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Attachments: Reply to Chair Sugimura.pdf

Aloha Chair Sugimura and Director Dagdag-Andaya:

Please see the attached letter in reply to your inquiries. Please contact me if I can provide additional information.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] WIT-80, Maintenance of Makena-Keoneoio Road and 'Ahihi-Kina'u Natural Area Reserve

Good morning, Mr. Fretz.

Please see attached correspondence from Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura, Chair of the Water, Infrastructure, and Transportation Committee.

Should you have any questions, please contact Laksmi Abraham (808-270-7659), Lesley Milner (808-270-7886), or Rayna Yap (808-270-8007).

Thank You,

WIT Committee Staff.

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June 16, 2020

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SUBJECT: MAINTENANCE OF MAKENA-KEONEOIO ROAD AND 'ĀHIHI-KĪNA'U NATURAL AREA RESERVE (WIT-80)

Aloha Chair Sugimura:

Thank you for your letter of June 8, 2020 requesting additional information following the May 18, 2020 and June 1, 2020 meetings of the Water, Infrastructure, and Transportation Committee. Our responses to your questions follow:

1. Maintenance of the roadside vegetation averages approximately \$7,000 per year. Maintenance of infrastructure related to traffic management averages approximately \$2,500 per year. Regarding monitoring of the roadway, parking areas, and pull-outs for use and compliance, approximately 25% of the reserve's full time technician's time is spent on those tasks. The approximate cost for that portion of the technician's salary plus fringe is \$20,000/year. The total cost for those jobs is estimated to be \$29,500/year.
2. Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement does not assign officers to specific areas only. Because the number of officers is limited, they patrol island-wide. In our experience, officers typically patrol or respond to the reserve daily. During 2019, DOCARE records show that officers issued 24 citations for violations in the reserve, with officers logging 400.75 hours associated with the issuance of those citations. I do not have estimates for the actual costs incurred by DOCARE for the patrols and citations, but based on the above I would assume those costs are well in excess of \$12,000/year.
3. The parking plan for the reserve was developed with community and advisory group input and is detailed in the Management Plan. Key components of the parking plan include limiting parking to no more than 50 vehicles, prohibiting parking along the

road, and establishing and implementing a parking fee system for non-residents to provide sustainable revenue for reserve management. At this time, the parking area has been constructed with clearly marked and numbered stalls, parking along the road is prohibited and enforced, we have purchased automated parking fee machines, and we are preparing to install and place those machines into operation. The final tasks before doing so are technical and related to establishment of a merchant service agreement to allow revenue to be electronically deposited and transaction fees paid by the state in lieu of a vendor operated system. Additional tasks will include programming the fee machines, training staff on operation and maintenance of the machines, testing the machines and fee system, installation of instructional signage, and public notification. We expect to start charging fees near the end of the summer.

4. Executive Order #2668, establishing the Ahihi-Kinohiwa Natural Area Reserve, excluded Makena-Keonohiwa Government Road from the reserve. It is our understanding that the road was excluded from the reserve based on applicable statutes that establish that roads and streets are not subject to DLNR jurisdiction. Section 171-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), states, "The department shall manage, administer, and exercise control over public lands, the water resources, ocean waters, navigable streams, coastal areas (excluding commercial harbor areas), and minerals and all other interests therein and exercise such powers of disposition thereof as may be authorized by law." Public lands are defined in §171-2, HRS as excepting "lands used for roads and streets."
5. Responding to a separate question that came via email regarding spaces to turn-around along the roadway:

Yes, there are 3-5 areas (depending on size) where a vehicle can safely turn around. Larger service vehicles regularly use our paved parking area as well.

Should you have any further questions please contact me or the Reserve Manager Peter Landon (808) 268-8699, peter.landon@hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,



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