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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Keani Rawlins-Fernandez Chair, Economic Development & Budget Committee Maui County Council 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Rawlins-Fernandez:

SUBJECT: REQUESTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE APRIL 10, 2019 MEETING (TD-8) (EDB-1)

The Department of Transportation (DOT) hereby prepared the following responses relating to bus replacement funding obtained through Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grants, as discussed in your letter dated April 3, 2019 (TD-4):

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- Question: What percentage of the bus replacement cost is covered by Section 5307 grant funding? (MM)
- **Response:** FTA Section 5307 grant funds 80% of the bus replacement cost with the County covering the 20%.
- **Question:** What is the total amount of Section 5307 funding received by the County? (MM)
- Response:FY2018 \$1,040,679FY2019 \$2,171,175
- **Question:** Without Section 5307 funding, would bus fares for seniors and persons with disabilities be impacted? (MM)
- **Response:** The department would not be required to implement the ½ fares on the fixed route system for seniors, disabled, and medicare card holders.
- **Question:** Has the Department considered increasing ADA paratransit fares to increase cost recovery? (MM)
- **Response:** Until the department has community meetings to discuss potential expansion of services and fare adjustments, increasing ADA Paratransit fares has not been considered.
- **Question:** How much additional revenue would be generated by a \$1.00 increase in commuter fares? (MM)
- **Response:** Based on a 3 month average worth of data on the commuter service, should the per boarding rate be increased by \$1.00, there could be an annual increase of around \$28,000. This is based on the same riders continuing to pay as they board and not switching to a monthly pass. However, that may not be the case based on different scenarios. If you are paying \$2.00 a boarding, it would be cheaper to pay cash only if you plan to use the service 11 days a month (round trip). If the per boarding is increased by \$1.00 up to \$3.00 a boarding, it would be cheaper to pay cash only if you plan to use the service 7 days a month (round trip). This is based on the current \$45.00 monthly pass.

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Sincerely,

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