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Mayor **4/21/20**
Date

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: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2021 BUDGET (TD-2) (EDB-1)

The Department of Transportation (MDOT) hereby transmit the following responses following the Economic Development Budget Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 9 a.m.:

Question: Did the department receive any direct stimulus funds? Outside of the CARES ACT? (KK)

Response: The department was notified by Hawaii Department of Transportation through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that CARES ACT funds are being allocated for public transportation.

Question: Regarding: MEO Bus Replacement Grant, what are the plans for the decommissioning of the buses? (TP)

Response: Once vehicles are deemed unsafe and not drivable, they are stripped of essential parts and then recycled. No vehicles are sold or donated.

Question: Regarding: MEO Bus Replacement Grant, what are the discussions with MEO about cutting the fleet replacements? (MM)

Response: The department has been keeping MEO informed with regards to the potential postponement of their MEO Bus Replacement Grant request. They are aware of this recommendation.

Question: What is the department doing to meet COVID-19 requirements for Route adjustments? Equipment adjustments? (RH)

Response: The department has been reviewing and evaluating the various transportation services. At this point in time, due to the extreme decrease in ridership caused by the Mayor's Public Health Emergency Rules, the department has suspended the following routes for the Maui Bus Fixed Route program and the Maui Bus Commuter program.

Maui Bus Fixed Route Program:

- Wailuku Reverse Route #2
- Kahului Reverse Route #6
- Kihei Villager Route #15
- Ka'anapali Islander Route #25

Maui Bus Commuter Program:

- Commuter Route #3 – Uhaul to Kapalua
- Commuter Route Kihei to Kapalua

- Suspended the Makawao portion of the Commuter Route from Makawao to Kapalua, bus now departs from Uhaul to Kapalua
- Suspended the Haiku portion of the Commuter Route from Haiku to Kapalua, bus now departs from Uhaul to Kapalua

The Maui Bus ADA Paratransit and Human Services Transportation Programs have also seen a decrease in ridership as those are more “on-demand” type service as well as many of the programs riders are attending have been shut down due to COVID-19.

Where possible, the department has notified the contractors to utilize different size buses on the various programs based on the demand. As an example, for the commuter service, it was a requirement to provide motor coach type buses on each route, however, with certain runs being lighter than others, smaller buses have been placed on those routes.

Question: What is the drop in ridership for all routes? (AL)

Program:	Daily Ave	% Decrease
Fixed Route		
PreCovid Ave Boarding	4,581	
Current Ave Boarding	1,755	-62%
Paratransit		
PreCovid Ave Boarding	244	
Current Ave Boarding	77	-68%
Commuter		
PreCovid Ave Boarding	471	
Current Ave Boarding	45	-90%
Human Services		
PreCovid Ave Boarding	611	
Current Ave Boarding	119	-81%

Response: The daily ridership averages:

Question: Have we put smaller vehicles in the rotation? (AL)

Response: Yes, where possible. As an example, due to the suspension of the Kihei Villager Fixed Route #15 which typically utilizes smaller Ford F-550, 25 passenger buses, those vehicles have been reallocated to be used on the Kahului and Wailuku Loop routes.

Question: What is the breakdown of \$6,056,752 on page 571? (AL)

Transportation Grant Revenue Fund	
Program Name	FY2020
FTA Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program	\$ 1,200,000
FTA Section 5311 Rural Transit Assistance (RTAP) Program	\$ 20,000
Transportation Program Grants	\$ 4,500,000
FTA and Other Transportation Program Grants for Maui MPO	\$ 336,752
	\$ 6,056,752

Response:

Question: What is the percentage of these grant revenue grants to your overall budget? (SS)

Response: 29%.

Question: Does the department receive funding from the State? (SS)

Response: Yes, the State provided some construction funds for the Central Maui Transit Hub. Those funds are currently sitting in the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) CIP program.

Question: On page 563, under Operations/Services, there is a 7.2% increase, what is the specific calculations for that increase? (SS)

Response: The 7.2% increase (\$990,611) are due to the following program increases as broken down in the chart below:

Transportation				
Program Name	FY2020	FY2021	Difference b/wn FY2022 & FY2020	Notes:
Maui Bus Fixed Route Program	\$ 8,206,592	\$ 8,452,790	\$ 246,198	3% Increase
Maui Bus Paratransit Service	\$ 3,945,312	\$ 4,547,532	\$ 602,220	3% Increase, including increase in projected revenue service hours.
Maui Bus Commuter Service	\$ 1,406,429	\$ 1,448,622	\$ 42,193	3% Increase
CM Transit Hub Operations	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	To cover transit hub operational expenses.
			\$ 990,611	

Question: Provide an update on the CARES Act Funding for the Department of Transportation. (KRF)

Response: The department was notified that CARES Act funding was being allocated for the County of Maui for Public Transportation usage. The amount is \$7,864,323.00. The department is working closely with the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) and the Budget office on its uses. The County is working on the grant application and will need to get approval by the HDOT in order to use the funds. Three percent has been allocated for HDOT for admin fees. Once HDOT give approval, grant revenues from FY2020 will be utilized to access those funds.

The following expenses are being proposed: enhanced cleaning of the buses, personal protective equipment costs, administrative leave for transit workers, driver protection shields for the public transit buses and supplemental loss revenues for the current fiscal year. Additional continuing expenses are being estimated for FY2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MT', is positioned above the printed name and title.

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Director, Department of Transportation

EDB Committee

From: Shirley Blackburn <Shirley.Blackburn@co.maui.hi.us>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 11:05 AM
To: EDB Committee
Cc: Shirley Blackburn; Wendy Nathan
Subject: FY 2021 Budget (TD-2) (EDB-1)
Attachments: Shirley Blackburn.vcf; TD-2 - EDB-1.pdf

Goodmorning Committee Chair Rawlins-Fernandez,

Attached please find response from Director Marc Takamori, TD-2_EDB-1.

Mahalo,

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