

IEM Committee

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Attn: IEM Staff

Please see attached written emailed testimony for the upcoming October 16, 2017 meeting on IEM 10 -3rd item listed on your agenda.

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Sincerely,

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Aloha! Committee Chair Elle Cochran & Council Members

Written Testimony on Item # IEM10-October 16, 2017 meeting.
Lower Nahiku Bridge Health and Safety concerns (Nahiku, MAUI, HAWAII)
REF: Vice Chair Councilman Carroll County Communication 14-308 -2016

Aloha & Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this agenda item IEM 10. We are in full support of the County of Maui to purchase/acquire the custodial maintenance repair/replacement to Nahiku Bridge to temporary status with limited use until such a time COUNTY takes ownership of the Nahiku wooden bridge. Communications already been provided to committee as follows:

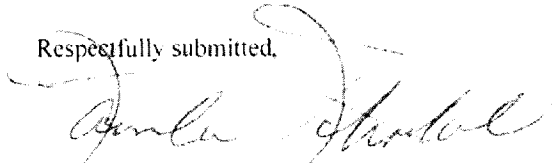
- *Bridge closed down by county public works **September 24, 2014** to vehicular traffic.
- *County Communication 14-308 by Robert Carroll Councilman dated **December 12, 2014**
- *IEM 10 from public works deputy director Feb 2016 health and safety concerns photos etc.
- *IEM chair correspondence to Public Works Director 9-22-2016 requesting documents on status, ownership etc.
- * Correspondences dated 1-25-2016 by one landowner Lower Nahiku Jeffrey Paisner, Hana Resident John Blummer Buehl & Irene Pavao and Upper Nahiku Resident Terry Christensen.
- * Response to IEM Chair on requests submitted on 9-22-2016 by Public works director David Goode.
- * Testimony and documents submitted by the NCA association 1-26-2017 IEM 10 agenda item.
- *IEM Chair letter to corporation counsel Patrick Wong on 2-3-2017 ** waiting for legal advisory as noted chair seeking and OPINE or statement of Opinion on the matter.
- * E-mails sent to IEM chair Feb 28 to get a response about her inquiry to corporation counsel. (No response) to the ASSN. as well as on May 22, 2017 forwarded another email (no response) on any further updates since the January 2017 meeting.

In regards to the agenda dated on October 16, 2017 it appears the same items that have already been responded to the chair of the IEM in the January meeting of 2017 is up for discussion again? We are in full hope that the chair will reveal the response from Corporation Counsel Patrick Wong's Opine on the matter so we as a community will know where this item stands with the community and if this matter will every has some solution to it and how the current safety concerns will being addressed as stated to the Public Works Deputy Director Rowena Dagdag and the IEM January Meeting by Councilman Hokama he mentioned to get a temporary fix funding to meet safety needs until the county council takes a position on

the matter as our East Maui Council Member Robert Carroll had brought forward in his communication 14-308 dated in 2014.

We are hoping at this meeting this item IEM10 will have some sort of positive ACTION taken and clarity to the public and community to be noted and documented by this committee/council on this item and recommendations if any? And to the safety & health concerns, and getting clarity of the position from the administration and county council on the matter so that it is clear and with no misunderstanding to the community of the Yes's / No's or Whys that the County Council/Administration WILL or WILL NOT adopt this bridge and not just have a recommendation to file this communication to have further discussion in next order of business in 2018-2019.

Respectfully submitted,



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