, the newly adopted Fire Code requires the removal of “vegetation that extend[s] within five feet of a vertical plane of a structure’s roof line.” How will the Department bring all County properties into compliance with this new requirement?*

DPW will assess and clear vegetation within five feet of its buildings' roofs, prioritizing high-risk spots. Ongoing maintenance will then ensure continued Fire Code compliance.

9. *Has the Department secured the following grant awards, and is the 20-percent County match budgeted for in FY 2026:*

- a. *Federal Highway Administration, Federal-Aid and Other Transportation Grants; and*

The Department has not yet secured this grant. For funds to be secured or obligated, completion of the project's environmental review, execution of a grant agreement, and approval of the project's plans, specifications, and estimates must be received. The county match is included in our FY 2026 budget request.

- b. *United States Department of Transportation, RAISE Grant.*

As of this letter, RAISE Grants have been awarded but not secured (obligated). In order for funds to be obligated, completion of the project's environmental review, execution of a grant agreement, and approval of the project's plans, specifications, and estimates must be received. The 20-percent county match will be requested for each project awarded RAISE Grants in the year the project is anticipated to proceed into construction.

10. *Please confirm whether the U.S. DOT RAISE grant has been appropriated by the United States Department of Transportation.*

As of this letter, RAISE Grants have been appropriated and awarded however not yet secured (obligated).

11. *For Other Equipment, Index Code 916369C:*

- a. *Please provide details on the Commercial Vehicle Driving Simulator and how the equipment will be used by the Department.*

The Commercial Vehicle Driving Simulator offers a virtual environment for CDL training. The Department will use it to reduce in-person supervision during initial training, minimize vehicle wear, and certify new drivers before they operate real trucks. This technology enhances safety and efficiency in the CDL program.

How do trainees interact with the Simulator? How many employees will use this Simulator over its 20-year lifespan?

Trainees will interact with the simulator by operating virtual and physical controls (steering wheel, pedals, gear shift) within a realistic cab environment. The simulator provides visual, physical and auditory feedback, mimicking the experience of driving a commercial vehicle through various scenarios and conditions. The simulator is expected to train 25 new CDL employees annually. Assuming this rate continues over its 20-year lifespan, the estimated number of employees who will use the simulator is 500.

Does the Department anticipate annual fees for the simulator?

We do not anticipate any annual fees; regular maintenance is expected to be within the capabilities of our existing staff.

12. *For Professional Services, Index Code 916502B:*

- a. *Please explain what types of investigations will be conducted with this funding. How will the findings be used by the Department?*

Due to limited internal resources, external services are required for incident investigations.

- b. *What does the Department plan to accomplish with “professional services to retain, develop, and recruit a capable, motivated, and diverse workforce,” and why will this not be accomplished internally?*

Would the Department consider contracting with WBCP, Inc., a consulting service that specializes in government recruitment, talent evaluation, and acquisition, so a Request for Proposals may not be necessary?

The Department aims to enhance leadership and safety awareness skills through professional services. This external support is needed for specialized expertise, resource limitations and the benefits of external perspectives in training. Ultimately, this investment in professional services directly supports the Department's Highways Administration Program goal #1 building a capable, motivated, and diverse workforce to improve the leadership qualities of supervisory staff.

Given that the Department's current specific need is for supervisory-type training (as opposed to general recruitment, talent evaluation, and acquisition), it becomes even less likely that we would directly contract with WBCP, Inc.

13. *For Other Equipment, Index Code 916502C:*

- a. *The Department is requesting two handheld radios at \$6,000 each, which are at a higher price point than the portable radios at \$3,210 each requested by the Department of Fire and Public Safety. The radios will help to improve communication reliability between agencies. Please confirm the compatibility of these radios.*

The \$6,000 radio request encompasses a supervisory-level device featuring a display and keypad for enhanced functionality. This cost covers the base radio unit along with essential programming, batteries, and chargers, ensuring immediate operational readiness for each device. Crucially, the selected radio will offer seamless communication interoperability between Public Works and other departments during emergency response situations.

14. *For Rentals, Index Code 916544B, the Department is requesting additional funding for an annual lease with the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. Please explain the purpose of the lease.*

The Department is requesting funds for rental of DHHL property to be utilized as an equipment and material storage yard for the Lahaina District Base Yard. Currently, the District is utilizing space from DEM for their base yard and having to store large equipment and materials offsite and unsecured. With these additional funds the district will be able to store/stockpile materials and equipment in a secure area.

15. *Please explain why a 2,500-gallon water truck, Index Code 916389C, and a 4,000-gallon water truck, Index Code 916544C, both costs \$4,000 each.*

The requested 2,500-gallon water truck will be equipped with 4x4 capability for reliable traction on unpaved roads and construction sites, a critical feature for the Pavement Preservation Section. This smaller capacity offers a more maneuverable footprint, better suited to their specific needs compared to a larger 4,000-gallon truck. Furthermore, the 2,500-gallon tank will allow a wider range of operators to utilize the vehicle, whereas the larger truck requires our most highly skilled personnel.

Appendix A-II

1. *For the Plan Review, Permit Processing, and Inspection Revolving Fund, please provide an update on any funds expended for an expedited permitting contract. Are any of the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery funds available for expedited permitting?*

The CDBG-DR Action Plan has not been approved. The Department will discuss with the Office of Recovery if expedited permitting would be an allowable use of the funds after the Action Plan is approved.

Capital Improvement Projects

1. *For CBS-6069 Countywide Bridge and Drainage Program:*

- a. *Please explain why the four existing West Maui dams are classified as “High Hazard” by the State Department of Land and Natural Resources. Does funding cover evaluation and repair costs for the dams?*

There are 123 dams in the State of Hawaii regulated by DLNR, and 115 of them are classified as “high hazard”. In accordance with HAR §13-190.1-2, a “high hazard” classification is defined as a dam or reservoir in which

failure will result in probable loss of human life. The four regulated dams maintained by DPW are meant for flood control to protect developed areas, thus they are deemed a "high hazard". This classification is not indicative of the dams' condition or likelihood of failure and will not change due to its location.

Funding for the Department's Dam Safety Program will go toward addressing facility deficiencies, updating technical studies, and training for employees tasked with carrying out emergency response.

- b. *Does the Department seek to maintain, reconstruct, rehabilitate, or preserve bridges located on Old Government Roads? If not, is the County still responsible for residents' safety when using these bridges during an emergency?*

The Department does not seek to maintain, reconstruct, rehabilitate or preserve bridges located on Old Government Roads. The County is only responsible for bridges that are on County owned roads.

2. *For CBS-6633 Countywide Drainline Replacement Program:*

- a. *Does the Department regularly maintain County drainage areas and culverts to keep the public safe and prevent entry?*

The County clears drainage systems to maximize the conveyance of stormwater. Large scale drainage facilities, such as flood control and dam sites are fenced and gated from the public.

3. *For CBS-6070 Countywide Facilities Maintenance Program, will funding include proposed improvements to the County buildings in Wailuku to accommodate parking for current and additional personnel?*

Funding request in FY2026 for CBS-6070 Countywide Facilities Maintenance Program does not include improvements to accommodate parking for current and additional personnel.

4. *Does the Department have any repairs or improvements planned for the Hana Baseyard Facility under CBS-7232 Countywide DPW Baseyard Facilities Program?*

Yes, we are working on two fabric covered storage structures for the Hana Baseyard, also we are hiring a consultant to do an assessment of the garage building for any needed structural repairs.

5. *Please provide a status update on the Pi'ilani Highway Slope Stabilization at Nuanualoa Gulch under CBS-7870 Countywide Rockfall and Embankment Repairs. Is there an anticipated project completion date?*

This project is in preliminary design, which includes the installation of reinforced shotcrete and soil nails. The anticipated project completion date is FY2026.

6. *For CBS-1023 Countywide Road Resurfacing and Pavement Preservation:*

- a. *For the Pukalani Terrace Subdivision Pavement Reconstruction, please provide a status update on: 1) the work completed; 2) work in-progress; 3) work pending; and 4) work planned for the project. Please include work from previous FYs and the plans for the FY 2026 funds.*

1. Work completed:

FY 2019 – Elilani Street, Kilani Place

FY 2020 – Aliiolani Street, Alalani Street

2. Work in-progress: none

3. Work pending:

FY 2022 – Keikilani Street, Kaulani Drive, Keolalani Street, Olulani Street, Lokelani Place

FY 2023 – Ehilani Street, Halaulani Street, Ikalani Place, Hanalani Street

FY 2024 – Hokulani Street, Ililani Way, Palalani Place

4. Work planned:

Aina Lani Drive, Akalani Loop, Leolani Place, Hukilani Place, Ualani Place, Kaiulani Circle

- b. *When is the Department's next paving project in East Maui?*

FY 2025, resurfacing of Uakea Road.

7. *What is the status of the Kahawaiokapia Bridge Replacement under CBS-5022 Countywide Federal Aid Program? If the design is complete, when does the Department anticipate construction will begin?*

The Kahawaiokapia Bridge Replacement Project is in design and permitting. We anticipate construction to begin in the summer of next year.

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8. *For CBS-6067 Countywide Traffic and Safety Program:*

- a. *The project description includes an "Annual Traffic Calming Program." How will the public be able to access the program?*

Public may contact the Department's Engineering Division at (808) 270-7745 or visit the Division's page through the County of Maui's website.

- b. *Complaints have been made regarding the hazardous traffic conditions on Highway 31 in Kaupo because drivers are unable to see oncoming traffic due to hills and dips in the road. Can this CIP address these issues?*

CIP may be an avenue for assisting with these concerns.

9. *For CBS-1069 Waiale Road Extension, what are the Department's plans for traffic mitigation and pedestrian safety improvements in the Waialae Road and Kuikahi Drive intersection?*

The Department has retained the services of a consultant to assist with evaluating this intersection in addition to Waiale Road between Kuikahi Drive and Waiko Road. Services include reviewing traffic signal timing phasing/timing as well as changes to the intersection's configuration.

We look forward to presenting information before the Committee on April 14, 2025. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at Ext. 7845.

Sincerely,



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