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For Transmittal to:

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

Dear Chair Hokama:

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2017 BUDGET (TD-1) (BF-1)

The Maui Short Range Transit Plan ("MSRTP") being conducted by SSFM International, Inc. and Weslin Consulting Services is almost complete. Since the transit plan update was made possible through funds from the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") under Title 49 USC Chapter 53, Section 5305(e), we are awaiting final input/comments from the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT). We were just notified of this requirement and were therefore unable to finalize the transit plan prior to the start of the budget session.

The Department is not requesting any new service expansions or capital improvement projects until the plan is finalized. The Department plans to start implementing no cost route modifications within the new fiscal year. Again, since we are awaiting final input/comments from HDOT, we are not proposing any rate or fee changes for FY 2017. Attached you will find Exhibit "A" detailing the proposed fare structure from the MSRTP for the Maui Bus Fixed Route, Commuter, and ADA Paratransit programs.

Honorable G. Riki Hokama, Chair and Members of the Maui County Council April 15, 2015 Page 2

Should you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Marc Takamori

**Deputy Director of Transportation** 

Cc: Mayor Alan M. Arakawa Budget Director

Attachments

Table 5-17B: Maui Bus Commuter Bus Fare Structure Target Adjustments

| Commuter Bus Fare Type                  | Fare Structure Phases |                                     |                                   |                                      |  |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
|   | Current               | Short Term<br>Target<br>Adjustments | Mid-Term<br>Target<br>Adjustments | Longer Term<br>Target<br>Adjustments |  |
| Cash Fare:                              |                       |                                     |                                   |                                      |  |
| Commuter                                | \$2.00                | \$2.00                              | \$3.00                            | \$3.00                               |  |
| Monthly Pass:                           |                       |                                     |                                   |                                      |  |
| Fixed route, commuter & ADA paratransit | \$45.00               |                                     |                                   |                                      |  |
| Commuter and fixed route                |                       | \$65.00                             | \$70.00                           | \$80.00                              |  |
| Annual Pass:                            |                       |                                     |                                   |                                      |  |
| Commuter and fixed route                |                       |                                     |                                   | \$880.00                             |  |

Table 5-17C: Maui Bus Paratransit Fare Structure Target Adjustments

| ADA Paratransit Fare Type                  | Fare Structure Phases |                                     |                                   |                                      |  |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
|  | Current               | Short Term<br>Target<br>Adjustments | Mid-Term<br>Target<br>Adjustments | Longer Term<br>Target<br>Adjustments |  |
| Cash Fare:                                 |                       |                                     |                                   |                                      |  |
| ADA eligible (paratransit only)            | \$2.00                | \$2.00                              | \$2.50                            | \$3.00                               |  |
| Daily Pass                                 | \$4.00                |                                     |                                   |                                      |  |
| Monthly Pass:                              |                       |                                     |                                   |                                      |  |
| Fixed route, commuter & ADA paratransit    | \$45.00               |                                     |                                   |                                      |  |
| Senior (55 years & older) paratransit only | \$30.00               |                                     |                                   |                                      |  |
| Student (valid school ID)                  | \$30.00               |                                     |                                   |                                      |  |

The last column identifies adjustments with smart cards. This fare structure is designed to coincide with achievement of the fare collection system recommendations identified in the capital improvement program. The recommendations for a smart card based fare collection system will enable Maui Bus to have more value-oriented and cost-equity components to the overall fare structure. Those passengers who enjoy long distance services should be willing to recognize the value of those services and are reflected in the introduction of a zone based system. This zone based system would allow for charging passengers for the added cost of serving them with services that accommodate longer trips.<sup>5</sup>

## 5.2.4 Maui Bus Fare Structure Adjustment Targets

The three investigations into the Maui Bus fare structure have led to the proposals identified in Table 5-17. Three target adjustments are identified. The first adjustment can be achieved in the short term, perhaps in the next year, where the pass prices are brought more in line with the cash fare of \$2.00 per trip for fixed route passengers as shown in Table 5-17A.

Table 5-17A: Maui Bus Fixed Route Proposed Fare Structure With Target Adjustments

| Fixed Route Fare Type                      | Fare Structure Phases |                                     |                                   |                                      |  |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
|  | Current               | Short Term<br>Target<br>Adjustments | Mid-Term<br>Target<br>Adjustments | Longer Term<br>Target<br>Adjustments |  |
| Cash Fares:                                |                       |                                     |                                   |                                      |  |
| Fixed route only                           | \$2.00                | \$2.00                              | \$2.50                            | \$3.00                               |  |
| Senior/Disabled/Medicare                   |                       | \$1.00                              | \$1.25                            | \$1.50                               |  |
| Daily Pass                                 |                       |                                     |                                   |                                      |  |
| Fixed route only                           | \$4.00                | \$5.00                              | \$8.00                            | \$10.00                              |  |
| Monthly Passes:                            |                       |                                     |                                   |                                      |  |
| Fixed route, commuter & ADA paratransit    | \$45.00               |                                     |                                   |                                      |  |
| Fixed route only                           |                       | \$50.00                             | \$60.00                           | \$70.00                              |  |
| Student (valid school ID)                  | \$30.00               | \$30.00                             | \$40.00                           | \$50.00                              |  |
| Senior (55 years & older) fixed route only | \$25.00               |                                     |                                   |                                      |  |
| Senior (65 years & older) fixed route only |                       | \$30.00                             | \$40.00                           | \$50.00                              |  |
| Person with Disability (fixed route only)  | \$30.00               | \$30.00                             | \$40.00                           | \$50.00                              |  |
| Annual Pass:                               |                       |                                     |                                   |                                      |  |
| Fixed route only                           |                       |                                     |                                   | \$770.00                             |  |

The "Short Term Target Adjustments" column in the table is because the \$2.00 cash fare should be matched in a fare structure for Maui Bus with a \$5.00 daily pass for fixed route only. The monthly pass would be \$50.00 for fixed route only and \$65.00 for fixed route and commuter as shown in Table 5-17B. This approach to providing monthly passes will allow Maui Bus to know how much revenue is attributable to each type of service. Table 5-17C provides the recommended ADA paratransit cash fare.

The longer-term adjustments are packaged for when it is determined that the overall fare structure should be increased. This is a policy determination but would be consistent with the Honolulu fare structure of \$2.50 to coincide with the introduction of the service and capital improvements identified in the MSRTP. The longer term adjustments could be triggered by a policy for a base fare annual percent increase, but only when a \$0.50 increment is possible.