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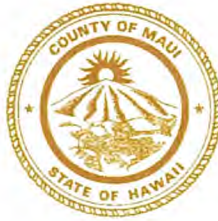
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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair  
Infrastructure and Transportation Committee  
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Dear Chair Sugimura:

**SUBJECT: MITIGATING MAKAWAO BASEYARD NEIGHBORHOOD  
IMPACTS (IT-67)**

This is in response to your letter dated August 23, 2021, regarding the above subject matter:

1. *Please outline the steps the Department has taken to address noise and air pollution concerns raised by neighboring residents.*

Response: The Department, along with the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) have taken several measures on-site to reduce noise and air pollution concerns to the extent practicable. The Department would like to thank you and Councilmember Molina for visiting the site with us on

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August 10, 2021 to see some of the improvements we've made at the site in response to complaints.

A summary of these actions include:

- Relocating of a stockpile of cold patch asphalt material to reduce noise issues related to daily loading of trucks near residents back yards.
  - Removal of larger stockpiles of cold-plane material near the front of the baseyard.
  - Installation of a dust fence to mitigate dust/air pollution concerns.
  - Increased watering for improved dust control.
  - Reminded operators to reduce excess idling in the mornings and eliminate idling of equipment to the maximum extent practicable.
  - Coordinated with DEM on concerns related to garbage trucks. (See response from DEM attached.)
2. *Please provide a list of potential expansion options, including an explanation of how the Department intends to meet the needs of a growing Upcountry community without negatively impacting residents living in closest proximity to the Baseyard.*

Response: DPW Highways Division plans to seek master planning funding in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 to help the Department prepare a strategic operations plan at several baseyard sites.

The Division operates six (6) baseyard sites to service various districts within the County. The Department's baseyards are an important component to successful maintenance and betterment of various County facilities. The Master Plan will recommend long-term solutions to improve community relations, ensure environmental regulatory compliance and optimize operations. Strategic planning is necessary to prioritize upgrades needed for better working conditions, asset protection, and increased efficiency in operations.

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The main focus areas of the strategic planning include:

- a. Makawao Baseyard (Site optimization options and/or relocation options for the following baseyards: Makawao Baseyard, Lahaina Baseyard, Hana Baseyard, and the Wailuku Baseyard.
- b. Future consolidated Central Baseyard to better serve Wailuku/Kahului/Kihei; and/or
- c. A future South Maui Baseyard.

Please note that the new Molokai Baseyard was completed last year, and plans are currently underway to upgrade and make repairs to the Lanai Baseyard.

3. *Please provide a status update, including communication and coordination efforts with the Department of Environmental Management, regarding the possible usage of the decommissioned Makani Landfill for baseyard storage.*

Response: DPW and DEM are actively exploring the possibility of re-utilizing land at the old Makani Landfill site for storage of bulk materials. Utilizing Makani Landfill may be subject to the County fulfilling landfill closure obligations with the Department of Health. Coordination with and approvals from the Departments of Corporation Counsel, Environmental Management, and the Department of Health will be necessary, prior to moving bulk storage operations back to the old landfill site.

4. *What are the Department's plans to replace or renovate baseyards built in the 1940s to ensure a safer working environment?*

Response: As stated above, the Department intends to seek funding for strategic master planning to address and plan for these needs in the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. The strategic master planning effort would apply to all baseyards under the management of the Highways Division.

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The Department appreciates the opportunity to respond to your questions. Should you have any further questions, please call me at Ext. 7845.

Sincerely,

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Director of Public Works

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Attachments

xc: Highways Division

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