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## **OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

Ke'ena O Ka Meia COUNTY OF MAUI – Kalana O Maui

March 24, 2016

Honorable Alan M. Arakawa Mayor, County of Maui 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

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For Transmittal to:

Honorable G. Riki Hokama Chair, Budget and Finance Committee Maui County Council 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Hokama:

## SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2017 BUDGET (BD-4) (BF-1)

Pursuant to your letter dated March 21, 2016, requesting whether Highway Funds may be used to pay salary expenses for existing or new staff positions for the processing of disabled persons parking placards for the Division of Motor Vehicles and Licensing, Department of Finance.

§249-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes explains that the Highway funds shall be expended in the county in which the taxes are collected for the following purposes:

- (1) For acquisition, designing, construction, improvement, repair, and maintenance of public roads and highways, including without restriction of the foregoing purposes, costs of new land therefor, of permanent storm drains or new bridges, as well as repairs or additions to storm drains or bridges;
- (2) For installation, maintenance, and repair of street lights and power, and other charges for street lighting purposes, including replacement of old street lights, on county maintained public roads and highways;
- (3) For purposes and functions connected with traffic control and preservation of safety upon the public highways and streets;
- (4) For payment of interest on and redemption of bonds issued to finance highway and street construction and improvements;
- (5) In the case of the city and county of Honolulu, for appropriation for the police department up to the sum of \$500,000. No expenditures shall be made out of this fund which will jeopardize federal aid for highway construction;

(6) For purposes and functions connected with mass transit; and

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(7) For the acquisition, design, construction, improvement, repair, and maintenance of bikeways.

There is no provision contained in the statute for allowance of use of the funds to pay for staff costs for issuing disabled persons placards therefore I would not recommend usage of the Highway Fund for these costs.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Ext. 7212.

Sincerely,

SANANDA K. BAZ

Budget Director

Attachment xc: Mayor Alan M. Arakawa

DEPT: BUDGET CODE: BD-4 DATE: 3/29/16