

IEM Committee

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Subject: PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR MONDAY 12-3-2018. PLEASE CONFIRM RECEIPT. MAHALO!!
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November 29, 2018.

Maui County Council Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,
Elle Cochran, Chair.

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With Request for Confirmation of Receipt.

Public Testimony for Monday, December 3, 2018.

**RE: “THE COMMITTEE MAY RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING
COMMUNICATIONS BE REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL CHAIR FOR
THE TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 2, 2019, PURSUANT TO RULE 23 OF
THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL”.**

Aloha Chair Cochran and Committee Members,

We are particularly concerned and involved with two of the items you are considering; “OLD GOVERNMENT ROADS (IEM-1) and LOWER NAHIKU BRIDGE HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS (NAHIKU) (IEM-10)”.

We request you refer these two items to the new council chair for consideration after January 2, 2019.

These are both critical health and safety issues for the Nahiku Community that urgently need to be resolved before anyone, including visitors, is hurt or killed.

There are profound liability and budgetary issues that urgently need to be further considered and resolved by the County of Maui in cooperation with the community.

Please consider, the County of Maui closed the Lower Nahiku Bridge across Makapipi Stream without any notification or jurisdiction. As one result, property tax payers on the makai side of the bridge have been denied access to their properties.

At a previous meeting of your committee Public Works Director Goode stated the county had no jurisdiction over the bridge or the road from the bridge to the ocean. The full range of issues were not vetted or clearly understood by Director Goode or committee members.

Please consider, the County of Maui has proposed a two million dollar community center in Lower Nahiku without any proven access from the Hana Highway to the proposed Lower Nahiku site or the Lower Nahiku bridge bridge.

Historically, the “old road” ran from the old Nahiku Landing south along the coast to Ulaino. The different mauka-makai route from the current Hana Highway to Lower Nahiku was a trail. Significantly, the County of Maui and State of Hawaii have legally renounced jurisdiction in court proceedings for the Ulaino to Kaeleku part of the coastal route. Decedents of the Nahiku Homesteaders have offered a historical perspective that could lead to better understanding and resolution of what can be confusing to those unfamiliar with the area.

Please consider, we have tried to get the County of Maui to follow Hawaii Revised Statute 343 and conduct an Environmental Assessment process for years. An Environmental Assessment would document the history and the facts. But, the County of Maui continues to break the law and break the legal intent of the “transfer of jurisdiction agreement” with the State of Hawai’i. Further, the current Planning Director and Maui Planning Commission ignored the carefully considered recommendation of the Hana Advisory Committee to the Maui Planning Commission to conduct an Environmental Assessment process as required by HRS Chapter 343. The unanimous recommendation in Hana was made after hours of public testimony and deliberations by the Hana Advisory Committee.

Moving the “OLD GOVERNMENT ROADS (IEM-1) and LOWER NAHIKU BRIDGE HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS (NAHIKU) (IEM-10)” to the new council chair for consideration after January 2, 2019, is the best path to resolving these conflicts and restoring PEACE in Nahiku for the New Year.

Mahalo for your important work on the Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee.

Mele Kalikimaka a Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

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