

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

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CONVENE: 9:03 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
Councilmember Kelly Takaya King, Vice-Chair (out 10 a.m.; in 1:33 p.m.)
Councilmember Riki Hokama, Member
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Member
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member

STAFF: Shelly Espeleta, Legislative Analyst
Chester Carson, Legislative Analyst
Lesley Milner, Legislative Analyst
Kasie Apo Takayama, Legislative Analyst
Yvette Bouthillier, Committee Secretary

ADMIN.: Michele Y. Yoshimura, Budget Director, Office of the Mayor
Tivoli Faaumu, Chief, Department of Police
Dean M. Rickard, Deputy Chief, Department of Police
Melissa Magonigle, Business Administrator II, Department of Police
Donald Guzman, Prosecuting Attorney, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney
Susan Clements, Administrative Officer, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney
Rowena Dagdag-Andaya Director, Department of Public Works
Jordan Molina, Deputy Director, Department of Public Works
John Smith, Chief of Field Operations and Maintenance, Department of Public Works
Mimi Desjardins, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . *(gavel)* . . . Aloha kakahiaka kākou. Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please come to order. It's 9:03 on April 14. A reminder for everyone to please silence their cell phones. We'll start with roll call.

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Well . . . I'm here. I'm Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, the Economic Development and Budget Committee Chair. And we have Committee Vice-Chair Kelly King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Aloha. Good morning, everybody. I do want to let you know, Chair, that I'm . . . I have an emergency meeting . . . business meeting at 10:00. So I'll have to . . . I'm not sure how long that's going to be but we're one of the essential businesses because we're making fuel. So, I have a . . . I'll be out for at least an hour. But I'll be monitoring the monitor. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, for that heads-up. Okay and then, aloha Member Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha kakahiaka kākou mai Maui Hikina.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. Member Mike Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aloha kakahiaka, Madam Chair, from wonderful and beautiful Makawao.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Chair Alice Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair, as we say in Persia, salām.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Salām.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Salām.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Finally a word that I can kind of say. Member Riki Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Aloha, Chair, good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha and good morning. Member Tamara Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair, mai Napili.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. Member Yuki Lei Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good morning from Kula.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. And Pro Temp Tasha Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Aloha kakahiaka mai Kahului.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. And we have with us from Corporation Counsel, Deputy Corporation Counsel Mimi Desjardins.

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MS. DESJARDINS: Good morning, everybody.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. And we have . . . yeah there she is. From the Office of the Mayor, Budget Director Michele Yoshimura. And we will have representatives from the Department of Police, Department of Prosecuting Attorney, and Department of Public Works later today. And we have Committee Staff; Committee Secretary Yvette Bouthillier, Legislative Analysts Shelly Espeleta, Chester Carson, Lesley Milner and Kasie Apo Takayama. We have one item on today's agenda EDB-1 Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the County of Maui.

. . . BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We will begin with public testimony. Oral testimony via phone or teleconference will be accepted. Testifiers wanting to provide video testimony should have joined the online meeting via the BlueJeans meeting link at [BlueJeans.com/597785199](https://www.bluejeans.com/join/597785199) as noted on today's agenda. Testifiers wanting to provide audio testimony should have participated via phone conference by dialing 1-408-317-9253 and entering meeting code 597 785 199 also noted on today's agenda. Written testimony is highly encouraged by sending your comments to edb.committee@mauicounty.us. Oral testimony is limited to three minutes. When testifying please state your first and last name, if you're testifying on behalf of an organization or a paid lobbyist please inform the committee. I will post a link to the testifiers' login chat, so testifiers will be able to see where they are on the list. However, please be mindful of the use of chat during the meeting, chat should be limited to the Committee's review of FY '21 budget and should not be used to provide testimony or chat with other testifiers. If providing testimony please be courteous to others by muting your microphone while waiting for your turn to testify. Participants who wish to view the meeting only without providing testimony please view a live cablecast on Akakū Channel 53. You can also visit [Mauicounty.us/agendas](https://www.mauicounty.us/agendas) to access live and archived meeting videos. For a click here link to the BlueJeans meeting and for up-to-date information on the budget please visit www.mauicounty.us/2021budget. I'll remind our Committee Members and the Administration and the public to please be patient with us as we continue to navigate through this new platform. And we'll proceed with oral testimonies. Staff has been monitoring people joining today's meeting by phone and by video and we'll do our best to take each person up in an orderly fashion. And it looks like we don't have any testifiers signed up. If anyone is logged on and would like to provide testimony please unmute yourself and you may proceed with testimony. Okay. Hearing no testifiers starting to testify I'll . . . if there are no objections, I'll close public testimony--

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --oral testimony.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Members. And we have written testimony from April 13 and 14 as of 7:30 a.m., this morning. Five testifiers in regard to Common Ground Collective; 1) Andrew Lehman, 2) Tara Lionberger, 3) Gordean Kakalia, 4) Tiare Irvine, 5) Lucy Wormser. One testimony regarding Axis Deer from Faith Chase, two testimony regarding Maui Soil and Conservation District from 1) Carver, 2) Britney James. One testimony regarding Hale Mahaolu Personal Care Program from Rueben Ignacio, Program Director of Personal Care Program. One testimony regarding Maui County Child Care Subsidy from Cara Rand. Four testimony regarding Hui O Wa Ola funding, 1) Brenda Jarmakani, 2) Alfred Wolf, 3) Judy Jarvie, and 4) Aerie Waters. One testimony regarding Open Space Funds for Maalaea Mauka lands from Haiku Community Association. And 16 testimonies in regards to Maui Economic Development Board STEMworks AFTERSchool program from 1) Kristine Tsukiyama, 2) Kamri, Student from Maui Waena, 3) Pukalani Elementary School Robotics team, 4) Jeffery Ho, Student Pukalani Elementary school, 5) Joann Yun, Student Maui Waena, 3) Judith Hook, 7) Liz Buchter, 8) Renie Menor, 9) Abigail Tokushima, Student Pukalani Elementary, 10) Emilie deJesus, Student Pukalani Elementary School, 11) Karen Wright, 12) Max, 13) Makeila, 14) Nevin Wehner, 15) Shedd Ohana, and 16) Jamie Kahooahanohano. Okay. Any objections to receiving written testimony into the record?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

**ITEM 1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY
 OF MAUI (CC 20-56 and CC 20-114)**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Members. Right. So, we'll proceed with our one item on today's agenda, EDB-1 Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the County of Maui. We are on day six of Department Reviews continuing with Department of Police, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, and Department of Public Works. Receive responses for your individual inquiries for those departments as well as introduce and seek comment from the departments on your priority proposals. Thank you again, Members, for being flexible with our budget discussions as we continue to look for more efficient ways to carry out our work. And today's estimated agenda, we're ahead of schedule. So, we will begin with the Department of Police and then followed by Department of Prosecuting Attorney and then lastly, Public Works. I guess we're so ahead of schedule, Ms. Yoshimura, do we have . . .

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama, question?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yes. I will just ask you and my colleagues since we have two of our really big departments coming up today, which is Police and Public Works. I would say if we could use our discretion and your leadership . . . if it makes sense for

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maybe a third round of questions by the Members and you can, you know, further limit time on that. That might be helpful because I was trying to list my questions and I found out that I might need more than ten minutes. So, I just ask that consideration on the bigger departments. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sure. Mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay, Ms. Yoshimura . . .oh, Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Over the weekend I sent an e-mail to EDB Committee and yourself regarding questions that I had accumulated from last week for the departments. And I just wanted to get your guidance on how we receive answers to those questions. So, this is in addition to the consolidated questions that were sent in writing to the departments and these are questions that came up as we had talked to the departments and they gave us more information. So, I wanted to know what the next step would be on these. I have a bunch of questions that I've been accumulating for the departments. So, what is your formal process you would like us to follow?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, we talked over the weekend and I asked you to just send it over so we can figure out how to move forward with that. I know Members have been asking for questions. In talking with the team I think for those questions that the Department has stated they would follow up with Members, we're hoping that they will follow up with Members. And but I think looking at a lot of your questions and a lot of the questions that Members have asked, what we're really looking to do as a Committee is what would be fair in reducing each of the departments' budgets. And what is truly priorities and what can be deferred for another year to the next fiscal year. And so that is what we're going to be asking for from the departments. So, instead of asking them for each, you know, thing that we think might be a priority or might not be a priority. We're just going to ask them what is your priority and what is . . . what can be held off. And then that way they don't need to be spending so much time working on a lot of follow-up questions from the Members when ultimately what it is that each Member is looking for is what can be cut and what needs to stay in absolutely. So, I think just really getting, you know, drilling down to that at the heart of it is what Members are looking for right now, so that we can be fiscally responsible in moving forward with a budget during this crisis. And so, that I think . . .you know if there aren't any objections from the Members that's how I intend to proceed.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, just kind of . . . Thank you for that explanation. So, for clarity what you're saying is that you're . . . the Committee's going to send to each departments basically the same questions from what you're saying in terms of what they can live with, and what they can cut back on in light of this COVID-19 pandemic that we're in. As they would be able to live, you know, for the rest of the fiscal year with these cuts. So, you're asking them to provide us that guidance. So, all the individual questions we had, that I listed on mine, that will not be transmitted to them because that will suffice . . . your questions going to suffice all the other questions that we had?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Because you're right. That's where we're trying to get to. Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I agree and support that. One thing I would like to offer for consideration is maybe instead of saying what you can defer for one year, maybe we should say defer for up to three years. Because with the forecast and everything I don't think that we'll be in a better position next year than we are in this year to provide for things that they need. So, maybe one to three years. I don't want to give, like false hope. Like, oh you're not going to get it this year but you're going to get it next year when we don't know . . . *(inaudible)* . . . and that the assessed values are higher already this year. So, we know most likely they'll be lower next year and so we'll be dealing with less next year. If that makes sense.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I understand where you're coming from and I think the departments recognize, you know, with the guidance of Budget Director and Finance Director what the reality, you know, could be in coming years. But we have an annual budget process and so I think, you know, we'll take it one year at a time. You know, and hope that the Administration is providing that guidance. Because we don't know what next year will look like. You know, as the Budget Director talked about, you know, like in . . . you know, they expected wastewater to go down, you know, the use or the fees and it actually went up in other areas. So, I think, you know, it's just really hard to plan moving forward, especially when, you know, Federal funding coming down and we have no idea what that's going to look like either.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Maybe a disclaimer that says, you know, just because you defer it for one year there's no guarantee that we're going to be able to accomplish it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I think there's never a guarantee that . . . like . . . they'll ever, you know, get funding each year. Because it's a different Council and the Council will vote on what it is that they propose. So, you know, even if we say defer for one year, I think they recognize, you know, that, you know, every year there's no guarantee, which is why they, you know, really need to justify the cost and the increase and why this project is moving forward. But I agree with you, Member Paltin. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. I support that direction. And I wanted to especially thank those departments that are already starting to do that. I understand that when they worked on their budget it was, you know, pre . . . prior to the COVID

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pandemic. So, a lot of them have already started in that direction, so I'm supportive. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. And thank you for sharing your thoughts with us on this because I'm of the same frame, mind of thought too. That we really need to be looking at . . . for the next 12 months down the road, what does this County really going to need and just focusing on that. And then we have to be calm and be patient, we have to not be anxious about things but just . . . so many unknowns are unknown. But we do know this that we do want to take care of our County, we do want to be strategic in our fiscal responsibilities. And together I think we're going to be able to do this and we're going to come out with a really great balanced budget. We're all going to have to sacrifice for a little bit but I think in the end it will be worth it. So, thank you very much for bringing this up. I'm so pleased with this. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. And you know, again because we don't know, you know, what . . . how much Federal funding we could get from the CARES Act. And like, you know, Pro Temp Kama said there's so many unknowns, uncertainties moving forward that by reducing the budget, you know, the Budget Director and Administration does have the power to amend and, you know, increase where necessary. So, mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. I just wanted to add my support, my wholehearted support for the direction that you're leading us in. And like you say, I'm sure that the departments are already looking where in their budgets that they can trim. I know they are very well aware that these are very uncertain times. So, the funding in the revenues is a big question mark at this point. So, the best thing we can do is focus on the essentials. For instance, the essential infrastructure which address public health and welfare and of course food and shelter. So, hopefully, you know, we can sort of focus in on those issues and then all of the projects that we wish we could get at this time will just have to wait another year or two. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Committee Vice-Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. And thank you for sharing your vision for where we're going. I agree that we need to look at possible cuts and I'm hoping that we're working with the departments along with the Mayor's vision of where he wants to see his departments going. But I also wanted to say that along with . . . when we start looking at what is essential we have to also recognize that going forward we need to invest into diversified economy. I think we need to invest in agriculture because that's our best promise for a diversified economy. As we go forward we have to also look at the things that . . . not lose sight of the climate action projects that we're working on because those are going to hit us at least as hard as a pandemic in ten years or so if we don't take care of them now. So, having the foresight to . . . not just, you know, cut to the bare bones but also invest in the future.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Committee Vice-Chair, we're . . . I don't think anyone's like talking so much about issues right now. We're just talking about procedure, moving forward.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well I just heard everybody kind of giving their opinions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . But I just, you know --

VICE-CHAIR KING: I just wanted to --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --we're just . . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: --you know, share my thoughts like everyone else is doing as how we go forward.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. I wanted to share my two cents in this discussion. So, your approach is basically to ask all departments to look at where they can cut, make a determination what is a need versus a luxury. So, are you . . . I guess are we going to establish like a baseline for all departments? Like for example minimum 5 percent cut or more; is that what we're . . . what your preference would be to ask all departments, which would be maybe including ourselves, Office of Council Services, maybe at least across the board 5 percent reduction? Is that something you're considering?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, for the question, Member Molina. So, that question was already asked in our written correspondence and many of the departments have already shared with us what their 5 percent cuts could be. But as you said, you know, moving forward if there are other areas that, you know, they could see as not being essential or can wait a year then we're hoping that they'll also share that information with us. So, if it's more than 5 percent then, you know, that would be good for us to know.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And you make, yeah, you make a good point. I'm hoping they can take the initiative rather than having us have to decide for them, you know. Because, you know, how we view things may be quite different from them in terms of a luxury versus a need. So, yeah I'm hoping that they can, you know, take that initiative rather than us having to do that. But if we have to do we got to do it, we'll do it. So, anyway I'm glad you sent that message out to them. And many of them I know have done so so far. So, but thank you. I appreciate the direction you're going. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Sugimura?

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Love this discussion and I think one of you brought up a main point to or Chair about we having to look at our own offices and figuring out how we can cut back also. So, what's good for the geese is good for the gander, you know, we got to set the example too. So, I'll look at that too for myself. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair. I would hope that the Members not think about everybody cutting 5 percent or 10 percent because there are some departments that are at bare bones already and they can't afford to. I mean like DPS and certain other . . . like Finance for example. But there are other big departments that have big CIP projects that can be deferred. So, in other words Public Works might be . . . we might be able to cut by 15 percent, you know, or something like that. Whereas another Department we might have to cut by 2 percent. So, we actually really have to take this on a case-by-case basis because every department is different and some of the departments have millions of dollars and others have thousands of dollars. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay, mahalo, Members, for this discussion. So, we'll move forward in that manner. Okay. And then I'll check with Ms. Yoshimura if the Police Chief and other Police representatives are with you yet. Okay. Try again. I unmuted you now.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I unmuted you now. Okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. So, Police Chief and Deputy Chief are wrapping up a meeting with, General Hara and the National Guard. So, Melissa Magonigle, is here from the department. She's a business manager and they should be here shortly. You can start . . . Melissa and I will do our best to provide you with the responses. And just as a note the departments are working on putting together a formal response to the questions that were sent to them prior to their department presentations. So, you should be starting to see those come in. I think for today Prosecuting Attorney, his should already be with you on Granicus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. We have it on Granicus.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. And then we are working with getting all the other departments' responses. In response to the 5 percent reduction or looking at reducing each department's budget, I think question one and two addresses that for each department. So, you'll have some information from them as to how they feel they should be making their reductions as far as moving into Fiscal Year '21. So, if you want to start, Melissa and I will do our best to answer your questions and will defer the opening comments until Chief gets here.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, any objections to moving forward with . . .

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And when Police Chief Faaumu arrives we'll allow him to provide some opening comments. But for now we'll go straight into the first round of five-minute questions. Committee Vice-Chair King? Oh, I'm sorry. Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Could I just make one request? The Department has a pending budget amendment with the Committee, and it's for a fuel tank replacement at the Wailuku Police Station. So, if that amendment is not going to move forward this fiscal year if we could have consideration to add that into Fiscal Year '21's Budget. And Chief and Deputy has just arrived.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Perfect.

MS. YOSHIMURA: So, we'll go ahead and get started.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Perfect timing.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, we'll let them give opening remarks first?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. Okay. Mahalo for joining us, Chief of Police Tivoli Faaumu and Deputy Chief Dean Rickard. And again we have Business Administrator, Melissa Magonigle, also with us. Okay. Chief Faaumu, would you like to provide us some opening remarks?

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MR. FAAUMU: I guess I can. Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair and Councilmembers, good morning. I do apologize for being late, we had another meeting. As you mentioned my team that is with me. And also thank you for the opportunity to present our Fiscal Year 2021. So, I am fully aware that during these uncertain times you folks have a tough job trying to make sure that all the services provided by the County are funded. The Department and myself, we took that into heart. Madam Chair, what we're asking for is over \$66 million for our Fiscal Year 2021, an increase of 5.1 percent from 2020. That is due to collective bargaining agreement, expansion position, and equipment replacement. We are also asking for eight expansion positions, three of the eight position is for three of our programs: Administrative, Uniform Services, and Support Services Bureau. And that is to meet services that we provide to our community. And while continuing to fill our existing vacancies, out of the eight position I'm only asking for funding for three of the position and the other five if approved we'll work with what we have. Again I want credit everybody in the Department for doing the recruitments. We had done some reorganization in our Department, we're using current vacancy positions to fill some of the critical positions that we need. As you know, active

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shooters in schools and place of employment and also homelessness is in our County is on the rise. And there is a demand there for our officers to address those issues. We did a survey and we learned that the traffic violation is one of the issues, domestic violence and drugs is a big concern. We wanted to continue provide the quality for our community and also . . . we also do recruitment for our dispatchers and other positions. Right now as we speak we have offered conditional employment to our new applicant recruitments. Based on rotation policy and our capital improvement program is the repairing of the Kihei Police Station gate and our forensic facility. And hiring of a consultant for the expansion of the sally port in Lānaʻi Police Station and the replacement of the fuel tank at the Wailuku Police Station. So, in conclusion it is my pleasure to present to you the Maui Police Department FY 2021 annual budget at this time. We thank you for the opportunity and we'll answer any questions that you have as we go through our budget. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chief Faaumu. And just for the record you weren't late, I had anticipated testimony this morning and we received no testimony, oral testimonies. So, I wasn't expecting the Department until 10:00. So, mahalo for accommodating us and coming earlier. Okay. So, we'll start with questions with Committee Vice-Chair King. Okay. I have five minutes on the clock.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for being here, Chief and Deputy Chief. I'm going to jump right into it. So, my first question is what is your greatest challenge from the pandemic, the crisis that we're in and are these expansion positions you're requesting related to additional challenges or ongoing challenges from before the pandemic?

MR. FAAUMU: Yes. Thank you, Councilmember King. The challenge that we are facing at this point is the resources, the manpower that we need to address these issues. There are a lot of demand on the Department as you know. I'm not sure if you're aware of it, we are putting our officers on 12-hour shifts, 5 days a week. And request from our community wanted to address the pandemic and making sure that everybody comply with it is under demand. It is our number one call for services. The violation of the rules by the Mayor and the Governor. And as far as the positions, it is ongoing problems and one of the positions is the psychologist or psychology that we need to help with our employees as we are dealing with all these issues.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you for that answer. And you feel fairly confident you'll be able to fill this positions? Because I know you have quite a few vacancies already.

MR. FAAUMU: Yes. Councilmembers, we did. We feel confident about it. First of all taking the uncertain times now and possibility of taking advantage of being an optimistic individual or folks that might be looking for a position that don't have to be laid off during a time like this. But also we review some of the challenges. What are the choke point in our recruitment. We address those choke point and we're willing to continue the recruitment and we feel comfortable with it. We basically telling everybody in the Department that it's not just a Chief, it is everybody, all hands on deck for recruitment.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you. And then have you received or expecting to receive any Federal assistance from the stimulus packages that have been going through Congress?

MR. FAAUMU: We did receive a package that was sent to us from the Attorney General's Office. There will be a meeting, there was funding there. Approximately 3 . . . a little over \$3 million for law enforcement Statewide. The County of Maui, there is funding there that has been shown that we have a little over \$260,000. Not necessarily mean that we are getting, but of course it is for Maui County and we had a meeting today with the Attorney General's to iron that out.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, the State received \$3 million and we got 260,000 of that, is that what you said?

MR. FAAUMU: Based on what the Attorney General's printout it is a little over \$3 million and then it will be divided among the counties, the law enforcement in the counties. And for Maui County the numbers showed to us is a little over \$260,000.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Somehow it feels like we should be getting more. And then my other question was, we've seen . . . I've seen reports from . . . you know, especially New York when they've been in the throes of things in the hospital where they're either graduating medical students early or bringing them out of school to work in the hospitals. And I just wondered if that was anything that's happening in the law enforcement area. Are they . . . you know, you have . . . you always have ongoing academy students and is there any . . . if you're short of people is there any movement to bring people, you know, to do some of the enforcement, you know, maybe with the lockdown? Is that happening either in Maui County or anywhere across the country that you know of?

MR. FAAUMU: For Maui County, Councilmember, again, you know I respond to it, yes it happened with us. In the beginning of the preparation and the impact of the COVID-19 on our community, we as leadership collectively decided that we should shut down the academy. We had the recruit class number 90; they were going on right now. So, we took them out and then we put them out to address some of the administrative positions that we need to address. An example to that is the firearm registration and as you know, it is a second amendment right and also required by law that when you purchase a firearm you need to register in five days. So, what we're doing is work with our records section, we have our . . . some of our academy folks address the . . . as far as bringing individual to register that firearm. And making sure that we practice social distancing.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you so much. Thank you, Chair. I'm going to probably be on my other meeting so I'm happy to will my other five minutes to Member Hokama, if he has extra . . . if he needs extra five minutes. Okay. All right. Aloha.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. You're also . . . if there's a burning question please feel free to text me and I can make sure to ask that question as well.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you so much. I'll be on for another 15 minutes before my other meeting starts. Thank you and--

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --have at it, Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Kelly.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Next we'll go to Member Sinenci and then Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. And thank you, Chief Faaumu and Deputy Rickard. I did want to . . . first off, thank you, Chief, for those radio advertisements that you . . . that you put out. We appreciate it. I think my community was happy to receive just some basic information, the Department's ability to work with our community and also to provide some level of comfort during this pandemic. So, mahalo for that. So, I understand that our State Representatives have requested the assistance of the National Guard. And so, I was just wondering what is the intergovernmental agreement I guess with the National Guard, those responsibilities and if the State is injecting additional funding as far as enforcement goes.

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmember. To answer your question is that the National Guard is supporting us through this mission based on the . . . being activated by the Incident Commander of the State Task Force, General Hara. Earlier this morning we had a meeting with them, we talked about trying to protect your community. To make sure that we don't have anyone come in, the possibility of bringing the virus into Hana. And we are looking at the possibility of setting out . . . setting up roadblocks in two areas, you know, more towards Central Maui, and the other side maybe Kahikinui area to protect your community. And working with them I know that we won't be reimbursing funding for them. They are here based on being activated. However, the Maui County also have a task force that we put together with the National Park Services, Sheriff, and Department of Land and Natural Resources, and we work side by side. Those are our law enforcement community and partnership and we're looking at helping the Department to support us in all the requests that we have from the community and to address . . . and to prevent the spreading of the COVID-19. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chief, and mahalo for that. And I guess some of the concerns from a remote community is just, you know, the essential workers traveling back and forth. Some of the people going out for medical appointments, we also have farmers that come in to farm in East Maui as well as take care of some of

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their kupuna that live on East Maui. So, if that can be, you know, I guess emphasized who will be able to pass those checkpoints. So, my second question was, are you just anticipating any budget amendments with new practices and procedures due to the pandemic?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, that is a good question. And right now as you know the Maui Police Department at the end of every fiscal year, we always have saving. So, with the assistance of our business administrator working side by side with the Budget Office tracking the man hours and purchasing and all of that. We still within what we have but of course there's always possibility as you know every hour of the day there's a lot of changes to the pandemic as it gets into our community. So, again we track everything we do and we make sure that we not going to come in front of you and ask you for something if we can afford it with the saving that we have from the Department, if we have any at the end of Fiscal Year 2020.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chief.

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Ten seconds left. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. And good morning, Chief Faaumu and Chief Rickard. First of all I want to thank you and all of your brave men and women of the Department who are out there on the frontlines. I got to talk to a couple of them during my morning walk in Pukalani this weekend, so I really appreciate what they do. I heard on the news last night Chief Ballard from Honolulu, when asked if crime has increased on Oahu since the pandemic I believe that she stated no, actually more like a reduction. What has it been like for Maui County, have we seen increases in crimes since the pandemic period has started or has it decreased?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmember. Looking at the numbers that we had, it has been decreased. The call for services has decreased by 50 percent. Most of the call for services coming to Maui Police Department right now is the violation of the rules by the Governor and the Mayor. Being that we're out there and we change our patrol element and put more officers out in the field, we noticed that there is a definite decrease in call for services and also which equate to crime. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you for that response, Chief. Now, I have a non-pandemic question. The Council is entertaining the idea of hiring a sergeant-at-arms for Council and Committee meetings, can you provide an estimate for assigning an officer to the Council Chambers on a part-time basis to serve as a sergeant-at-arms for Council and Committee meetings?

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MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmember. Looking at the positions and of course what we did is we know that we're not going to send you someone just off the . . . out of the academy. We want to make sure that we send you an officer who had several years of experiences. And with that being said we are looking at least a little over \$85,000 for an officer in that step to address the concern of the Councils as the sergeant-at-arms.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Right. Thank you.

MR. FAAUMU: But that's 85,000 a year. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Right. Thank you. And then a quick question on your . . . well I guess our new solo bike officers, it's in Budget Details 15 through 42. Can you identify the districts that they could be assigned to and they're going to be I assume strictly assigned to bike patrol and will they have other responsibilities with the COVID-19 situation?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you. The question is for the solo bike. They will be patrolling the whole County. The . . . they will be assigned to the traffic sections and they're responsible for all the . . . all the districts in the County of Maui. Their main duty and responsibility is to enforce traffic violations. And the idea behind the asking for expansion position as you know last year we had quite a few fatalities and working side by side with the Mayor with Zero Vision. And based on the survey that we had traffic is a big concern, we feel the need of the solo bike unit. We . . . the survey also get positive feedback from the community about these folks. Even to those that receive a citation, they feel that keeping our highway safe is a number one priority. So, they will be out patrolling every districts and assigned to the traffic section. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. And thank you, Chief. And last question with whatever time I have left. Premium pay, I know that's been a concern for all the departments and you have I believe almost close to 4 million expected. Will the six positions help to keep the premium pay in that area in your opinion if we give you the six positions and hopefully it will maybe keep it at 3.9 and maybe not go past that? Do you believe that will help?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you. It is my hope. I know that we'll be able to accomplish or minimize the premium pay if we have more personnel in there. We know that we have a definite plan of how to do recruitment and having those positions will help. And also you're fully aware that we have collective bargaining unit premium pay that is mandated and hopefully they will work, I think it will be. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you very much for your responses. Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. Council Chair Lee?

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Hi, Chief, and hi, Deputy Chief. I think we're looking at . . .

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Hi. Thank you for all your hard work and I'm hoping the . . . I'm hoping the people become a little bit more cooperative. You know, I think the majority of our residents and our citizens, you know, are cooperative even though . . . you know, we're all making sacrifices. But like Kauai, Kauai has the COVIDiots that still don't listen and Maui has the COdummies. So, you know, we're all in this together and we feel for you having to deal with these people who just don't want . . . who are very selfish really. So, Chief, you know, we're expecting a huge drop in revenues and you know, we're going to have to cut the budget. There's no way around it. However, we realize that all of the departments provide important work and needed services. So, if we cut it'll more than likely be more of a deferral than a permanent cut. So, you know, we've talked about 5 percent cut, but I'm pretty sure it's going to be a lot deeper than that. So, I'm not going to ask you questions because you're probably hearing this for the first time. So, you know, what we would like from the departments really is where are your priorities so we don't cut those priorities. You know, we need to know what you need to have and what maybe you can hold off on. Okay, Chief. So, that's my comments and my questions. Feel free to comment.

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Madam Chairman . . . woman. Yes, my priority is the vehicles, that will be the area that we really need. As you know Maui County do not have subsidized vehicles, our community enjoy having the marked unit. That will be the top priority for me. Some of these vehicles that need to be rotated out due to years of service and high mileage and also maintenance. The other reason behind it, the current fleet vehicles that we are using the factory are no longer making those vehicles. So, we are migrating into the Explorer or the SUV. So, the calls for changing of vehicles it will cost more than previous years as we reuse some of the equipment that we have in the vehicles. So, that will be my big priority, my number one priority for the Department is the replacement of our vehicles that we have. The other stuff that we need we'll find other ways to get funding for it, either through grants or other means of doing it. Of course premium pay is always a concern of yours and everybody else. We are hoping that a time like this, even though is uncertain that we be able to have more candidates, employees . . . new employees to come on board and work with us. So, we feel comfortable with our next chapter of recruitment drive. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you very much. I'm done, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay. You have a minute and five seconds left. Okay. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Chiefs, Ms. Magonigle. So, I appreciate you made comment about the vehicles, Chief. But first I just want to say I support you and the Mayor in your continuing effort to improve our protocols regarding sanitation and quarantine efforts for the whole County, including Lāna'i and

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Moloka'i. I know there's been some concern in our communities but I continue to support your efforts to improve our protocols for not only our employees but for our residents. So, saying that, one of the things that if you can respond in writing because it might be a little bit difficult to explain quickly is forfeiture funds. I notice you asking to utilize a 100,000. I need a good understanding on why is complementary use of the funds, since I know we cannot use it to supplement normal funds from . . . that we normally provide that Department. So, since we in this pandemic I'm wondering how much more can the Forfeiture Fund support your Department's needs for complementary uses. Whatever we be finding that at, and again I never know your balances. So, saying that . . . you can respond to that. Chief, two areas of concern I have . . . I understand your expansion request. I'll consider those with, Chair Lee's, comments in consideration. But the first one. I have a concern about dispatch, your status of employees and how we can continue to support efforts of those critical personnel.

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmembers. I do agree with you. It is always a concern of mine as a former commander of the sections. But I want to credit my staff for doing what they did. We did an evaluation, we wanted to find out what is going on. Why are people coming in and they leave after we spend money training them. And we come to term that the position description is not exactly what the position is all about. So, we work side by side with our County . . . other counties who are experiencing the same issues. So, County of Kauai has introduced a bill to change the classification of the emergency service dispatcher to a different category where they will be able to have equal pay to equal work what they do. Right now we also looking at rewriting the position description because it basically talks about . . . it talks about PBX and answering the phone and forwarding calls to other locations. But that is not what they do. And yes it is a concern of ours and we're hoping that the bill will pass and rewriting of the position description will be able to attract qualified candidates. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Great, Chief. I . . . tell us how to support you. I'm willing to support your efforts including the need to look at dispatch in the 21st Century era with technology. So, I'm also looking at improvements on how we do dispatching in the future with Emergency Services and Fire Department. My other area of concern since I have a few times left, is a need to get an update and understanding of the forensic program and facility, Chief.

MR. FAAUMU: Yes. We . . . that is one area that is a concern and as you know . . . and you always have support us in the past about technology. Technology will help traditional police work, to able to bring closure to places where we provide closure to the victims and also bring the right individual to justice. And saying that as we were focusing on it, as you know the pandemic is with us now. So far we have three deaths in our community. The forensic facility we also have . . . that's where we put those individuals that decided to move on to the next side of life and we have them in our forensic facility. We do all our post examination in there. There's a coroner of the County, and we also to prepare to support the hospital in case we . . . the mortality

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rate of the pandemic in our community increase. The Maui County forensic facility is prepared to support that. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, you . . . okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Do you want to do a quick follow-up? I'm sure Members wouldn't have an objection.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I just . . . I'm assuming that Chief's comments means he has a plan in place and that it is operational already. And that pleases me if that's what the Chief is saying. Chief, is that what you're saying, Chief, you have a plan already in place that's operational?

MR. FAAUMU: Yes, Councilmembers, we do. We have a plan and we are in conversation with our hospital. If you are referring to the mortality rate as I comment on the pandemic.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you very much, Chair. Thank you, Chief.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama.

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Chief Faaumu, Chief Rickard and Ms. Magonigle, for your guys' service and the men and women. My first question based on your opening remarks; so everybody's working 12-hour shifts five days a week, that's 20 hours of overtime for everyone every week. Is that what you were saying?

MR. FAAUMU: Councilmembers, do you want me to comment on that? Is that your question?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That was my question, yeah.

MR. FAAUMU: Okay. Thank you. When the pandemic was approaching or getting into the State and in our planning stage we look at manpower. We look at all of them and changing the schedule we know that we can't do that because it's a violation of the collective bargaining. The example that we use our . . . I'll kind of put it out to you. So, we look at the Central Maui . . . Central Maui districts, so 24 hours a day 7 days a week you need 33 police officers to patrol the streets. When we did the pre-shift and post-shift we eliminated 11, so you come down to 22 officers per shift. We also looking at the potential reduction enforced by exposure, the Department look at . . . if we lose two to three officers a week due to exposure we still can maintain the operation providing the service based on the calculation of manpower that we use. Yes, there is a lot of pay and overtime there involved. But it helps us refocus and also pay

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attention to some of the other issues that are coming up in the community such as in your districts from Kaanapali all the way to Kapalua, those hotels are closed. So we put more man hour there to help in the private sectors to patrol those areas, to eliminate opportunity for others to steal. So, it address what we are now and so far the reduction in force we still maintain three, but this past week we lost eight officers . . . in fact nine officers due to exposure. Having the pre, the schedule really help us continue. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, everybody is doing the 12-hour days that's left, not exposed or is it just the beat cops?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmember. The patrol element are on 12-hour shifts, the other units some of them what we also do is created a three . . . we created a call center. Where some cases we can address via phone instead of in person, so those officers are worked on 12-hour shifts too. So, yes, to answer your question, it is true. It is also . . . it's mainly the patrol element.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And then are you participating in homeless sweeps at this time?

MR. FAAUMU: Right now we are not addressing the unsheltered individuals. What we do is if we receive a call about some area of concern we do send our community police officers to address those issues. And when we respond our focus is to educate them on the pandemic and also making sure that they're safe, they practice social distancing and we recommended they stay in place instead of moving all over the place. But if it is an issue to our community we will adjust our approach but right now is more for education. But we do not do the sweep as what our compassionate relocation has been mentioned in the past. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, there's no confiscation of their items or anything like that going on right now?

MR. FAAUMU: Yes. That is correct, Councilmember. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you. And then I just was wondering, you know, I think everyone mentioned about cutting the budget. And some things, like the bicycle cops are those pedal bicycles or would that be like the Harley Davidson's and the Harley Davidson's tricycle or are we talking about pedal bicycles?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmember. Are you referring to our expansion position? If you are referring to our expansion position the motorcycle police officers, it is for the motorcycle unit additional two for that. The bicycle unit we still have the patrol, when they have more officers they will . . . those that certified to ride the bicycle will then use the bicycle to patrol the districts. And we do that a lot in your districts, Front Street area. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It was Page 494, the Harley Davidson's. Referring to.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MR. FAAUMU: Yes. That is the solo bike unit. Not the bicycle.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Sugimura? Oh, unmute. Unmute.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: There.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, there you go.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: There we go. Thank you very much, Chiefs, for your great work. And before I start with questions I wanted to thank Dean Rickard for his work with Lahainaluna. I saw him on . . . he was recognized . . . or the team was also recognized through the Legislature. So, thank you for all the work that you do at work, Chief, with all your officers as well as for what you do outside of, you know, beyond the call of duty. So, thank you. I wanted to ask about . . . before you walked into the room, Budget Chief [sic] talked about your fuel tank amendment that you were hoping . . . could you give us a summary of that? And where is it, is it in . . .

MR. FAAUMU: Yes, Councilmembers. We did a budget amendment on our fuel tank replacement. And it was due to new rulings as far as EPA making sure that these fuel tanks are well protected and is not out there leaking. And it will be in connection with the resurface of our parking lot, not necessarily the same project. But it is different, so the fuel tank we also ask for a consultant to make sure that what we are doing we are doing the right thing. And making sure that the money spent is spent properly and within the EPA rulings and no contamination were created by us as we install and replace this fuel tank. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, that's for this current fiscal year then that you're hoping . . . the budget amendment is for this fiscal year? Okay. Correct? I think that's what you . . . I thought it was for the new . . . and then I also wanted to mention that the towing for impaired driver ordinance that was . . . that we worked on with Lieutenant Hankins and was approved in late December. But I got results from . . . I asked for Lieutenant Hankins to let us know how impactful that bill has been. So, as of March 31st it's 63 tows, unfortunately 3 fatalities. But the good news is in comparison to last year they had seven fatalities at the same time. So, do you have any comments about the bill?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmember, and thank you for your support for the bill. As we look at the fatality from last year we . . . Lieutenant Hankins mentioned to us there's a high percentage of the fatality involved alcohol, and other substance abuse and speeding. With that we are looking at other means on how can we prevent that from happen in the future. And the idea proposed by the Lieutenant supported by you

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was very . . . we feel we know that is very . . . there is good results in this. There's a positive result that's the word I'm trying to find. Positive results to it as you mentioned. As of this year we only have three fatalities compared to seven fatalities last year, and we count this of the numbers as . . . I think for the Department, we know that every number will present an individual so . . . or represent a life. So, we want to make sure that we prevent that from happening again in the future. And thank you for your support. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you on that. I noticed that in Exhibit A there's . . . that's where all the grants are. And you have a, you know, very effectively you've been able to pull down additional funding and support for your Department. Do you think that with COVID-19 there's going to be a lot more grants that we need to go after?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you. I know that we . . . one of our expansion positions that we put in there is the grant manager. I . . . there are a lot of grants. There's lots of them out there; right now what we'd been doing is if we see if there is a grant come across and I will send it to the Department to the sections they might apply to. And then it's up to the leadership in there and the individuals to write the grants for it. Having a grant manager will be able to track these grants available out there from the County and from . . . I mean from the Federal or from the State Department. And that will help us, yes there are . . . there is a possibility there are grants there in the future. And thank you for that questions.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Pro Temp Kama, sorry, I think you may have accidentally muted yourself again.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Oh, thank you. Okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, you did it again.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I did? No it's . . . it's not muted.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Now it's working.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. I better put my hands up so that I don't touch anything.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'll reset your time.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Okay, Chair, thank you very much. Thank you, Chief, for being here. I just wanted to make sure that I expressed to you my happiness, my glee

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to hear that you're actually had been planning way ahead of time for about what your future and your department's going to look like. I was just kind of surprised so that your priority that you mentioned was vehicle replacement. So, can you please expand upon that please?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmembers. As I mentioned the Department has fleet vehicles and the reason why I wanted . . . the reason why the vehicles is on top of my list as you know the . . . the factory no longer make the cars that we are using now, the sedan. So, we went out and we learned that the SUV is the best vehicle for patrol that has been used nationwide. Having two different vehicles, I can no longer use the same equipment. I can no longer reuse the equipment because it's to the . . . the dimension of the vehicles is totally different so I have to buy a lot of new equipment, which the cost will go up. So, that is why I'm asking for that to replace our frontline vehicles, that is the number one priority on my list. I can't reuse the equipment.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: How many are you wanting to purchase and how much is the total?

MS. MAGONIGLE: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MR. FAAUMU: We requested 108 vehicles and then we got approved for 57 vehicles. Forty marked unit and 17 unmarked unit.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: And do you have a cost for that?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Member Kama, it's page 494 in your Program Budget.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. I'll go look it up. Thank you. Thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Three point four million.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: How much is that, four?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Three point four.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

MR. FAAUMU: A little over \$3 million.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay, okay. So, do you think that that is a sufficient number of vehicles that you're going to be needing? That you can get away with that many?

MR. FAAUMU: You know what we submitted to you is the . . . is based on the mileage of the vehicles. If they are over 95,000 which is exceed what we having. So, we need more vehicles. As these vehicles being used out there, if we can get more than what is being allowed to us it will be a . . . it will be a positive thing, especially our marked units.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Chief. And I appreciate your responses. I think that as the future goes on I think they might be even cheaper as time goes on. Because nobody's going anywhere, nobody's going to be buying cars so maybe the prices might be cheap. I don't know. Just my comment. But thank you so much, Chief.

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmembers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. You have a minute and five seconds left. Okay. All right. Okay. Aloha, Chief. I have a lot of questions like Member Hokama. Okay, so I first wanted to thank you for putting into the budget the Police Psychologist II. Something that I advocated for; mental health of our officers is really important. And I hope that the Department will require all the officers to have like a . . . at least an annual maybe semiannual, you know, check-in, mental health -in. Okay. So, you mentioned that the State Attorney General's Office had 3 million for enforcement that came from the Federal government, 260,000 allocated for Maui County, which is only 8.7 percent of the 3 million. Do you have information on how they determine how much Maui County would get and what exactly is the purpose of that \$260,000 and what are the conditions and limitations of the funding?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Madam Chair. Right now they gave us . . . I'm getting the numbers as they are being put out and I mentioned in my comments, but we have a meeting later on today --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. FAAUMU: --to discuss the details of it, and . . . but the funding is for pandemic . . . the COVID-19. We can respond to you in writing once we get all the details, if I can defer that questions, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Mahalo. And I'm guessing we would have to do like a budget amendment to receive that funding, Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh. I'm sorry I can't hear you.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, yes. The . . . remember we did that budget amendment to recognize the \$3 million for grant funds. So, if it's COVID related that we're going to get this money then we can just accept it through that--

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: --appropriation. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Budget Director. Okay. And for the replacement vehicles you requested 108 vehicles and 57 is what made it into the

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budget. So, I'm guessing that that's already a lot less than what would have been ideal. I was going to ask if we could cut that number down more but it's already been cut almost in half. During this time*(inaudible)*. . . ask this question. Okay. To ensure civilian oversight the Charter requires the Police Commission rather than the Police Chief to review and submit the Department's budget proposal to the Mayor. And that's in Section 8-12.2(2). From a review of the meeting minutes since last fall it appears the Police Commission did not review and submit Department's budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2021. Is that correct and if so, would you be able to provide an explanation as to why that happened?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Madam Chair. To respond to your questions they did review it, they do have a subcommittee. They was involved with us from when the Bureau were at the . . . proposed the budget to the Office of the Chief. So, they were involved from day one when we started our preparation for the budget. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chief. Okay, and then the . . . so the Department has been using drones to help with the COVID-19 emergency rules. Would you be able to inform the Committee how . . . when the drones were purchased and what the appropriation was that supported that purchase?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Madam Chair. The drones were purchased couple years ago and we had grants for . . . to purchase the drones.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chief. Okay and we'll go to Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. And thank you, Chief. He's answered some of my questions already but I just had a general question. You know, Chief, Chief Thyne of the Fire Department has made some procedural changes to safeguard his firefighters whenever they go out to answer calls. So, I guess my question is are you taking additional precautions for MPD officers that go out to answer calls?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmember. The answer is yes we do. To start off of we changed our uniform. If you noticed a lot of them are using the utility uniform or we refer to as the BDU, Battle Dress Uniform. We change that because our regular uniform's short sleeves and we allow them to put that on where they can button their collar and put their sleeves down. We also put out directives on proper use of the masks. We require everybody to have a protective mask . . . a face mask with them and also the N95 if they are coming across an individual with positive or unsure person under investigations. And also in the police cars we have stickers that we put in there that it says proceed with cautions. And we also work with our radio dispatchers that any time you dispatch a case to our officers at the end of your assignment mention to proceed with cautions. We change a lot as we . . . as I mentioned earlier. There are some cases where we can handle those cases on the phone instead of in person. We do have officers behind the scenes taking those complaints on the phone and address those issues. And we do . . . in fact the scheduling that was part of it. Looking at getting them more time off instead of calling them back to cover some of the vacant shifts. We divided three shifts into two watches

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and making sure that we have enough and when they're done work they can take time off to rest and be prepared to return. Now we still taking other measures, we're looking at briefing now and exercising social distancing. So, we do have some plan for that but it's still in the work. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. And has . . . have the Department, you know, taken the opportunity to meet with Doctor Miscovich team and have some of the officers tested for COVID-19?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmember. The answer is yes. When they did the testing in Central Maui, we have officers that took the test. In your districts, most of the officers in your districts did take the test and I know they will be heading out to West Maui tomorrow. They will . . . same thing, we'll take the test and also in Moloka'i. And so our officers do take advantages of the opportunities to take the tests if allowed to do. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chief. I did want to thank you too for the additional assistance with the officers. I know for West Maui, you know, we're anticipating 500 cars coming out. So, additional help to monitor and to help to streamline the process is always helpful. So, mahalo. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Just kind of dove-tailing off of, Member Sinenci's question regarding the testing of officers. You know, whatever you guys are doing it seems to be working because you hear on the mainland in larger departments police department personnel have been getting the COVID-19. It ties into my question about your CORDICO Wellness programs and wellness is everything, and you're requesting an additional 36,000. Members, it's Budget's Details Page 15-7. Can you share with us what you're going to do with this additional 36,000? And the second part of my question is the recent curfew enforcement. Have you had to use more personnel to enforce this curfew this past weekend?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmember. To answer your first question the CORDICO Wellness program it is a program that we have ready available on the cell phone for all employees of the Maui Police Department. And we know that we have core support team, our chaplains, we also have the EAP fund. As you know sometimes they're not available when you really need them, so that's where the CORDICO come into play. And where you can dial in if you'd like to talk to somebody and just get it off your chest and have someone to listen to you. So, that's the reason for the CORDICO Health Wellness program that we have readily available and that's the fee that we pay for the whole year. The second question is that you have is as far as the curfew, based on the manpower again is rescheduling as we prepare for this. We able to maintain with the manpower that we have to address the curfew that the Mayor implemented.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay,--

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MR. FAAUMU: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --thank you. And maybe it's a silly question on my part. For your CIP, what is a sally port and if you could just give us a description of the cost for the improvements of this sally port?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmember. It is not a silly question, actually the sally port is . . . it's like a garage for the police station but it's not really a garage. It's where we . . . it's open into our cell block. So, when you've taken someone in custody you pull into the sally port, close the door, remove the individual and walk right in to the processing area in the receiving area. The cost for it being that we have to look at the existing infrastructure that we have to hire a consultant to draft it properly when . . . to connect it to the existing infrastructure. And being that it is in a remote area, so we took the outgoing per square footage charges for County of Maui and we add on about 10 percent or 15 percent due to the remoteness of Lānaʻi for the constructions. For the . . . of course that include the consultant fee and the actual construction of the sally port.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you.

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And lastly do you have a sufficient amount of PPE for your personnel? And I know you . . . when I see some hospitals they have the medical personnel with shields and I know you have like maybe your helmets that you use for riot control. Is that something you think you may need, like shields, face shields for your officers in dealing with this COVID-19 pandemic? Is that something you need in addition to what you have? Is there anything you would like from us that could help you in that area?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmember. Going back to it, the shield we do our solo bike unit they have the shield. We recommended that they use that, our officers are out on ATV. Going back to what you said we get back into our storage and we pull out those old riot helmet and we provide it to our officers. As far as the shields we are looking at . . . well let me back up a little bit here. We also provide them, our patrol element, also are provided with goggles, and we got that from the Fire Department. Where they . . . their recommendation is the best goggles to protect for . . . eye protection. And then in our receiving area we might be looking at getting some shields, face shields for those officers that are working in there. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Chief. And thank you for all what you and your men and women do. And from my constituents we say aloha and thank you for doing the enforcement in my districts and also for your input on the stiffer penalties for illegal bike tour operators. So, thank you, Chief, and thank you, Chief Rickard and Ms. Magonigle. Mahalo, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay, Council Chair Lee?

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you. Chief, can you tell me if the State Department of Public Safety has advised you how many inmates received early releases?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Chair. The . . . I met with the . . . the Mister . . . our prosecutor, Mr. Don Guzman. And we went over the numbers recommended to be released from our facility and the numbers that he can start that it will be in compliance with the recommendations from our State Supreme Court. So, the number is between 16 and 18 inmates that will be subject to release under that ruling from our Supreme Court or Chief Justice.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Do you know when this is going to happen?

MR. FAAUMU: I don't have a date for it. But the . . . we're waiting for the word from our Prosecutor's Office when that happen. I know that we did talk about ankle monitors and I know, Mayor Victorino, were willing to purchase that to protect our community. The date I don't know, but we can respond in writing if you want the date as we reach out to our prosecutor. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Chief. I have no more questions, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay. And then, Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, Chief, real quick yeah. I appreciate your comments regarding your priority as it concerns replacement vehicles and I appreciate that comment. And again I know, I believe I heard you say you're . . . you guys are looking at promoting the SUV hybrids model, so I'm open to that very much. I just want to know the cost differential and with the hybrids the Department's plan with the old batteries and what type of program. So, if you could respond to that later. A couple quick questions I want to ask. What is the major difference between your public safety aides and your school traffic personnel, please? Since you're asking for additional public safety positions.

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmember. The public safety aide works in our police stations, they work in the front office. They handle the public when they come in and direct them to whatever service that the public needs. Our public safety aides also work in our receiving area in our cell block area, help police officers process prisoners and also care for prisoners when they are in our custody. And they do other works, administrative work in our stations. The traffic control individuals are part-time individuals, they volunteer to be out there at our school to help our children cross the road and help with before and after schools. And we also have our traffic section work closely with our traffic control officers. And those positions are part-time positions.

MS. MAGONIGLE: The crossing guards.

MR. RICKARD: The crossing guards, part-time.

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MR. FAAUMU: Yeah, the crossing guard is a part-time positions. And the PSA is a fulltime positions. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you for that response and I'm glad you got Ms. Magonigle. Under investigative services, I'm trying to understand your need for topsoil and a sprinkler system.

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmembers. I want to reassure you I'm not trying to do a maintenance service with the department. But it is for our K9 unit. We do have a kennel in the back of our stations and we'd like the area around it be, you know, manicured, and have grass there for the K9. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. This wouldn't come from forfeiture funds because this sounds . . . is this normal?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmembers. What we can do is look into it and if you want to if I can defer the questions and respond to you in writing.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, yeah, Chief. Thank you. That would be . . . again I'm just trying to understand what is a complementary use of those funds to support your Department. So, we can utilize it as best as we can. Thank you, Mr. Molina, because I thought that sally port question was very important to understand. So, Chief, sally port and the Kihei and forensic facilities on the entry/exit gates. You need those projects because it impacts your operations currently as well? Is it an operational request?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmember. Yes, it is an operational request. It is for the safety of the . . . for Kihei, it is for the safety, our security of the back portion of the station. And for our forensic facility it is the same thing, it's the security of the backside of our forensic facility where we go into our morgue. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. And then . . . last one at this time, Chief. Do you have sufficient space for impounded or required quarantining, if that's the right word, of vehicles under the Department's jurisdiction? Is that an issue, space?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you. Yes we do have that in Kihei and Wailuku stations. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. So, you have space then, Chief? You have sufficient space or you don't have enough space? That's what I need to know.

MR. FAAUMU: Have sufficient space?

MR. RICKARD: We have enough now.

MR. FAAUMU: So, now we have enough but we can always need more if more vehicles coming in to our impound lot.

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MR. RICKARD: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Chief.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . Member Hokama. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Continuing on with Member Hokama's line. You know, the, like the Teen Academy, wireless earpieces, Nano Flex watch and things like that. Could that also be used with the forfeiture funds?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmembers. We can always look at the items and see if it will qualify for the use of the forfeiture funds as stated by law. But we --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. So. . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MR. FAAUMU: --can look into that. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Was wondering, you know, I kind of remember the conversation about the vehicles last year. I thought you asked for like hundred something last year too, but I was wondering what happens to the old vehicles when you get the replacement vehicles. Because I mean, 57 vehicles are they . . . what's going to happen to those 57? If you get the 57 that you'd like.

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmembers. What we do with those vehicles if we can use them elsewhere in the County or in the Department we do. But most of the time being their mileage is so high we trade them in and whatever credit we get for that vehicles we'll use it towards purchasing of our new vehicles. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And do you report that amount of credit to us? Can we find out ultimately what happens to them or how much the savings is?

MR. FAAUMU: Yes, Councilmembers. Usually we receive \$300 credit from the trade-in of the old vehicles and we apply that towards the purchase of the new vehicles.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Wow.

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I know a lot of folks that would like to buy a vehicle for 300 bucks. Can I get more on the street if you take off the pasties and stuff?

MR. FAAUMU: I think the vehicles what we do with it, we basically trade it in. That we . . . thing that we . . . it's past it's usage or life cycle that's for a police department. And we trade it in and most of the time we get \$300 per vehicles and we use that \$300 towards the down payment of a new vehicles. I hope that answer your questions. Thank you.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. In your opening you mentioned also drug and domestic violence are hot issues, and I totally agree. Can you give a brief update on what we're doing for drugs and then after that domestic violence?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmembers. What we do with our drug investigations, we realize that going after those out on the streets is all . . . still a necessity for us to address those issues. But we focus more on drug trafficking organizations and usually dealing with the drug trafficking organization or DTO requires working together with other law enforcement agencies. So, we use a task force . . . *(inaudible)* . . . with the Federal government to help us address these issues. The drug dealers or drug traffickers organization or individuals that of today, sometime some of them are not even drug users. They treat it as business, there's a lot . . . very lucrative business and they take their business very seriously. So, we do work side by side with our Federal counterpart to address that issues. Domestic violence, domestic violence is always an issue. Again sometimes is a crime of passion when emotion gets high, so we do have our domestic violence unit out there working with our prosecutors and the Judiciary. And we also use education as we work with Women Helping Women and other entities or non-government organizations to promote the safety or the family . . . or prevent violence basically. That's what I'm trying to get into, to prevent the domestic violence. And that's kind of what we do. We do PSA education and enforcement on that side. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. And I had a question about the ballistic tactical vests and armor plates, tactical inspection kit and tactical delivery poles. Can you elaborate on those items?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmembers. The ballistic vests with the armor plate those are for our Special Response Team. As you know when situations exceed to a point where our frontline unit aren't able to deal with it . . . sometimes it's due to the weapons used by the responsables or due to the danger of engaging those individual. Some of those equipments that you referred to, it's for our Special Response Team and we really need those equipment. It's based on rotational basis, when they are expired we will take them out and sometimes it's unserviceable, but it is for our response . . . special respond unit to respond to situation beyond what our patrol element can handle. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, those . . . they already have those equipment but they're ending the service life, useful life of service?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Last question, Member Paltin. The timer went off.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh. I didn't hear it. Sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay.

MR. FAAUMU: Madam Chair, do you want me to respond to . . .

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes please, mahalo.

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmembers. Yes. They do have the vest but they need the plate to go with the ballistic vest. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, Chief, I was just wondering about the car wash. So, last year we appropriated funds for the car wash. I was just wondering are we done, do you . . . is it done? Did you run into some situations?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmembers. It has . . . right now we need to hire a consultant to address the recycling of the water that we use. Again it is a requirement by EPA, so it set us back from our initial plan to change it. So, we need to do more studies into the . . . to the car wash. And I know the . . . we are working side by side with Public Works who will be able to hire a consultant and they can do studies for their side and also will help the Police Department to do the study for the MS4, which is the recycled water. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, is there funding in here to complete that? I didn't notice that. Or are you waiting for Public Works to give you the next steps? Or do you need help with that?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Councilmember. Yes, we did submit a budget amendment to help fund the consultants for that project.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, it'll . . . we'll see it eventually through the EDB Committee. And then one of the questions that came up was the . . . for all of the departments was for reduction was about travel. And because of the magnitude and the kind of work that you do, is it . . . is travel something that you could look at to cut back in your operations or would it be difficult? We found out from some of the departments it's . . . it's a little bit more difficult than others. So, I was curious about your . . . the impact of that.

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Chair . . . I mean, Councilmember. It does impact, as you know most of the travel is for training and for police officers you need to update your credentials to make sure that the Judiciary still accept you as an expert witness when you testify. So, it does require us to travel to training, also to give us certification of what we do, whether you are a narcotic investigator or homicide detective or whatever assignment that you have. But what we . . . most of the time what we do is we look for grants to help pay for the training to limit the funding that we get from the County. And a lot of times what the Department do is if there is training that we can bring to the County we will bring those training to the Department. But other training is based on the grant that we have, it's required by their grants for the individual officers to attend certain training out there that is hosted. But we always look for training

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somewhere around in the West Coast or is closer to Hawaii where the cost is not as much as for the . . . for the east of our nations. It is . . . it will have an impact because of our credibility testifying in Court and our credential. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. And I'm just grateful that Chief came today but I have no more questions. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Okay. I have a few more questions. So, Chief, is the Department taking advantage of this time when unemployment is high to try to recruit more officers?

MR. FAAUMU: Madam Chair, yes we do. As we speak we are stilling doing recruitment for police officers. I think couple days ago, in fact maybe today we are having testing at our Kihei station. But we do take advantages of the opportunity that we have based on unemployment. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And I think our community will be looking for more work. So, offering that opportunity for income that will be appreciated. As the County coroner have you considered the purchase of refrigerated containers for each of our islands? Moloka'i, Maui, and Lāna'i. Refrigerated containers to serve as temporary morgues.

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Madam Chair. I had a look at purchasing. In fact it's in the works now to purchase a refrigerated container for our forensic facility here for the County of Maui. As far as the other outer islands we are working very closely with the medical facility in there to see if . . . either we can transfer the body here. Or if there is a need for it we will revisit that to purchase that or add more trays as you call it, to the existing facility that we have. But we do take that into consideration especially with the COVID-19 to address those issues. But we are prepared for it. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chief. I think, you know, right now with the stay-at-home order our residents have been doing really good job at flattening the curve, so that we don't experience a surge that overwhelms our healthcare facilities. Do you think that by not having containers prepared for what could be a severe surge that the Department would be able to quickly make arrangements to purchase a refrigerated container and send it to Moloka'i and Lāna'i in a timely manner?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Madam Chair. I will take that into consideration. I will look at the . . . I do understand your concern and we can revisit that to make plan for it. And

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if it's warranted we will . . . you know, I will start that conversation with my leadership to address your concern and it is a valid concern from yours. Thank you, Madam Chair. And we can report back to you . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, I really appreciate that. We only have one more mortuary on the island and I appreciate if, you know, the Department could also be in communication with our one mortuary who has been trying really hard to ensure that there are plans, you know, in this situation if a surge were to happen. So, mahalo, Chief. And so, I wanted to follow up on Member Sugimura's question about the car wash. My understanding is that it was a lot more than what was anticipated in last year's or this FY '20 Budget. After learning that it would cost so much more, is that something the Department wants to continue to pursue even if it would be cheaper for us to just pay for cars to be washed with a vendor?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, the project was put into the Fiscal Year '20 Budget. Along with the Police Department the Department of Public Works is also putting in a wash station and because of the MS4 requirements the prices escalated. And so Public Works is hiring a consultant and awaiting that study or that assessment report then we'll proceed with the Police Department. I think it . . . it escalated the price kind of high. So, we would want to take a step back and reevaluate what we're doing with the wash stations and the car wash. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Yoshimura. So, just to clarify the Public Works has an FY '21 . . . an item to hire a consultant to help reevaluate the wash station and then from there the Police Department would determine how they would forward?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, they have it now in Fiscal '20 as well. And so, I believe the assessment is ongoing and once we get that back then we can either come in for a budget amendment if needed to proceed with the car wash facilities.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Ms. Yoshimura. Okay, Members, how many would like a third round for the Police Department? Oh, shucks.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Not me.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I forgot Committee Vice-Chair King . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I'm good, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Okay, Member Hokama is okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah. The Members did a good job. So, I'm okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm good.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Likewise.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I see thumbs up and nodding heads, everyone's okay. And then I completely forgot about Committee Vice-Chair King's question. One last question for . . . from Committee Vice-Chair King. Will the Police . . . or would . . . can the Police . . . I don't know what this . . . monitor the sunflower fields that are starting to bloom. They've contacted MPD and State DOT but it's important to the farm employees that we have support in keeping people out of the sunflower fields.

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you, Madam Chair. I know the Police Department in the past we had a neighborhood crime watch for farmers. And I know it was promoted from Upcountry, Maui, and I was part of it many years ago, and will be something that we can revisit to work with the farmers to make sure that we can work side by side. So, people can . . . those that will take advantages of their crops. We do have a program that initiated many years ago about neighborhood crime watch for farmers. So, we can revisit that. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chief. Okay, Member Hokama, did you have a last question?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, last question and the Chief can respond in writing if that's more convenient. But like for the TASER program, the comments was its year four of a five-year agreement. So, if the Department can share what is their replacement program or schedule like for equipment as it compares to like vehicles, you know, if it's like every year we, the mission is to try replace 20 to 25 percent of vehicles or various equipment from TASERs to body cameras to Kevlar jackets, whatever it be. I'd like to understand have the Department is approaching replacements, please. And then the last one for the Chief and ,Chief, think about this. I have no problem putting more resources for community safety, especially pedestrian, with cameras on public right-of-ways including our streetlight poles. So, I would ask for your comments and maybe you can think about it before you respond. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay, Members, any last questions, or comments? Okay, seeing none, we'll thank Police Chief, Deputy Chief Rickard, and Ms. Magonigle, for being with us today and answering our questions. Chief Faaumu, would you like to provide any final comments?

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you. Thank you, Chair. And from me again we asking for your continued support. And thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chief. Okay. Mahalo for continuing . . . oh, wait, wait a minute. I have one priority, sorry. I also skipped me again. Okay. Sorry. One last thing. Okay, I have one priority proposal for the replacement of the Moloka'i Police Station roof. I guess I would need clarification from the Department if that would be an interfund transfer because I understand that the Parks Department

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manages the buildings in the County facility, but it would be for the police station roof. So, if you could provide me guidance, and the estimate is for \$500,000. It . . . the roof has been leaking similar to the other County building that had its roof replaced in 2018. I believe there may also be asbestos in the roof, so it's a, you know, a health hazard to our officers. You know, during this time when it's like really raining, you know, it becomes a public safety issue because the officers will have to protect their, you know, their resources, their assets from, you know, any flooding or leaking that's occurring. And you know, I really want our officers to feel valued and I think that, you know, just something as simple as replacing their roof would really, you know, replace moral so that they do feel valued here. And I want to thank you for your officers here because they do an amazing job, they've been really stepping up to help the community in every situation that's come up. Whether it's the drive-thru testing, whether it's the stores shutting down and lending a hand to ensure safety and just really keeping our community safe and calm and feeling protected. So, mahalo for that. Police Chief, any comments or I guess answer to my question?

MR. FAAUMU: Yes, Madam Chair. I would like if it's okay with you ma'am . . . Madam Chair, that I can share my answers with the Budget Director. But first I will comment on it. First of all thank you for your concern about the safety and well-being of our officers, I would like to thank you for that and we take that into heart at all time. We would like to address those issues knowing that there is health issues to our officers in there. Thank you for bringing up in the forefront from that. As far as moving forward with it, if I may defer that to the Budget, Chair . . . Madam Chair if that's okay? Thank you.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chief.

MS. YOSHIMURA: If you're looking to add the funds in to the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget you could add it under the Countywide Police Facility. Although it's a Park's office the Police Department occupies that space, they would probably run the project. And so, the funding can be under the Police Department and add it to the Countywide Projects.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Great. So, CBS-2346. I'll add the 500,000 to that item and replace the roof.

MR. FAAUMU: Yes. And, Madam Chair, I apologize I guess I mute myself when you asked me for last-minute comments. So, anyway thank you for your support and also to other Members of the Council for your support. And we're looking forward to see what will be the outcome, we also understand that it is tough time now as what's going on with the pandemic. And the Department is prepared and we look at if there is any 5 percent cut to our budget we will adjust accordingly. Thank you for the time and aloha.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chief. And then real quickly, Members, do anyone have . . . do any of you have questions on my priority proposal or question for Police Chief before he leaves on what I had proposed?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Support it.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No questions.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Support it, no questions.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair. Thanks for juggling [sic] my memory. Do you . . . can you recall why Police or Parks chose not to do that big . . . the reroof when we did the Pauole Center and the other building? Can you recall? Chair, do you recall why we didn't just do it when we did Pauole two years ago and the adjacent building? Did Parks or Police object to the renovation? Do you recall?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Well I know . . . Member Hokama, I know that Mitchell Pauole was done in one year and then a year or two later then the other County building that the District office is in.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That was . . . so I think maybe it was just being done in phases to reserve funding so that it's all not in one year perhaps.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Oh. Okay. I recall. Yeah. Part of it is Police should've already been relocated where Fire is. That was part of the old plan. That's why we built that . . . the dispatch space at the new location where Fire is currently located. So, that was part of the old discussion previously, Chair. Thank you for letting me recall.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I support you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, mahalo. And just for Members, you know, FYI that the building even after being relocated would continue to be used in other ways. So, it wouldn't be a waste of money after the new station is built. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was wondering what the lifespan of the reroofing would be and this is in the inundation zone, right?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. The lifespan of the roof I'm not super sure. I can get that information for you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thanks. That's all the questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, when we went to Moloka'i we did a site visit for possible relocation for the Police. What happened with that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The community didn't support the location.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, seeing no other hands we'll thank again, Chief Faaumu, Deputy Chief Rickard, and Ms. Magonigle, for being with us today and answering all of our questions. Mahalo.

MR. FAAUMU: Thank you. Thank you. Have a good day.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Here ...*(inaudible)*... Okay, Members. So, we have Department of Prosecuting Attorney. I anticipated would be with us at about 1:30. We're ahead of schedule, good job, everyone. We can take an early lunch if that would be the preference.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah. Thank you for guiding us ahead of schedule I love it. So, this is my theme to my fellow Committee Members. I don't have a problem moving up prosecutors as best as we can because I think if anything we might get locked down with Public Works. It has a tremendous amount of projects that I'm sure Members would want to discuss. And so, I don't have a problem going through prosecutors because it's like DPS for me. It's not a department with fat and everything else and I would rather we allow Public Works the sufficient time for a decent review, Chair. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I like that idea.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I agree with Member Hokama.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I see everyone's hands but I'm going to recognize Ms. Yoshimura because we didn't request Prosecuting Attorney until 1:30. So, we have to see if they're even available. Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: They're on their way. Do you want to take a short recess? They are walking over right now.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh. Okay. We'll recess until 11:30. Fifteen minutes will be okay?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes. Ten minutes is . . . ten minutes is fine if you want to do . . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Fifteen.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Fifteen. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We'll go to 11:30. Okay. So, it's 11:14 we'll reconvene at 11:30. Okay, seeing no objections the Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess until 11:30. . . . *(gavel)* . . .

RECESS: 11:14 a.m.
RECONVENE: 11:34 a.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . *(gavel)* . . . Economic Development and Budget Committee back to order. It's 11:34 on April 14th and we now have Department of the Prosecuting Attorney with us. We have Prosecuting Attorney, Don Guzman --

MR. GUZMAN: Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --and Administrator Officer Susan Clements. Mahalo for joining us today. Mr. Guzman, would you like to provide us with some opening remarks before we begin with questions?

DEPARTMENT OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

MR. GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair. Good afternoon, Members. Very different times and this is a very unique situation. I wanted to express my thanks for providing this opportunity to go through some of the details in our budget. But as an overview I think most of you know that crime doesn't stop and during this COVID period we are still operating as an essential department in terms of the citations that are being

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issued at this date in time. The emergency rule citations are misdemeanors, so we've received so far at today's date 343 citations and those will be set for court appearances after June 1st. Everything else is still ongoing, the cases that we have been receiving are still being worked up by our prosecuting attorneys and our staff. Investigation is still ongoing; we still have to file our paper work and so my entire Department is still working. And in terms of the Judiciary we have one court room in the felony section that is working still and in District Court we have one court that is still working, operating. And so, we've been doing court room via Skype and web communications. So, those are still . . . the procedures are still going further. Cases have been . . . since we're only operating with two court rooms, cases have been continued: the murder trials, the sex assaults, the Class A, B, C felonies. Those trials and motions have been continued until after June 1st I believe. So, when June 1st ends we're going to try . . . I don't know if the Supreme Court will at that point make a decision to operate all court rooms again. We will then be back online, but really we'll be backlogged because in terms of the cases that are supposed to be going to trial right now or have hearings have been continued until after June 1st. What is going on presently is new cases, so we've been working new cases during this COVID period of time. I don't know if all of you have been aware of the Supreme Court ruling or decision about three weeks ago to release inmates, requiring us to release inmates from our correctional facilities in order to minimize or reduce the population and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. If in fact it gets contaminated within the MCCC facility. When that order came down I did take measures to look at . . . first of all the order gives out criterias. These certain criteria say that if you have an A, B, C felony; these are the high degree murder cases, rape cases, these are the heavy-duty ones; you're completely excluded. And so, from there on we're looking at mid-level to low level criminal inmates. And so, the Supreme Court said look, the order is the Public Defender's Office since they motioned for writ of habeas to release, then they are to provide the list of inmates that they want released to the Prosecutor's Office. And if they're . . . if the Prosecutor's Office can go through each of the cases and determine which ones we can release via stipulation then move forward. But though that the Prosecutor's Office does not agree to release then the Public Defender's Office has to file motions with our Circuit Court here in Maui, motions to release. And these motions to release are heard by Judge Bissen and the other judges here on Maui. And we are currently fighting off those motions because we don't feel that some of them should be released. So, that's what's been going on currently. So, my Deputy Attorneys, my staff, we've been working continuously through this COVID situation. Again we have 33 prosecuting attorneys in our Department, 34 clerical staff, we have nine victim witness councilors, four investigators, and two interns. So, we're under . . . we're under 100 E/Ps, and so when you look at our budget . . . ever since we've been divided between two categories, Administration and General Prosecution. And when I came into the Department I took a hard look at our finances and how we operate efficiently, and I saw a lot of repetition between admin and general prosecution. We were using admin accounts to pay off general prosecution supplies, equipment, operations. It doesn't make sense because if you're a company in the private sector with less than a 100 people you operate like an LLC or a sole proprietorship. You don't have different levels or hierarchies that distinguish between the accounts. So, in order to be more efficient I looked at the model of how you operate a law firm . . . a midsize law firm, and a midsize law firm

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doesn't have a separation of accounts between admin and client cases. We all operate under one. So, if you take our example as Corporation Counsel's Department, they don't have a division between Corporation Counsel and admin, it's just one level. So, I think in terms of operations it's just better and more efficient that we combine the two. We only have eight people in Admin and we're using monies for . . . that are placed in Admin for General costs and vice versa. It just doesn't make sense. So, in order to be more efficient I think it . . . it was better in the details you can see that we were more combined and it worked better. And I think, Susan, did you want to say something? Okay, I'm sorry. Did I over . . . I can go on. You know guy, you . . . sorry, Members, I'm very talkative. I can talk forever and I think that we can just get to some of the questions that you have. And I can . . . if you want more of a detail of how I break down the Department and so I've really actually reorganized the Department. And we've put in reorganizational charts as well. So, that's that in terms of my opening. Sorry I got a little bit longwinded.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Guzman. Okay. So, the process that we're using for this year's budget is two rounds of five-minute questions for each Members. So, I'll ask if you can try to keep your responses to Members as concise as possible so that each Member will have an opportunity to ask all the questions that are needed in their short amount of time. Five minutes. So, mahalo for being mindful of . . . just responding as concisely as possible. Okay. And then we'll start with Pro Temp Kama, because I don't think Committee Vice-Chair King is back. I don't see her on. So, we'll go Pro Temp Kama, and then Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for being here, Mr. Prosecutor. So, in your opening statements you mentioned that you folks were fighting against the early release and so therefore you don't see that as an option in terms of the COVID-19. Is that correct and if it is, so what is your alternative for distancing those who are imprisoned?

MR. GUZMAN: Thank you for the question, Councilmember Kama. The . . . it wasn't that we were object - let me clarify. There are certain levels of inmates that are in MCCC and what I'm objecting to and what I have been objecting to from the Supreme Court are those high-level violent inmates being released. And so, we have been . . . and for those inmates we are not stipulating, we're not agreeing with the defense attorneys to release. So, the defense attorneys now have to file motions with the court and the motions will be heard in front of the judge and the judge makes that decision whether or not to release. Now that's one aspect there, that's what I'm talking about objecting to. The other one that I . . . that my office and I feel that we are reducing the population. We have been proactive is the mid-level to the low-level criminal inmates that have been charged and sentenced to those mid-level to low-level crimes and that are in MCCC. So, at this stage we have stipulated and agreed to release 23 of the MCCC inmates as well as there's 31 more cases that we're currently reviewing to determine whether or not we will agree or not agree with the defense. We've reduced the inmate population . . . oh, sorry.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That was . . .

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MR. GUZMAN: We've reduced the inmate population significantly from last February when it was 392 or 372 inmate population. And currently we're at 301 and so max capacity over there . . . we're only like, I think 30 inmates until . . . 30 more inmates and we will be at operation capacity at the MCCC. So, we are doing something about it. And prior to the . . . I'm sorry, not prior, strike that, excuse me. While the Supreme Court ordered us to consider release I also contacted the Department of Health to put in a health protocol, a medical protocol. So that they are checked as part of requirement of release, they are checked and screened by Department of Health prior to their release. And then they are required to check in with the Department of Health 14 days after release to get screening again. I really feel that I've done my best to comply with the Supreme Court order, but there . . . but on the other hand, first and foremost is our safety of our community. You know, I . . . we really have to consider who we're releasing and what circumstances and are there Department of Health measures to make sure that they're not going to be carriers. Does that answer your question?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes, it does. Thank you. And thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members. Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. And then, you know, this is a new process for everyone. So, if your question is answered you can let, you know, the Director or Prosecuting Attorney know that you received the answer to your question, especially if you have more than one question. Okay. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Chair. Nice seeing you, Mr. Guzman. And, Susan, nice to see you there also. So, your, the expansion positions, you know, because we're all kind of in this COVID-19 cutback mode. Your expansion positions, which is on Budget Detail 16-12 and one, two . . . what is it two prosecuting . . . oh, two prosecuting attorneys, victim witness counselor and a private secretary internship clerks I guess is what I see. But I guess my question . . . I know you're pretty lean and mean but do you need these positions with your case load and workload or is this something that you can look at maybe hiring in the future if we look at COVID-19 impacts?

MR. GUZMAN: Thank you for the question, Councilmember Sugimura. And also thank you for being the introducer for the OUI, DUI towing bill. I think that has been significantly impactful. Just for your information the DUI cases that we have received so far since January from the implementation of the towing bill that you introduce we've . . . about 171 OUI cases, which is down I think about 3 percent from last year. So, I think that . . . it's not all telling, it's . . . we're still early on in the calendar year. And plus with the stay at home orders that's also kind of a component of maybe the reduction. But I would hope . . . and I would hope and at least feel that the towing bill was served as or is serving as a deterrent. So, right now since January just for your information, Councilmember, there have been three fatalities for OUI and driving impairments. Last year we had a total of 22 fatalities, and so that therefore 17 of those fatalities were DUI and drug related driving crashes. And so, that therefore there was that campaign which you spearheaded with the Mayor to reduce the

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fatalities. In terms of the positions that I'm requesting, one of the positions that is in line with that is having a specialized Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for those OUI cases, and that is in the budget. So, I'm only asking for one additional DPA . . . prosecuting attorney that would then specialize in handling the fatality cases and the heavy, the more difficult OUI and drug . . . drug impaired driving cases. So, it really does need a specialized attorney that does only those things. Currently pending we still need to . . . out of those 17 fatalities last year we weren't able to bring those to court yet. We've only been able to bring two of those to court. So, those are still pending in the hopper to bring them to court and trial. And so, we need to start getting harder and better at prosecuting those kind of cases. Number two position is the Victim Witness Councilor III, the reason why I'm asking for that is that . . . in the job description for a Victim Witness Councilor III that is the only position that can be a supervisor of the Victim Witness IIs and Is. We don't have that currently in our organizational makeup and I need a Victim Witness Councilor III for a supervisor. So, that's why that's in there. That's really necessary. I don't know how they were to operate without it in the past but the way I looked at it . . . in the organization of the Department it's needed to have to make sure that the victim witness counselors are on track. Currently, the victim witness division has served 4,000 . . . oh, excuse me . . . 3,000 . . . roughly around 3,400 victims the last year. So, it is a high level intensity division that constantly is having to make sure that our victims that are involved in the cases are well equipped and counseled as well as their families. So, to me the Victim Witness Councilor division is very important. And in terms of operations, again we're only delaying the inevitable, which means that the cases that haven't been heard in court right now will be heard after June 1st or when this stay at home order is lifted, which means we will have a back, back, back, backlog of cases. So, please I need these people. I'm really down to the bare minimum and so we're really--

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

MR. GUZMAN: --going to . . . yeah. And so . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura.

MR. GUZMAN: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. The next Councilmember is Member Paltin. Member Paltin, are you ready?

MR. GUZMAN: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Mr. Guzman.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Thanks for . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm ready. How's it going, Don. How's it going, Susan. Good to see you.

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MR. GUZMAN: Oh, hey. Hi, Tamara, Councilmember.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . was working maybe, right on. So, a lot of my questions already got answered by your opening and Ms. Sugimura. I just was wondering, is your Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys allowed to work from home now?

MR. GUZMAN: Yeah. I have them . . . currently there's two court rooms that are operational right now. One at the higher level, which is all the felonies, so there's only one . . . usually there's four court rooms for the felonies, that's the murder, the really high intense . . . but right now currently there's only one courtroom. And in District Court in Wailuku and Hana and Moloka'i and Lāna'i there's only one court room that is operating to cover all of those . . . those District Court cases. And so, in the higher level one the felony cases, the Circuit Court cases, they are more . . . using the web . . . the web and Skype. It's very different, it's just like what we're doing right now, but they have the defendant in MCCC and they've got the judge there and we've got the prosecutor there. And it's very . . . it's exactly what we're doing right now and it's a court hearing. And but in District Court they're not as high tech. So, they're requiring our Deputies to walk over to the Court across the street and make appearances. And so . . . but they're still . . . I mean they've reduced the Courts to operate under one, that's a good thing. But in terms of this social distancing they're not as effective as our Circuit Court courtroom procedures right now. So, yes, my deputies are working at home to work the cases and they also are coming in to make sure that their . . . the case load is still ongoing. Like I said the new cases that are coming in, there's still crime out there, there's still theft, there's still domestic abuse, there's still arrests going on as we speak. So, we have to continually work those cases as they come in. So, my deputies are coming in and I've . . . but I've also tried to minimize the spacing in the office, to say look if you don't need to be in here make sure you're out . . . you're out at home doing the cases there or coming back in. We're very, in a very tight situation at the old courthouse. You've been over there, Councilmember, we're on . . . I mean we're cubicle to cubicle, we're really crunched in and so if I were to have them all in one space and then one of them gets COVID, we would be definitely affected. And we're an essential department just like Fire and Police. So, yeah. I think I answered your question.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I think . . .*(inaudible)*. . . Is there anything or just sending half home and like having a good amount of space or are you erecting any kind of Plexiglas barriers?

MR. GUZMAN: Well, currently what I did was I took each division basically from District Court Division and Felony Screening Division and Family Court Division and the Drug Unit Division and Investigation Division as well as the Victim Witness Counselor Division and I looked at the spacing where they're sitting within their division and then I said okay, half on go home and work, half stay on. So, when you're there on Monday and let's say that unit, there's someone in that unit gets sick then obviously Unit A is going to be affected. But I have Unit B that comes in on Tuesday that won't be affected. So, all in all I will have an operational department if in fact we get hit with

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COVID, you know. So, I just kind of did it that way to make sure that our essential workers are not affected. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And everybody has masks and . . .

MR. GUZMAN: Yeah. We're required. I required everybody to wear a mask. And in fact I'm so glad I . . . like I . . . today this is my mask. Actually, Susan made my mask. I should wear my mask. But anyway, I usually would wear my mask but I'm so glad I don't have to wear it in here. So, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And then the reorg was fairly easy because it's mostly appointed positions, you didn't have to deal with any Union negotiations or anything for the reorg?

MR. GUZMAN: I did . . . I'm still . . . the reorg is I would say half and half because I am reorganizing the entire Department and most of them are appointed in terms of the Deputy Attorneys. But for the Civil side I need supervisors in some of the Divisions to supervise the Civil Service. And so, according to Department of Personnel I can't just pick a person out of . . . let's say for example I'm going to use a Victim Witness; I can't just pick someone out of Victim Witness II and promote them up. They're saying I have to create a III supervisor in order to have a supervisor position in the org chart.

MS. CLEMENTS: That's the only reorg we have to.

MR. GUZMAN: Yeah. And that's the only reorg we have to do in terms of . . .

MS. CLEMENTS: If we receive that.

MR. GUZMAN: Yeah. If we receive that position. So, there's other reorganizations that I've structured. I need supervisorial and . . . structure in the Department.

MS. CLEMENTS: But that's all appointed.

MR. GUZMAN: And so, those were all appointed. So, that's the . . . --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

MR. GUZMAN: --to answer your question it's fairly easy.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

MR. GUZMAN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. Mr. Guzman, yeah, I'm very interested in looking at your adjustments including your compression of your operations. And so,

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I'm supportive of your efforts to try something different. I do know you will need additional work on your part as an administrator regarding oversight and support for a department program since you're doing away with divisional programs. I don't have a problem. Your overall budget is within a smart request. So, I got no questions with that. And I appreciate my colleagues' questions regarding your expansion proposal. So, with that, Chair, no questions at this time. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Hi, Don. Okay, so . . .

MR. GUZMAN: Hi . . . hi, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Hi. On your . . . we're looking at and I'm looking at priorities. So, we're asking everybody to let us know their priorities so that when we cut expenses we're not cutting something that's not warranted. Because you do know that we will not be receiving a lot of revenues that we normally would, and that's part of the current budget. And we're not receiving a lot of those revenues. We're talking millions of dollars, yeah. So, what would you say are your priorities?

MR. GUZMAN: I . . . that's a difficult question because of the fact that we're not . . . we're really an essential department. Because if the police are not doing their job to make the arrest and they're . . . they're not able to do that, then that also affects us. So, we won't be able to bring them to trial and put them into custody or then sentence them. So, it's just hand in hand. We really have slimmed down in terms of approaching the COVID-19 situation. In fact we slimmed down so much so that we were . . . I think it was 70 to 80,000 that we already reduced prior to submitting into . . . no not prior. We had submitted our budget to the Mayor's Office and then about two weeks ago we had met again and we had cut at least 80,000 more out of our budget. So, that we could at least say that look we've done our part but in terms of everything else I truly believe that we are an essential operation. And there's nothing else that I can cut out of there, aside from the 80,000 that we've done so far during the last three weeks prior to submission.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So, Don, these new positions you're asking for cannot wait?

MR. GUZMAN: No, Ma'am. We . . . I needed these from prior to COVID and now like I had explained the cases that were supposed to be going right now that are . . . that have been continued will be approaching once the list is released. And that in combination with the new cases that we're receiving during COVID we will be slammed.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, I heard you say that part.

MR. GUZMAN: We really will be slammed.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, I heard that part already. So, did you request these positions last year?

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MR. GUZMAN: I did not request those positions last year, because when I was confirmed I was confirmed in mid-March. And my Department budget was already submitted and it was already before the Council. I was confirmed maybe a week, a week and a half prior to being presented on the Council for budget.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So, you . . . and you didn't have a chance to request these positions throughout the year after you were confirmed?

MR. GUZMAN: That is correct. And plus I had to deal with a lot of . . . basically as you know going into a department you want to make sure that you have a good handle in looking at the finances. So, I was dealing with a lot of financial situations in which my predecessor was not . . . I don't want to, you know, I don't want to get into that, but I had to deal with a lot of challenges in financial . . . financially putting our Department back on track. And so . . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you very much.

MR. GUZMAN: Yeah. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair, that's all. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Good morning, Mr. Guzman.

MR. GUZMAN: Good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Good morning. Yeah, good to see you and I don't have too many questions, just one from the Budget overview . . . or program budget. On Page 513 it shows . . . I guess you're anticipating less money for the Victim Witness Assistance program. Any reasons for that? I know it came down from FY 2020 from 110,000 down to . . . you're projecting or requesting, expecting 70,000.

MS. CLEMENTS: That's our grant revenue.

MR. GUZMAN: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MS. CLEMENTS: It's our Victim Witness program.

MR. GUZMAN: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MS. CLEMENTS: So, that grant along with the Career Criminal program. So, with the grant revenue we just corrected it to align with the amount that we are getting. So, they send us . . . the State Attorney General's Office sends us the awards amounts. And so, when we receive the award amounts . . . and so, back in Fiscal Years '19 and '20

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the amounts are more aligned to what we have requested here. We didn't . . . we we're just correcting the amounts.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, all right. Thank you.

MR. GUZMAN: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, . . . *(inaudible)* . . . Susan. Okay. Nothing else, and thank you guys for your hard work. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. And aloha, Mr. Guzman.

MR. GUZMAN: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I just . . . my question was if you could briefly explain the proposed transfer of all Administration program positions to the General Prosecution program. It looks like there's 8.5 positions, on Page--

MR. GUZMAN: . . . *(inaudible)* of what. . .

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: --510 of the budget.

MR. GUZMAN: Yeah. Thank you for the question. I briefly went into that during my opening statement and--

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay.

MR. GUZMAN: --yeah, just for clarification. Yes, there are eight positions in admin. And if you look at the admin program there is also supplies, there's also operations, all of those monies are in admin. And so, when I looked at the finances we're using Admin to cover General Pros., and there are duplicate items . . . accounts, subaccounts that are duplicates in General Pros. and in Admin. And so, when you look back at the finances there's a lot of leeway to be hiding the ball or not being efficient. So, my thing is we are a small department, less than 100 people, 83 people. In the private sector we wouldn't have a complex structure like a corporation where you have admin and different other divisions that are separated by . . . via accounts. We would operate more on a midlevel to small level business. And so, in order to be more efficient and to really be transparent I believe that we needed to combine the two so that we can clean up all the other . . . there are some subaccounts that we were . . . that weren't being utilized and were being claimed that they had money in it. And that was one of the corrections that Councilmember Molina was asking about.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

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MR. GUZMAN: It was going back through the system and seeing whether or not this was operational financially. And if it didn't make --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you for that answer.

MR. GUZMAN: --sense. So, we needed it . . . we needed to make it more efficient. So, I hopefully . . .

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you for that clarification.

MR. GUZMAN: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, and then my other question was is the Department making any changes to address the unsheltered? I realize that one of the issues in the Department was that, you know, when the unsheltered population was either ticketed or being arrested and then . . . or they didn't show up to pay their fines and then being arrested. And so, it was just compounding that cycle of poverty if we are arresting the unsheltered and then they're not showing up to pay their fines. I believe their fines were upwards of \$100 or something like that, that they couldn't and then they get arrested and it compounds the entire process.

MR. GUZMAN: I think you're alluding to the discussion that we had a few months ago. Wherein I did in fact go to Honolulu and witness and study their community court process, which is addressing the homeless. So, I did in fact go there to Waianae and look and observe how they operate that type of system. And what they're . . . it was more or less the Prosecutors' Office as well as the Judiciary and the Public Defender's Office acting more like social workers. And so, I took that pilot schematics and I did present it to the Mayor. However, at this point he was supposed to . . . I think that was back in September . . . we were supposed to work on that in April, actually this month. But because of the COVID situation we were delayed. Also I believe Councilmember Kama was also a vital instrument in looking at the community court homeless protocol or pilot. And we just hadn't had an opportunity to really engage it. But there is such a thing; I'm looking into it. I also have my projects that I really want to happen this next year is number one is our . . . I wouldn't say number one but our Cold Case unit as well as our Elderly Senior Abuse unit as well as our Juvenile Restoration pilot program. And then our family . . . our juvenile Family Peace Center. So, those are the top priorities that I have for this following fiscal year.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Director. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay. I just have a couple questions. Your . . . okay. So, it looks like you're expanding the internship law clerk.

MR. GUZMAN: Oh, yeah.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, moving one law clerk from the admin program to the consolidated program and that was one E/P. And it looks like in Budget Details 16-8, there . . . it's now 2.3 E/P?

MS. CLEMENTS: Half.

MR. GUZMAN: Oh, it's a half.

MS. CLEMENTS: It's a half.

MR. GUZMAN: Yeah.

MS. CLEMENTS: It's our student interns from the college.

MR. GUZMAN: Oh, yeah. Yeah. So, this . . . so what I did was not only did I want to have a law school students working as, you know, as interns to help them look at careers in the criminal arena.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I think . . . I think it's great.

MR. GUZMAN: I also . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is it . . . so, it . . . are you reducing it from one E/P to .3 or is it supposed to be .5?

MS. CLEMENTS: The two positions is .5. And they are the ones from the college. So, they are just . . . they're not in law school. But the one that we're requesting which is the internship law clerk they are in law school and it is an E/P but it's unfunded. So, we would only fill the position if we have cost savings.

MR. GUZMAN: Oh, yeah. Yeah. So, Keani, what's happening is when the bar results come out it's in November. And so, if I have an opening for a deputy prosecutor . . . and I really want that student that is waiting for the bar results. Then if that position is open, the DPA position is open then I can fund that unfunded position as an intern until that person passes the bar. So, it's kind of like a recruiting tool.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. So, it was unfunded but now you're asking for funding for that position?

MR. GUZMAN: No, no, no. I want it unfunded. So,--

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. GUZMAN: --for instance . . . for instance. I'll give you an example, if I have a DPA vacancy right now, I have a vacancy opening right now and . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I understand what you want to do. No, I understand --

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MR. GUZMAN: Okay. Okay. Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Mr. Guzman. I just was--

MR. GUZMAN: Okay, good. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --asking about funding portion of it. So, okay. So, I--

MR. GUZMAN: Yeah. Yeah. Unfunded, unfunded.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --understand. All three are unfunded?

MR. GUZMAN: No. No, no.

MS. CLEMENTS: The half position is funded but it's at a much lower rate, it's . . . I think we look at charging them \$14 an hour as an intern. But that's the half time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. CLEMENTS: And we usually split the half time into two, so because they're only coming in for maybe a semester.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

MR. GUZMAN: Yeah. So, basically two funded at part-time work, and one unfunded. So, three--

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. GUZMAN: --E/Ps.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, in the Budget Details--

MR. GUZMAN: No. Oh, half. Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --on Page 16-8, should it be .3 or should it be .5?

MS. CLEMENTS: It should be . . . it really is .25. So, .25, .25. Yeah.

MR. GUZMAN: Yeah, .25.

MS. CLEMENTS: Yeah. But . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo for that clarification.

MS. CLEMENTS: Yeah. DPS rounded it to .3.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Understood. Mahalo. Okay. And then for your CIPs for the Children's Peace Center, when does that full scale renovation begin and when do you anticipate it to end?

MR. GUZMAN: So, currently according to the Q . . . what is it, the QP? Oh, CBS, sorry. I'm getting my acronyms mixed up. The CBS requirement where we have to have a CIP planning committee. And so, we already went through and borrowed two of the planners from the Mayor's Office that are currently working on the development of the . . . the renovation. And so, if we get the money then we will move forward in anticipation . . . I think they said maybe by November, December, but then now we have this delay. So, I'm not quite sure. I can't give you an affirmative date in terms of when that's going to happen, but it's already started. The upstairs of that building is already occupied with our Victim Witness Counsels and is operational. The downstairs is the one that needs to be renovated because, number one there was some asbestos stuff that I had to--

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. So, in the CIPs--

MR. GUZMAN: --. . . *(inaudible)* . . . Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --for this year in FY '21 it's \$1.5 million for the first floor full scale renovation.

MR. GUZMAN: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, it's anticipated to begin November or December of 2020 prior to this whole crisis happening.

MR. GUZMAN: Yes. Yes, correct. Correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That was what was--

MR. GUZMAN: Yes. Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --the dated date to start--

MR. GUZMAN: Yes. Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --for the first floor.

MR. GUZMAN: Yes, for the first floor.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Okay.

MR. GUZMAN: The second floor . . . the second floor . . . just a side note, Chair. The second floor is operational as we speak right now. And it houses my Victim Witness

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Counselors as well as my investigation unit. It's the downstairs that we will be renovating and creating the Peace Center.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. Okay.

MR. GUZMAN: And that's the one that . . . yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Guzman.

MR. GUZMAN: Second . . . first floor, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, any need for a second round? Okay. Seeing none, there weren't any proposed priorities for this Department. So, if there aren't any last questions or comments we can mahalo Mr. Guzman and Ms. Clements for coming.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for coming, Mr. Guzman. If you'd like to provide any brief final comments?

MR. GUZMAN: I just would thank you again for this opportunity. I know that this is a difficult process for you folks. On the other side of the coin it's a difficult process for us too. I mean I really did take it serious in terms of trying to reorganize this Department and do what I can to make it lean and more efficient. So, I thank you for the . . . you know, for the opportunity to present. Aloha. Be safe.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Guzman.

MS. CLEMENTS: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You too, stay safe. Mahalo again for joining us today.

MS. CLEMENTS: Thank you.

MR. GUZMAN: Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Susan. Aloha. Okay, Members, it is 12:20. So, we can take a lunch from . . . until 1:30. And then we'll have Public Works come before us and then that will be our last Department for the day. There are . . . just a heads-up that there are about . . . I think it's 18 proposed priority. So, in addition . . . yeah, so in addition to, you know, the two rounds of five-minute questions we will have a bunch of proposed priorities that we'll have to go through as

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well. Okay. All right. So, if there aren't any questions or comments I'll recess for lunch.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Great. It's 2:20 . . . sorry, 12:21. And we will reconvene at 1:30. Okay. The Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess. . . . *(gavel)* . . .

RECESS: 12:21 p.m.

RECONVENE: 1:33 p.m.

((19:33:03))

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . *(gavel)* . . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order. It's 1:33 on April 14. And we now have with us Department of Public Works. We have, Director Rowena Dagdag-Andaya and Deputy Director Jordan Molina. Director Dagdag-Andaya, would you like to start off . . . start us off with some opening comments? Oh, let me unmute you. Sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We can't see them either.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, there we go. Oh, you can't see them.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Now . . . now I can. Now I can.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Okay. Mahalo, Chair, and mahalo, Members, for having us here today. I have in the room right now, Jordan Molina, my Deputy Director. Shortly . . . coming to join us in a little while is John Smith from our Highway Division. We also have our division chief on the line with us and will be able to answer questions that you might have. I just wanted to give you a quick update about our current operations here at Public Works. We are still in full operations, we did modify the way we conduct business to allow for the social distancing, to adhere to the Mayor's directives. But we continue to work on our CIP projects and all of our highway maintenance projects. We are still taking in building permit applications and all other applications through . . . that are administered by Development Services Administration. We are also collecting data on the number of applications that we receive as well as the number of inspections, and . . . and permit issuances we have. And we do that on a weekly basis. One of the things that we're also updating ourselves on and keeping track of is . . . from the Federal level the transportation . . . the reauthorization of the existing transportation bill and as well as any changes to the CARES Act currently in Congress in response to the COVID-19 impacts. And we are looking at how Congress will be allocating monies to support infrastructure projects in the month and perhaps the years ahead. We have also been

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in contact with our MPO to discuss funding for a lot of our Federal-Aid projects. And with that, again we just want to thank you for your support throughout the years and for your patience in us being able to respond back to you on any questions that we have. And with that we're excited to get started. So, mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. And mahalo for keeping your opening comments concise. Aloha, Mr. John Smith, mahalo for joining us. Okay, Members. Start with Committee Vice-Chair King. We got five minutes on the clock. You ready?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Aloha, everybody. Good to be back. For Public Works thank you for being here, Director and Deputy Director and Mr. Smith. So, jumping right in my first question is . . . is there any funding coming straight to your Department? Like we just heard that the Police Department got some funding straight to their departments aside from what's available in the CARES Act. And so is there any money coming straight to your Department and if there . . . whether there is or not what kinds of types of projects can be funded through the CARES Act or any direct funding coming to you? Because I . . . I'm understanding that they have to be COVID related. So, can you just kind of give us your overview on what this Federal money coming in or what type of funding we can . . . what kind of projects we can fund with it?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Thank you, Vice-Chair. You know, in looking at the existing CARES Act and the different changes that have been made in the last couple weeks. Right now we don't anticipate any . . . you know, the existing . . . the way it is written right now. There . . . we don't anticipate any funding to come in for infrastructure but have been . . . I've been reading up on, you know, different changes to the bill that are anticipated in the next couple weeks that might include other types of infrastructure, transportation infrastructure. I think right now they're focusing on aviation and transit projects. But we'll monitor that and, you know, we'll see how some of our projects can . . . can be aligned with the intent of any infrastructure targets in the CARES Act. One of the things that we would focus on is maintenance. And that would be for bridge maintenance and road maintenance type of projects. I think been some of the priorities that have come down from the Federal level and also at the State level.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And then were you . . . do you know . . . were you and maybe any of the other departments briefed on the rules of the CARE [sic] Act, on what it could be used on and what it can't?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Vice-Chair, at this time we haven't had a briefing on the CARES Act. We've just been kind of reading on our own. But we anticipate that coming down soon. And we'll reach out to some of our partners and sister counties and other agencies to get that information.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Okay, so I was talking to Joey Manahan from HSAC . . . who's on the board of HSAC with me. And they're having a briefing tomorrow. They have been able to go directly to the Feds and get \$384 million from that 1.2 billion, but the rest of

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us have to go through the State since we have less than 500,000 population. So, anyway I'm just . . . I just want to let you know at ten o'clock they're going to be briefed the money that they're getting and what it can be used for. My other question is on the Fuel Tax revenue are you going to have an update for us on that? Given what's happened in the, you know, in the last month or so and what's likely to continue for the next few months. Is there going to be another projection, revenue projection probably downward?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Vice-Chair, yes. In fact our . . . our analyst in our office, Michael Busch, he's been tracking the Fuel Tax . . . the monthly updates from the State. And in fact he's kind of working on that right now, and seeing what the trends are. We anticipate those numbers to . . . to be substantially different from what we experienced last year given the number of cars not being on the road, rental cars not being on the road as well. So, we are tracking those numbers.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Great. And then if you have . . . you know, I was kind of hoping to get a status update on the North South Collector Road. And if you don't have that right there maybe you can send me one in writing?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Sure. In fact in our budget in CIP we do have monies that we're requesting for, you know, continued design on one section of the North South Collector Road. That's towards the north from Waipuilani to Kaonoulu. And we anticipate Federal monies coming in for the Fiscal Year 2022 for construction.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, are you still on track to finish that by 2023 the completion of the entire stretch of that road?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair, I think we can . . . we can provide an update for you in writing but we do intend to move forward in Fiscal Year 2022 with that project.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. It's . . . *(inaudible)* . . . my next round. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. Okay, and then we'll go to . . . who did I go to first last time. Pro Temp Kama and then Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Dagdag, for being here, Mr. Molina. Wow, these are exciting times that we live in. So, Ms. Dagdag, as we've been talking to the other departments this past week, we really are looking at budget cuts. So, I just want to ask this one question. You know, for your Department and you have a huge Department, you have many divisions. And my sense is that for you to be effective you need to be flexible, and meaning that you need to be able to plan for the unknown future. So . . . and the unknowable is something else that we don't know either, but what is . . . what in each of your divisions is your priority and what are the things that you just cannot live without? Can you answer that?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: That's a very good question, something that we continually discuss in our Department. And, you know, basically the Public Works, our programs have

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functions that support the health and safety of the community, whether it's DSA Engineering or Highways Division. Things that we could live without are probably operational spending items, such as travel and some equipment purchases, maybe . . . yeah, equipment purchases. There may be some CIP projects that we would defer and, you know, we'd also, you know, look at any vacancies that we have. Knowing however that when you eliminate staffing or cutout existing vacancies it does create impacts to permit processing and response time for any services that we may have. So, when we're looking at things that we can't live without, you know, one of the things that we prioritized absolutely is things that would impact health and safety.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: And my second question is on Page 532, Key Activity Goals and Measures it says that the . . . that you'll . . . one of the goals is to provide timely services to County facilities number one. . . . *(inaudible)* . . . Oh. I'm sorry I got muted. Did you hear that? Five thirty-two.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Goal number one, provide timely services. Number one, respond to all cemetery work order requests within 24 hours. With COVID-19 and with the . . . what we are expecting, is that realistic?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair and Councilmember Kama, so this particular objective relates to our veteran cemetery operations and it's a small operation there. We do have staff dedicated to maintaining the cemetery. So, any kind of work orders that are made, the staff does respond to them within 24 hours. So, with respect to the cemetery work orders that to me is an achievable goal and I'm getting the heads up or the head nod from Highway's Division Chief John Smith. So, with respect to that, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Okay, Member Sugimura, are you ready?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. Thank you. Thank you, Chair. Nice to see you here, Rowena, and thank you everybody for working hard because we know you're on the frontlines for this COVID-19. I wanted to say in behalf of the Kula Community Association if you look at . . . I know you're going to go through priorities and have to figure out what projects you can or maybe you can put off. But their top priority for this budget year was on Page 7-62 CBS-6057, which is Hansen Road intersection improvement to, at Pulehu. And I guess they continually talk about this in terms of the safety of it. So, I just wanted to put this in front of you and ask that you consider this when you look through your whole stack of projects. I also wanted to mention that because of the MPO . . . important projects are on, so other members that I . . . and I hope the Department will not cancel the Countywide Federal-Aid program projects that are on CBS-5022. And that's important so we can get done like the North South Collector Road and other roads that we can partner with the Federal dollars that we get and match it with our County match. So, I just want to put in a

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plug that we want to move that forward. Do you have any statements or comments so far, Rowena, on that?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair and Councilmember Sugimura, not necessarily. The Federal-Aid projects are very important, you know, as much as we . . . as possible we leveraged our Federal dollars to do the repair and maintenance needed on our County roadways. So, that's a high priority for us as well. And then as far as the Hansen road improvements, yes, that has been an ongoing request from the community as well as, you know, from our departments. And one of the Mayor's . . . he is also interested in moving forward in that project as well. So, that's another high priority item for the Department.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. And as we . . . and I know you have a lot CIP, so if there's a way . . . because we're all in the COVID-19, try to plan for the future. If there's a way of utilizing some bond funding as . . . for your Departmental projects. I wonder if you would review that with Scott Teruya and Michelle Yoshimura, if that's possible. Although I know that a lot of you . . . your projects are also funded with Highway funds because you have that special fund.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yes, absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. Just one question and that's it. So, on Page 17-11, and I wonder if there's other areas like that within your budget that could be . . . maybe reviewed and looked at or maybe try to push of the expenses off for the future is on Professional Services 6132, Page 17-11. There's \$180,000 increase in that, which is tied to the LED streetlights and study and I wondered if just some of this professional services we could move to the future in general, so.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair and Councilmember Sugimura, the request for the LED streetlights study there's a connection with the existing LED streetlights litigation that's currently pending. So, that's the reason for the request there. For any . . . for additional details or discussions on the LED litigation and requirements I would suggest however that we go into executive session and contact Corporation Counsel for that discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I guess tied to that question then . . . the response is are we required to do this study because of the litigation? Or is it something that we could push off for another year? That's all I'm looking for is how to find more dollars . . . unspent dollars.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Understood, yeah. Understood. I think that would be a good discussion to have with our Corporation Counsel though.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm sorry, Rowena.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Oh. I had mentioned earlier that we . . . to defer that item that's something that I'd like to have a discussion with Corporation Counsel--

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh. Okay. Thank you.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: --on.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Perfect timing. Okay, Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. And thank you, Director, Deputy Director Molina, and Mr. John Smith. My first question is would you be willing to accept the dedication for Hui F Road?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair and Councilmember Paltin, there would be a number of steps required prior to acceptance of the . . . any Hui road. So, with Hui Road F there was discussion in previous . . . not in fiscal years but in different Council committees that the . . . you know, right now the oversight of that particular road is with the Second Circuit Court. And there would be action with them and also, you know, trying to get the road up to standard before accepting dedication. There was also discussion earlier about creating a community facilities district for those Hui roads, in particular Hui Road F. And that . . . with that community facilities district, you know, that could generate the revenue required or needed to do the improvements prior to acceptance or dedication of the roads to the County. So, you know, those are recommendations that were made in the past and I think we would . . . you know, we'd need to have additional discussion in Committee to determine that best route possible for dedication.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: My understanding was that Second Circuit Court doesn't really want it and they're fine with giving it to the County if we would just accept it. I understand the County doesn't want it in the condition that it's in. Would the community . . . could we still do the community facilities district if the County owned it or it would have to be if the County didn't own it?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I think you can . . . you can still do a community facilities district. But again the process in which we accept dedication and you know, move forward with a community facilities district. You know I do . . . I think we should explore that in Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, at this time you're not willing to accept it?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: At this time, yeah. I'm willing to, yeah, go through the process and do the research first.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And then if the Council were to legislate it, you know how that would go?

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MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yeah, I don't know what the process would be and again I think I'd want to work with Corp. Counsel and also with the Mayor on how to proceed.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Do you know how many traffic improvements were made for Fiscal Year '20 to date on County roads and how much did each of these improvements costs?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: We had . . . I believe there were two intersections that had major improvements to them I think with respect to the traffic signal. The cost of the materials were about \$20,000 but the actual final cost is still forthcoming. Final costs would include labor and maybe other equipment.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then why is there such a decrease in the amount of lane feet added in Fiscal Year '20 and proposed for Fiscal Year 2021 County's sidewalks and bike lanes?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Let me see. I think we have this answer in . . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It's question 58.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I'm sorry?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It was my . . . or it was question 48 in the list of questions.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Forty-eight, okay. Hang on just a second. Yeah, I'm sorry I couldn't get this out to you earlier. Question 48 is, decreased estimated amount is based on several factors. The priority and scope of projects being proposed and the anticipated level of funding and also the staffing capacity. Some of you might know that in our Engineering Division we have positions for engineers but we're unable to fill them because . . . you know, trying to find the qualified engineer and one that's willing to come to the County has been a challenge.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: So, there's . . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Maybe they'll be better now that there's so much unemployment across the State.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: This is why the positions are important. But as far as the number of lane miles also it depends when there might be a year where you have a lot of construction. And then there might be other years where the focus is more on design. So, that's one of the factors that are involved when making those performance measures. You anticipate more construction or you anticipate more design.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. My time is up for this round. Thank you so much. I'll see you next round.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Thank you. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Hi. Yeah, thank you. I appreciate that comment by Ms. Paltin. Yeah. We got a lot in this Department. Chair, are you going to take CIP separately so we know we're going to deal with that in another phase? Or you going to . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No. CIP, everything is all one time with the Department. So, all, Account A, B, C, CIPs, and Rates and Fees any questions for the Department they are here before us.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah. Okay then. Thank you, I appreciate it. So, Department, my focus this year is about the pedestrians and again you saw our facilities during this virus response. So, for Lānaʻi you have this 6th Street sidewalks. I hope this is going to be a . . . at least part of a coordinated community approach. We had one fatality last year, which is one too much for us. And so, my question is with this project . . . and again I know this is going to be more beneficial for our kids going to and from school. Besides the sidewalks, appropriate crosswalks as well as the lighting for traffic control and evening is all part of the project?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair and Councilmember Hokama, thank you for the question. So, the 6th Street sidewalks that project is for the design of a new sidewalk. And again like as you mentioned there would be community involvement and discussion. There would be community engagement, much like the one that we had about a year ago when we started sidewalk . . . I think in the same area. And as far as lighting . . . I mean it could be part of the design but you know, with this existing funding the 150,000 . . . I mean we would only be looking at the sidewalk. I think there have been other requests by members of the community for crosswalks, I think on Lānaʻi Avenue or in the vicinity of where the pedestrian accident occurred. And I think it's being . . . it's being addressed right now through existing funding.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay, yeah. I understand that but yeah, my thing is we can do at least a step one sooner than later. So, I don't have a . . . you know for me . . . you know, Countywide I really feel pedestrian safety we can step it up during this period of, type of projects we look at during this COVID response era. So, yeah, I'm going to be pushing this Countywide for pedestrian improvements. And my next question would be again on Keomuku Road, yeah. It's a . . . I know there's a . . . we still dispute ownership with the State. But I . . . it's becoming a safety and liability for government in general allowing it to continue to ignore and deteriorate the condition of the road and the edge rights-of-way. So, I'm proposing we put up \$500,000 of our County Highway Fund, use whatever comes from the Lānaʻi pot from our fuel sales and then make it a condition that the State participate dollar for dollar with us and we

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share equally the cost of this maintenance program. And I think that would be fair. Do you have any questions or comments?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: No. And I . . . we would be supportive of that idea and we would work with our . . . work with our State delegation with our House member and Senate member representing Lānaʻi to push for that at the State level. I'm not sure what the . . . how the State Legislature . . . how they proceed or how they will be proceeding in the next coming months. But we're willing to have those discussions with them.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Great. And then for me I'm going to be making a proposal, two proposals to Committee to adjust . . . not the funding but the type of equipment. I think the district needs a dump truck; this is a roll on, a roll-off . . . a rollo [sic] equipment. And so, I just notifying you that unless there's objections we'll be making those type adjustments for the district. That's all I have for now, Chair.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: So,--

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah it's fine.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: --Chair, I . . . and Councilmember Hokama, I wanted to address that one issue about that piece of equipment. It's not a roll off, there was a typo.

MR. SMITH: Yeah, there's a typo in the budget. The roll off is for a stormwater thing in Wailuku and then the dump truck is still in there for Lānaʻi. And that piece of equipment does need to be replaced, but \$100,000 that you have is going to be sufficient. So, we caught that too.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, okay. At least we're all thinking alike than, yeah. Just wanted to make sure that, yeah, the district got what it . . . it was required to replace. Thank you.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Make that correction in the budget.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Aloha to everybody from Public Works. I'm going to ask you, Rowena, to provide us with your priorities for every division and upcoming projects. More than likely we're going to have to cut the budget, and so we will need to know your priorities. So, if you could provide that in writing. And secondly I received a . . . concerns from people who have been waiting for a CO, a certificate of occupancy for the building across Foodland, that senior housing project. Are you aware of that, Rowena?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair, yes. And I . . . we are aware of it. This is an item that our inspectors had alerted the project team about, I believe back in September, and had

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requested that changes be made. So, at this point the changes had not been made and that . . . my understanding in talking with DSA just a couple of days ago and asking for a status on the project, that the project team is trying to make those corrections and they're trying to comply with . . . with the Building Code requirements. That's the reason why there's a certificate of occupancy issue. There are some Building Code issues with the final construction that needed to be fixed.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, so they're working . . . so they're working toward resolving the issues. When do you think you'll be able to give them a CO?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Once the corrections have been made.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I mean like, one week, two weeks, one month, you know? How serious are the corrections?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Their stair . . . The stairwell issues, I think the width of the . . . and there's railing issues as well that need to be addressed.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. And then I was told last year that Waihee Valley Road was supposed to be improved. So, can you tell me what is the status of that and when can we expect that project to be finished?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Okay, that's a good question. I'm going to defer this one to John, because he . . . we have that . . . that project targeted for our Pavement Preservation Team. So I'll turn it over to John.

MR. SMITH: It's currently on the schedule to be paved in June this year.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I'll check back with you in June. All right, then final . . . well not finally but there's a guardrail that I put in the budget for Kahakuloa last year. And my understanding when I checked with you previously you said that a study was being made. Can you give me a status of that?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair, yes. It's . . . it's in our . . . we have a response. The project I believe we have a consultant for the project and that we have . . . will be executing a contract soon. I . . . sorry. The scope of that project is being finalized. So, that's currently underway.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. That . . . very good, thank you. And then has there been any movement on the dedication of the roads in Waikapu Gardens?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair, not at this time. I think we had one question about the . . . the, you know, whether or not the underground infrastructure would also be part of the dedication. So, just getting . . . just needing a clearer understanding of what those . . . what dedication would actually entail. Whether it's the . . . just the roadway itself or if it also includes the underground infrastructure. So, that item would need to go before the Council for review.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Do you have it . . . ready to submit?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Not at this time.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Well, let me know if you need help moving that along. Yeah. And then finally what is the status of the roundabout for Maui Lani?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: It's moving. So, we have . . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Excuse me, Rowena, Rowena. Rowena?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Now is the perfect time.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I know.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: There's hardly any traffic.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yes. So, we have the contractor on board. We just got the okay from SHPD and we will be sending out notifications to the public and providing or putting up the electronic boards. We have the issuance notice to proceed. We had intended to start work on the 27th of this month, but I did call Cathy Hasfurther who came with me to the, Councilmember Sugimura's Committee and we're trying to get the work started by next week.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Wonderful. Excellent.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: So, that project is moving.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you. And thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay, Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you very much, Chair. And good afternoon, Director Dagdag-Andaya, Director Molina, and Mr. Smith. My first question relates to Budget Detail 17-24 Tree Removal. Council appropriated these funds last year and the tree removal was apparently not accomplished for this year. So, I guess this is looked at as a re-appropriation of half a million dollars. When will the removal be implemented and this of course relates to Olinda Road and I believe Piiholo Road?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Okay. So, Chair and Councilmember Molina, thank you for the question. And as an update the project is still moving forward. When we did a project review we were about ready to go in for bids, for the tree removal, and then we realized at that time that an Environmental Assessment consultation would be necessary. We reached out to our . . . you know, our friends over at DLNR for some advice on how

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they move forward with their tree removal project and they had mentioned to us that they did an Environmental Assessment exemption for which they did consultation. So, because there's native species in the area, flora and fauna that might need protection we have that Environmental Assessment currently underway. And anticipate having that environmental review completed and then go out to bid by the fall for that tree removal.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you for that update. Next under Special Maintenance Program Details Page 17 through 45 Bikeway Fund. Can you share if any of this funding will be for the Northshore or West Maui Greenway projects?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Currently at this time, no. Not for those projects.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Not for those projects. Okay. Good. And moving on to CIP Page 741. Regarding the second security gate, could it be more . . . would it be more problematic for the public to access various floors in the County Building?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: We anticipate no impacts to access with that . . . with the gate or that security feature.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, great. And now . . . oh, by the way I want to. . . I want to drop in a thank you to you and the Department for those Makawao Avenue improvements off of Haleakala Highway expansion. It looks really great, and the community is really happy. And also improvements made to Makawao Avenue just coming down from Kalama Hill into Makawao Town, that one stretch is always notorious for getting potholes when it rains. So, thank you for that. Regarding Countywide Federal-Aid program Page 745, can you tell us if the Pukalani, Makawao and the Makawao Avenue improvements include sidewalk improvements?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I will need to get back to you on that. I think what we're looking at . . . oh, it does? Okay. Sorry. Yes, it does.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. And then sorry, just backtracking to the Bikeway Fund. What are those funds going to be used for in place of the Northshore and West Maui Greenway projects? Just out of curiosity.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Okay. I'm sorry, hold on I'm going to pull up my notes here. For the bikeway projects, we have two projects. We're using the bikeway funds to supplement or use it for Countywide traffic and safety programs and then also for the North South Collector Road, the portion from Waipuilani street to Kulanihakoi Street.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, great. Thank you. And speaking of Countywide Traffic and Safety program Page 747. Let's see . . . any of the funds include a fence along the Northshore Greenway on the mauka side of the bike path which is closest to Hana Highway? And I bring that up because there's been complaints about, you know, people driving their cars on that beautiful bike path which . . . and walking paths. Any funds included at this point in time?

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MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair and Councilmember Molina, you know, when we developed this project list it happened during in, you know, October, November of last year. So, when the issue came up about the need for a railing or some kind of fencing for the North South Collector . . . no, I'm sorry, the Northshore Greenway near Baldwin Beach Park. You know, that didn't get incorporated into this, so long answer. Yes, no. It's not part of the Countywide Traffic and Safety program.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. And finally for this round, what are the specific locations for any of the proposed traffic calming devices related to the Countywide Traffic and Safety Program? Just --

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: You know,--

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --some of the . . .

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: --I have . . . Yeah, sorry . . . I think . . . we can get back to you on that.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I did see . . . you know, I did see an e-mail come in regarding that. So, you can . . .

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Oh, I'm sorry, 41E . . . there's so much information in here. So, 41E, okay. These tables are proposed on the following: Haiku Road between Lihau Place to Hogback Road, Kauhale Street the entire length, Kokomo Road in the vicinity of Lilikoi Road, Lower Kula Road from Lopaka Place to Waimele Place, Makani Road in the vicinity of Kalama Intermediate School,--

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, thank you.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: `Ōma`opio Road from Kula Highway to 700 `Ōma`opio, West Kuiaha the 1600 to 1800 block, and Holopuni Road 1000 block.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you very much for that information, Madam Director. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. And aloha, Director Dagdag-Andaya. So, my first round of questions, this comes straight out of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. On Page 520, you have 7.3 expansion positions including 4 in your Engineering

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Department. Could you briefly provide, you know, justification for those expansion positions?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Okay. Thank you, Chair, and thank you, Councilmember. So, for . . . there's five . . . five expansion positions for our janitors. Sorry, three. Five janitors. And this is in relation to the new service center in Kahului. And also to staff . . . you know, we would need extra staff to also help maintain the Children's Peace Center. It's a . . . the Prosecutor's Office has a building on Wells Street. So, because of that added facility we would need to also increase our janitorial staff to cover maintenance for that area. We also have an expansion position, a construction equipment mechanic in . . . I think that's in Wailuku District, and then we also have an Equipment Operator IV in our Pavement Preservation section.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: And, Director, those positions are essential positions?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Generally, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. Thank you. And then my second question, Director, is on Page 527 under Machinery and Equipment, so it looks like you had a . . . what's . . . I guess what is your main reason for the increase in equipment for the Engineering Program?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Okay. So, let's take a look. Vehicles, so if you would take a look at Page . . . Page 7 . . . oh, my . . . wait, now . . . 17-16, Engineering Program under General funds, we have . . . hybrid SUV 4x4 \$120,000. And then . . . oh, I'm sorry. And then we also have . . . just fold this up . . . under 33 . . . so, it would cover the hybrid SUVs and they would be for the Engineering Division's construction inspectors.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: That's one vehicle, the hybrid?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Three motor vehicles. Yeah, three.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Three, okay. Thank you. Then on Page 529 under utilities you have 350,000 in electric cost at the new Kahului Service Center.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Is that just in anticipation of moving there?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yes, that would cover the electrical service cost . . . anticipated electrical service cost for the new service center. And . . . yeah. So, --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: --you know, just to keep . . . just to also continue on with that. You know, just for reference, our electricity costs per year here at the County Building at

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Kalana O Maui is over 600,000 per year. So, you know, the estimate for the Kahului Service Center is budgeted for 350,000.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you, Director, for those responses. Thank you, Chair. I'll save for that second round. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay. Director, I wanted to kind of dovetail off of what Member Sinenci was asking. So, your estimate for the service center is about . . . you said 350,00?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: That's correct. That's what's estimated and in the budget.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, the service center has two floors and the Kalana o Maui building has nine floors. Is the area of the service center about half as much as the area of the Kalana O Maui building?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: No, it's . . . we . . . again it's just an estimate that's provided. Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: So, it's just an estimate at this time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay, okay. For the college intern expansion position is that for one semester?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I believe so. Or it could be a summer . . . summer intern.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And that's in the Engineering Program. Do you know like what kind of major you're looking for for that position?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: You know, because we've had issues in trying to hire engineers we were hoping that the student could be an engineering student from Hawaii. A lot of our engineers here at the County came through that . . . the intern program. So, we found that it was a very successful program that encouraged a lot of our . . . our young engineers to, you know, take on positions here at the County. So, yeah. So, we'd look for . . . we'd like to fill that with an engineer . . . or engineering major.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. And the intern program you're referring to is the college intern program because this is a new position for your Department?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I think in the past, you know, we've had . . . you know, the college had their program that we participate . . . I'm sorry, participated in. And then previous to that there was, you know, just a general County program where, you know, they would have . . . you know, there'd be . . . you would have a college student apply and then be mentored by a . . . an engineer. So, I just got a note from Jordan saying private firms also do the same thing. It's . . . there's a lot of mentoring

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involved, there's also some learning experiences that the student would also take part in and a lot of shadowing.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. I think it's great. And is . . . so is that a \$7,800 stipend or is that like per hour?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Seventy-eight hundred? I . . . again I don't . . .

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Oh, yeah. Still it would . . . it would be something that we would develop once we receive the funding.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Do you think you would consider also like an internship position for land surveying or something . . . you know, the other positions that are hard to fill?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yeah, we could . . . we could consider for a land surveyor. I think what we'd want to do . . . I mean if that were the case then . . . you know, we'd like to be provided with another internship position. A lot of times though the Engineering Program and the Land Surveying Program they kind of go hand in hand. So, you're seeing a lot of engineers who also have land surveying experience that they're working towards. So, you know, during the application process we could also consider someone who is also trying to get a land surveying license. Or you know, kind of going in that direction.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Awesome. I think that's a great thing that your Department is doing, looking ahead. So, in looking at the CIPs and I'm going to run out of time, but I see that there's about \$2.7 million from General Fund and that's for maintenance. So, it probably cannot come out from any other fund. Is that correct?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: For the Countywide facilities just looking at general funds monies. But --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: --I don't know if there's any other . . . other pots of money that we can work with. But that's what's anticipated at this time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Director. Okay, Committee Vice-Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Sorry. So, sorry, I'm trying to get my cursor on the mute button. Thank you, Chair. Thank you. Well, you know, Rowena, I really wanted to thank your Department for the crosswalks you put on South Kihei Road before I go any further because it's really helped make that road safer. And one of my questions is are there any other dire improvements that we need to do along that road given that . . . you know, we actually may lose it in about 10 or 15 years? But I particularly want to get

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an update on what's happening with the Kulanihakoi Bridge and where we're at with that. That's a really dangerous situation and we've postponed that bridge awhile to try to revamp it and make it more reasonable without having to close down the road for years. But can we . . . can you give me an update on that?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Sure. And . . . the Kulanihakoi Bridge there is . . . I think I mentioned this a couple months ago that we have the South Maui Drainage Master Plan that we are trying to finalize. So, our staff is currently reviewing the final draft. We recently received it and in that document are . . . is a recommendation for some . . . yeah, a recommendations for the Kulanihakoi Bridge. And that bridge is also eligible for Federal funding. So, you know, in developing a project, you know, we'd like to utilize Federal funding for it. It would have to be part of our STIP And, you know, you'd have to go through that STIP process. So, again, you know, just in short, you know, we'll take a look at the recommendations that came from our consultant as they develop the South Maui Drainage Master Plan. From there we can develop a scope that we can present as a project that can be considered for the STIP or our transportation improvement program and receive Federal monies for it.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you for that. And, you know, just to follow up on that because one my other questions was what's happening with the Master Drainage Plan. Because I know you finalized it, it needs at least a couple of public hearings and that happened right before we all . . . shut down all the, you know, the ability to meet publicly. So, where are we at with that? Is it . . . are you waiting . . .

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Oh, yeah. Well, right now our staff is currently reviewing the Drainage Master Plan. And we recently had a discussion on how to move forward with getting public input on the plan. I don't . . . I think you're aware that we do have the South Maui subarea transportation plan that we have an online open house for. So, we hope to use that same process . . . that same community engagement process to get input on the . . . the South Maui Drainage Master Plan.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So the . . . the online open house format is available for how long?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I don't know exactly. But we might . . . I know one of the considerations was extending it to allow for more public input.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Oh, it looks like April 30th is our deadline for comments but we are looking at extending it even more just to accommodate for more people to provide input.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I appreciate that. I actually didn't see anything about that in the . . . was it in the last KCA newsletter?

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MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I don't know if it's in the last KCA newsletter but we did submit to your office a hard copy of the recommendations. So, I think it might be in your mail box at the office.

VICE-CHAIR KING: No. I . . .

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Otherwise . . . or details . . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: I do have the recommendations. But no, what I was asking was if this online open house notice was in the KCA . . . did you send that to the Kihei Community Association so that they could put it in their newsletter? Because I don't remember seeing anything about that.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I believe that . . . I believe we did and we have members from the KCA who are on that . . . that advisory group too, so. But we can check, we'll check.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I know. Because the last time I met with the board only one of them members was on that . . . had been attending that and he said the meetings were really spotty. Like there were only a few over the last few years. So, I just want to make sure that . . . you know, and I'll help you too through my newsletter publicize the open house. But I hadn't seen anything on it so I honestly didn't know that was going on. I think it's great, but . . .

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yeah, and I think . . . Jordan . . . Jordan just checked in on the KCA website, he said it's there.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, we just need to get them to kind of flag it again so people know about it. Because of all the stuff that's been going on . . . I mean, it's been hard to keep track of everything with the . . . you know, everyone trying to figure out what's open and what's closed. So, thank you for that. And then my last question if I have time, is the . . . the Sand Dune Restoration project. I know you guys were involved in the first phase of that in Kihei and . . . so, if we get this funded is that going to be under your Department to do the actual work, the restoration?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: The Sand Dune Restoration I believe was a project with Tara Owens who . . . from Sea Grant, through the Planning Department. And it might have also been associated with the Mayor's Office. I know Don Couch was working on that. I don't think we had any involvement with it.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Public Works didn't? I thought you guys did the work. The moving the sand.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Oh, no. No, we weren't involved in that.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, I'll have to check and see who they intend to involve in that then. Thank you. I think my time's up. Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. Okay. Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. I thank the Director for coming. I think she's answered all of our questions and . . . at least for mine, so I have no other questions. But thank you, Chair. Thank you, Director.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. You know I realize that . . . I think Chair Lee said it . . . said it succinctly where we're looking forward to hearing what your priorities are and . . . you know, where you would be able to cut back or . . . you know, how we can support you. So, I had some other questions but I realize that I . . . if I need to support what you're doing I think I will make that assessment once I hear what your response is to that overall question from Chair Lee. So . . . but thank you for the hard work that you do. It's amazing, our office gets a lot of requests and from Upcountry and elsewhere of different questions regarding Public Works. And, Jill, your secretary has been awesome to help us, you know, kind of navigate through if we need to. So, thank you very much, everybody.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yeah, we have an awesome staff. I'm really happy that we have Jordan on board here at the Department. He's been such a tremendous asset, John, and all of the other Division Chiefs, Chico, Glen, all of our . . . everybody on staff. And you know, there's . . . I know there's a lot of ways we can make improvements to our Department. But really it's one of the . . . I mean, I feel it's one of the best departments. That's my personal . . . my personal thing, but I really do enjoy working with these guys and being able to make a positive difference in the community. So, thank you also for your support.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I'm going to try get these in as fast as I can. So, succinct answers would help me out. I was wondering does the Development and Service Administration generate all RFS submitted to the County in person or by e-mail even if it doesn't pertain to Public Works and how do you generate an RFS in person?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair, the . . . and, Councilmember Paltin, the DSA generates just . . . mainly the RFSs that are . . . you know, that come in to their office or taken by the staff from members of the community either by e-mails or by phones. The Engineering Division also puts together RFSs for work order requests that come in from the public. But when you go on the County website and you look at the choices at the top of the page. There is one area . . . Community Services, and in that list you go to online services and there's a request for services feature that . . . where you go in

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and then click on another box and it will take you to where you need to make your RFS. So, you can do the RFSs online. You can also call the DSA . . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . online. I'm asking if you do all of them or do you do just the ones that relate to Public Works and Planning does the ones that relate to them?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: We do all of the Public Works, so ones that get sent to our Department. So, when somebody files an RFS--

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That's all--

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: --you can go to . . . yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --That's good... alright.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: What happens to the motor vehicles that will be replaced? Are you exchanging them for \$300?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: We are . . . you know, I'm going to let John explain. It's . . . we have it in our response. So, it is covered in our response.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: But maybe John can go over it.

MR. SMITH: It is.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then my next question . . . oh, okay.

MR. SMITH: We start with an auction. We do an auction of the vehicles if they have value. So, it's an open auction. We haven't done one since last year but we have . . . we were planning to do one right before COVID but we're planning how to do that now. That's the main way. There is trade-ins on some vehicles . . . a few are eligible for that and then if there's no value then we have to scrap them. That's the three ways.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you. And then what . . . for the next one where will the mobile office trailer be located, what are the dimensions and amenities, who's the vendor? This is on Page 54 of the proposed . . . Mayor's proposed program budget.

MR. SMITH: I could answer that one too. That will be Kuihelani Highway or near it in Waikapu. And we don't have the specs on that particular piece of equipment yet. But it's intended to support our paving operations.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, you don't know if it'll have like a bathroom in there or anything?

MR. SMITH: We're still evaluating whether or not we would set up portable bathrooms or whether we would include that as part of this unit. We don't know yet.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And you don't have a vendor yet?

MR. SMITH: No. No.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Can you keep us posted? Okay. And then on question 59 I'm wondering how does the Department measure the success of municipal parking lot maintenance and repair?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Fifty-nine . . . okay. So, generally we depend on users of the municipal parking lots, either through complaints or comments that we receive from the public or through councilmembers. Whenever there's an issue with lighting, striping, signing or the, or a pavement surface. And again, you know, when we developed the budget . . . or the budget for CIP. It's generally used, you know, during the month of October, November. And then, you know, sometimes we get notified of other items or other issues that are raised that could be included in the fiscal year budget. But . . . so, yeah. With that, you know, we just rely on any issues or complaints that are raised to our Department.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Are there . . . do you have plans to address the leaks on the 7th and 8th Floor and throughout the building at one time or are you guys just planning to go leak by leak?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: We have this . . . we have this actually answered in our . . . in our response. So, once that gets transmitted to you, you'll have a copy of our response to that item.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. Let's see. Yeah, just so . . . again, yeah, quickly. As I understand it from round one for Lāna'i, on Page 17-13 that would be the MS4 program's equipment. I hope we can get the worksheets corrected. And then the dump truck that I really need for the district would be coming on from Page 17-73 from the Road Maintenance budget. So, Director, . . . yeah, one thing I don't have a problem continuing to give you support for . . . in response to making adjustments and I agree with Chair Lee. But still doing smart work, and that is an area of repaving County roads during this time. Especially with reduced traffic on our road system. So, yeah, I would appreciate the . . . yeah, your comments in your response to the Committee your approach. Because I'm willing to support us doing as much as we can in re-pavement of our system. Under your Special Maintenance Program, help us

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understand what is a dewatering container that you are asking us to have you purchase?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Sure, and I'll have John explain.

MR. SMITH: It's a container that we put the material that we use with our vac truck. So, we . . . sometimes we do stormwater cleaning and we don't have a great facility for that right now. So, this will allow the good water to shed off and all of the solids to stay and then we can take those solids to the landfill. It's particularly designed for that.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Is that something the DEM currently has in their equipment inventory? You guys just going to do some kind of interdepartmental . . . use?

MR. SMITH: So, we . . . I met with Scott Rollins and we had a long discussion about them taking stormwater. And the wastewater plants rely heavily on biologicals and the stuff we have in the stormwater really doesn't match with what they want to take at the wastewater plant. So, they don't have a good way to take . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Sorry, can't hear the Department, Chair.

MR. SMITH: I don't believe that the wastewater treatment plants are ready or they have the same type of equipment on hand. We can . . . we can follow up with them to ask, but I don't believe they do.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah. Yeah, please. Yes, I would ask you guys to follow up . . . I mean, what you guys doing with sheet flow? Whether it hits your facility or DEM's . . . I mean sheet flow is sheet flow.

MR. SMITH: This is specifically for an increase in cleaning of our storm sewer system as a direct result of our MS4 program.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. And . . . why are you guys replacing all of a sudden 12 mobile post lifts? I mean, is that our normal program where we replace a dozen at a time?

MR. SMITH: Those are . . . those are expansion for, so, we got the mobile post lifts in our Wailuku garage and all of the mechanics like them so much that the other garages want them too. It allows them to work on heavy equipment anywhere in the yard really. They can . . . they can move them, out lift the truck and see what the problem is without having to move it.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Okay. So, this takes care the whole division then, in one crack?

MR. SMITH: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. And . . . right and then as much as possible for equipment requests under road, bridge maintenance request to us in the millions of dollars. You folks are trying to . . . at least get some cost efficiency from looking at fleets? I notice you spec out a lot of Ford trucks.

MR. SMITH: Yes. We . . . the last couple years our auto services coordinator has done quite a bit of work to work on our specifications and working with the dealerships and vendors to provide a consistent product at the County at a lower rate. So, that we're getting really good deals right now on the Ford pickup trucks.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: And then with your tractor mowers, are you folks working interdepartmental with DEM's need for mowing as well as Parks?

MR. SMITH: We repaired . . . we repair the equipment for Parks and some of DEM. But they generally purchase their mowers separate from the Public Works Department.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you very much, Department. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Department, I want to thank you very much for your role with the Homeless Compassionate Team. I think all of you have done an incredibly job with our unsheltered individuals and families. Hopefully, we will have a fair number of demonstration projects of tiny homes in the near future. And so, we will rely on all of you to . . . particularly DSA, to expedite the approvals and any permits if needed. So, I want to thank you ahead of time. And we . . . we'll try and be as understanding as possible as we go through the budget . . . the budget and you know, we're forced to trim it. But hopefully we won't be disrupting any department's operations or priority projects. Thank you.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. And forgive the background noise, my birds making plenty noise right now. But anyway . . . for the, Director, for the . . . regarding the Baldwin Avenue parking lot improvements in Paia. I've written a number of requests for improvements in that area on behalf of the community. I guess you can do this in writing, if you can provide a cost estimate for adding lighting, re-fencing, paving, and striping of this public parking lot. I think now would be a good time because, you know, of course things are real slow, people are not traveling. Because normally Paia . . . both parking lots would be full. Is there currently any funding proposed for this parking lot in the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and if so can you identify where in the budget it's located and how much you've appropriated if it is in this Fiscal Year 2021?

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MR. MOLINA: Hi, Madam Chair and Member Molina, this is Deputy Director Jordan Molina tagging in for Director Dagdag-Andaya, here. So, regarding the Baldwin parking lot, at this time there is no funding proposed. We do not have any cost estimates. The best first step would be to put in some funding to . . . do some preliminary assessment and design work there. I don't . . . you know, that parking lot has been there for a while. We're not sure if the existing lighting configuration is adequate, what kind of fencing replacement would be appropriate. Even whether we could maximize more stalls in there by reconfiguring things, so I mean we would prefer to look at all that one time before trying to do piecemeal repairs at this point. But yeah, there's no funding proposed at this time to do that sort of assessment. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you for that response, Mr. Director. Going back to page 747 regarding Countywide traffic and safety programs, specifically to the Northshore Greenway on the mauka side of the bike path closest to Hana Highway. Any funds included there for a fence . . . again to keep vehicles off that bike path at this time?

MR. MOLINA: Not at this time.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, great. Okay and I guess lastly . . . just more for the 8th Floor bathroom improvements. The Members . . . at this time is there anything . . . any additional funding for that, just out of curiosity?

MR. MOLINA: No, not at this time.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No?

MR. MOLINA: Our architect is currently working on the design improvements, but we believe the existing funding is adequate.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, very good. Thank you for that, I really appreciate it. So . . . but okay. I think that's . . . oh, one more thing, I'm sorry. Status of Ulalena Loop, under Countywide Road Resurfacing Page 743. I think there was \$100,000 proviso for that in FY 2020. Any update on that?

MR. MOLINA: Sure, we did go to the Public Works Commission. They had acted to approve the maintenance on this old government road according to the County Code. One of the first actions that needs to happen is hold harmless agreements from all the property owners that will be abutting where maintenance will occur because that road is substandard, as you well know. And the improvements would be minor maintenance and not any sort of raising it to standard. And so, for that reason the Code requires hold harmless agreements be executed prior to the maintenance being performed.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. And thank you. One more, sorry, and one quick one. Any cost estimates for a fence for the Northshore Bikeway?

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MR. MOLINA: Our Engineering staff indicated approximately 40,000 based on past projects. Yeah, that's what I have written down.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: That's what I was thinking. About an 1,800-foot fence, yeah, was the estimate I think it was the distance. Okay, great. Thank you very much for your responses. Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Department. Yeah, so my second round of questions was going to be district related. So, first question, are we still on track for the Hana paving project in May?

MR. MOLINA: Member Sinenci, yes. Contract's executed and we are still on track for a May start date at this point, weather permitting.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you, Deputy. And then so . . . at our last town hall, Hana controller Rocky Hoopai, reported on the paving schedule in East Maui. And so, I was just wondering how were the projects determined and is it possible to switch the order of the projects due to priority and need?

MR. MOLINA: So, we do have a ranking system to evaluate and organize where paving needs to happen and primarily to guide our CIP projects. And then Highways under their Pavement Preservation program will jump in with their own list of where . . . you know, is more manageable or makes more sense for us to take it on in house. Or like in the case of Makawao Ave. that they recently done, the need was so bad that we couldn't wait for the CIP project to come forward, so they jumped in and did some work there. Yeah, we'd be happy to look at which areas you have concerns with and see where we can adjust the paving schedule.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Deputy. Specifically would be the Kipahulu area, we've been getting a lot of calls from those constituents out there. And then . . . so the Nahiku Bridge it looks like . . . those fundings I know, Director, we had a conversation about some of the challenges with getting a title search and a survey done for the lower Nahiku Bridge. So, it looks like we're just going to . . . one of the questions was, are we moving forward with that or not?

MR. MOLINA: Yeah, Member Sinenci, you know as we discussed previously, that is a complicated situation. One is cost, taking on bridges is not cheap. There's a question about ownership because it's so historic--

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Right, right.

MR. MOLINA: --and then I guess there's questions about public benefit given the limited number of people and properties that are serviced by that bridge, whether the Council feels it pertinent to take on these obligations for that particular bridge.

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MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I also wanted to add that there was a survey . . . not a survey but a title search that was done . . . I can't remember the year. But it indicated that the County doesn't have any interest in the bridge. So, tagging along with what Jordan had mentioned, additional discussions with landowners . . . I think there's more than one landowner, not just EMI. But talking with them and then also another discussion with the community on proposed uses of the bridge is going to be important in us understanding how to move forward. Because in previous discussions it was mentioned . . . I mean I think I heard this where somebody said we'd like you fix 'em but no fix 'em too good. So, I don't know what that means. Whether it's a pedestrian bridge only or if you want to have vehicular travel, there's certain standards that we generally follow when we do maintain or take ownership of a bridge structure such as that one. So, there's a lot of factors involved but also know that, you know, we did a title search a number of years ago and we do have some baseline information on the kind of repairs needed and a cost estimate.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you for that response. And then in question number 35 on the Kalepa Revetment. The question was, what is the anticipated life of the seawall along the Piilani highway?

MR. MOLINA: Yeah, at this time the design would account for 50-year lifespan.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. And . . . and . . . and it looks like . . . okay, thank you for that. And then one last question, Chair. We had a call earlier from Ms. Barbara Fernandez and her question was about an arborist and arbor culturalist and the pay difference between the two.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: We do have . . . and you will be getting this in your . . . in the responses to your questions, a project description that includes the salary range for the arbor culturalist.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay. I just have a couple questions. For the \$175,000 from State funds, is that something that has the Legislature already appropriated to Maui County or is that something we may not receive if the Legislature doesn't reconvene?

MR. MOLINA: Sorry, Madam Chair, where are you referring to?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: In CIP. Sorry, it's under Countywide Traffic and Safety programs, \$175,000.

MR. MOLINA: Yeah, Madam Chair, so this is typically our safe routes to school funding that we get from the State. I'll have to get back to you on where the status of that allocation is. The 175 is sort of a placeholder because the actual grant awards vary at the time of we getting the award. So, my understanding is that that amount is also

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based on traffic citations. So, one thing that contributes to the amount . . . so every year we just . . . it's roughly in the 150 to 175 range and so we'll budget it at 175.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, if the Legislature doesn't reconvene we may not get that funding?

MR. MOLINA: That is a possibility. And as you know a lot of us are unsure of how . . . how those State and Federal monies are actually going to play out in response to this COVID-19 situation.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. Okay. And then for the \$17 million in Federal funds, that's for Countywide Federal-Aid program. Is there any risk of not getting that funding for CIPs?

MR. MOLINA: I think for the current funding we're pretty confident we'll get it. Going forward it's unclear how everything is going to be affected at this point.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. Okay. Okay, mahalo. Those were my questions. Okay, Members, there was a request early this morning from Member Hokama to potentially do a third round of questions for the bigger departments. This was one of the departments requested. Do Members need a third round or if not just raise your hand and I call on you for an additional five minutes or so. Member Paltin? You need five minutes?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Yes please.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Please proceed.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Go? Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I was wondering . . . just dovetailing off of Member Molina's questions. If we can put in for the parking lot across from King Kamehameha III Elementary School, it needs work. And also if Hui F Road could follow the same process of Ulalena Loop as it's an old government road with many residents on there that pay high property taxes.

MR. MOLINA: Madam Chair and Member Paltin, unfortunately Hui F Road does not meet the definition of an old government road according to the County road . . . or County Code. So, it would not be able to follow the same process as Ulalena Loop.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, can you share with us what those criteria are? In writing is fine. And then --

MR. MOLINA: Yeah, we can provide it in writing.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --another question I had was, you know, Environmental Management, they had this tires and tubes sub-object index code and they said it was for their tires and tubes. And I was wondering, like do you guys not have tires and tubes as well? Or is it just indexed differently? Under a different category or something. And would you like another arborist? Are we sharing them?

MR. MOLINA: Member Paltin, we do . . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm sorry.

MR. MOLINA: So, the first question, tires and tubes, there is an index code for that under the Special Maintenance Program. In a . . . yeah, so basically spread out for every garage throughout the districts.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And it's different, yes?

MR. MOLINA: And could you . . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

MR. MOLINA: Yeah, so each budget is appropriate to that district's demands.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay. And then Ms. Fernandez requested another arborist. Is that something that you need if you're not sharing it with the Parks or if you . . . are you able to share your one arbor culturalist with the Parks? Or if we give you a second on could you share it with the parks?

MR. MOLINA: Currently our arborist does address Park trees as well.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And you don't see a need for a second one?

MR. MOLINA: I guess there is enough work for him but our current arborist . . . two things I guess that happened recently, he's now under Public Works as opposed to Parks and it's a new person in that position. So, . . . allowing us some time to get him situated and then coming back with a better plan on how to bring in that second person. So, at this time it wouldn't be necessary.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And at the beginning at the year in Ms. Lee . . . when it was WAI Committee, Director Goode did classify all the Hui roads as old government roads. Is there like different types of old government roads?

MR. MOLINA: Yeah, Member Paltin, there's specific definition in the County Code for what is defined as old government road.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay, Members, we have our priority proposals to present. There are four proposals from Member Paltin; two from Member Hokama; two from Member Sugimura; four from Chair Lee; two from Member Molina; and one for myself. Member Paltin, are you ready? I'll put two minutes per item on the clock.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Ready?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ready. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. So my first priority item is for a utility worker for Lahaina Public Works. We're one of the bigger districts that does not have a utility worker and most days that it's available they TA one of their other crew into that position. But then they lose that worker from the crew because they're doing utility work and they have enough work to keep a utility person busy every day. So, that's the first proposal. The second proposal is Countywide Pedestrian Safety. We've had an awful lot of pedestrian deaths this past year. And so, I would like to request the lighting and the striping of the crosswalks if they can be done with reflective paint. Mostly, you know, on Keawe Street.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Also . . . oh, I'm on the wrong one, sorry. So, yeah, pedestrian safety improvements are for Countywide restriping of faded crosswalks. And then that this would be a good time because there's not that much traffic and tourists. The next one I wanted to talk about was Keawe Street. That's a really dangerous situation that I know that you're aware of and if we can use West Maui highway funds . . . West Maui road improvement funds and do something to make that a safer place, especially with all the affordable housing projects coming up on both sides of the highway. This is like the major way that people come into Lahaina. Not a lot of people take the downturn at Launiupoko or Hokiokio. So, anybody that's going into Lahaina Town or north will use the bypass to get in and it's just really dangerous to make a left-hand turn out of any of those entrances and exits. So, that's a third one. And the fourth one is Wainee Street where we had the pedestrian death early at the start of this calendar year. Almost every single intersection on there is not very well lit and just needs to be addressed for the safety of people walking. There's not, like, crosswalks or anything and a lot of people traverse that area at night walking or biking. Although not quite as much I guess now without the tourists around but still a lot of residents use that road because it's one back from Front Street. So, if you don't want to deal with all that tourists then you can walk on Wainee. And it's pretty dangerous if you're walking in the rain, you get splashed with the puddles and all sorts of stuff. So, just basic safety improvements along that road. And those are my four priorities. I'm open to questions or comments if you have them.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. We'll ask the Department for comments on your proposals and then we'll ask Members if they have questions. Director?

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MR. MOLINA: Yeah. I got this.. Okay, so regarding the utility worker for Lahaina, I guess it's a clarification that Moloka'i also does not have a utility worker. So, that's three out of the six districts. But we do agree that he would have a full-time job in Lahaina if we got that position. Just a note that these are hard positions to hire for because the qualifications are extensive. Essentially it's a jack of all trades and it's kind of hard to find those people in the workforce at this time. But, yeah, maybe things have changed with the COVID-19 situation. So, we wouldn't object to taking on that position. Safety improvements, crosswalk restriping, we can look at how to schedule our striping crew to get them out in Lahaina and see what kind of schedule we can put together. One thing that I guess took away from their ability is the expansion of the paving program. So, whenever we drop pavement we got to drop striping and so the striping guys are chasing the pavement guys now that we're tackling more roads. So, it's taken away from their ability to do maintenance on existing striping. So, we do have a few expansion . . . or we've been trying to get expansion positions for there, as well as fill those positions. So, yeah, we can look at putting together a West Maui program for the next year. Keawe Street we have a design underway at this time. So, we wouldn't need additional funding until those designs are complete and they said we don't anticipate those being complete in the FY '21 Budget. Regarding Wainee safety, there is a Front Street circulation study that is in the early stages right now. We're still working on the scoping. But that's going to look at . . . basically you can't look at circulation on Front Street without looking at the rest of the area also. So, Wainee will be part of that assessment to figure out what needs and what the . . . what options are presented to us. Because as you know it's a very narrow corridor, there's not much more right-of-way we can expand into. So, all these safety improvements are going to have to be shoehorned in and that's going to take some analysis to figure out . . . you know, yeah, just what the options are. Did I miss anything else?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just wanted to clarify the pedestrian safety improvements was a Countywide request but I'd be stoked if you started in Lahaina. And you know, we don't have that much traffic as how we usually have. But it was, you know, just Countywide pedestrian striping, just clarifying that. But yeah, if you'll start in Lahaina that'd be awesome.

MR. MOLINA: Yeah, we'll see what we can schedule in for that. Yeah. Typically that's kind of through RFSs, when we get notified of concerns we'll work that into the schedule. Like now that you've alerted us on, you know, West Maui concerns we'll see how we can put that in.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. West Maui is mainly like Wainee, Honokowai by Times and Hoohui is some pretty big concerns. I wanted to thank you for the little men in . . . on Napilihau street, that has slowed a lot of people down, even within my own household. So, it's working.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Committee Vice-Chair King, any questions for Member Paltin or the Department?

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VICE-CHAIR KING: I just wanted to ask the Department when . . . what's the third area? You said there are three areas that don't have utility workers. What was the third one, you talked about Moloka'i and West Maui.

MR. MOLINA: Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and West Maui.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Lāna'i doesn't have one either. Okay. But . . . but Lahaina's the one you feel like could use a full-time utility worker?

MR. MOLINA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And then I guess the only other thing I had for Member Paltin, is I didn't see any dollar figures but you're just kind of leaving it up to the Department to insert dollar figures if these are priorities for them?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Well, the utility one is because the Administration is withholding the dollar figures from us. So, I can't put that one down. And the other thing, as I was working on my priorities it was during the Coronavirus and so I didn't feel it was appropriate to contact the Department and try to work out numbers with them. Because I know that they have their hands full with what is going on. And so, whatever they think is the amount or if they can work it into the existing, I'm okay with that.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you. No further questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. Okay. Member Sinenci and then Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. And I guess my comment to the Director was just . . . I see some other proposals coming from the other Members. My question was, we've got a couple of us that's on the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization. So, I was just . . . my question is if some of these projects, roadway projects would fall under the MPO budget? That's all for now. Thank you.

MR. MOLINA: Yeah, Member Sinenci. Primarily would be the Federal-Aid projects that are driven by the MPO because it's . . . they're scheduling is the scheduling of the STIP funds. So, those projects will be MPO related. As far as the County, Countywide or district-type funds we could manage those internally within the operation.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Deputy. And I . . . well . . . right, just having less traffic up on the road I support having these smaller projects, kind of pushing it through real quick while we have time on our hands. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. So, this funding starts July 1st yeah. A reminder, okay. Okay. Member Molina and then Chair Lee.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. I had to step away for a moment, we're making questions regarding Member Paltin's proposals or was this just a third round of questions for the Department?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. So, Member Paltin had four priority proposals.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Priorities, oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And it's on . . . that was distributed. So if you --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --have any questions for Member Paltin or for the Department.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. No, I got to take a look at it. Good proposals from Member Paltin. So, no questions at this time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No questions. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Hi, thank you, none.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No questions, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: No questions, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. And . . . yeah, I don't have any questions right now. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. Member Hokama has two priority proposals.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, thank you. I believe I went through this during my first two five-minute rounds. So, I won't need to request additional time from the Committee at this point. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Did you get sufficient responses from the Department on these . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, I got responses from the Department, Chair. So, thank you. So, unless Members have a question, I'm okay.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay. Pro Temp Kama, question for Member Hokama or the Department?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: No questions, Chair. Thank you. He can have his dump truck and his hazardous road.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Committee Vice-Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: No questions. Thank you. Who has their TV on?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No questions. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No questions. Support the dump truck.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Nope. Some very well much need and viable proposal from Mr. Hokama. No questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Nīnau `ole kako`o.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Next we have two priority proposals from Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, the two items are . . . the . . . one of them is . . . this came from Kula Community Association. They wanted to get a listing of roads to be repaved Upcountry with slurry seal and I just will look to the Department to . . . you know, let me know once you get your priorities in to us of what you what to do. And if this is something that, you know, you think is immediate or if we can, you know, kind of roll it in, I would appreciate it. And the second one is . . . and this came actually almost two years ago, that there is a stop sign right on Kealaloa Avenue and Meha Road, and at that intersection I think the Department is very familiar with it. It went through the Public Works Commission. The Public Works Commission decided to take out that traffic . . . the stop sign rather. The residents who live there are opposed to it, and this has been kind of hanging out there. So, I just wanted to put it forward if . . . if this is something that we can do. And my office is working on

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legislation to bring this before the Public Works Commission. But if there's a cost . . . that's why it's before you now, but it's kind of to go through this process. But if there's a cost for the stop sign or whatever else you see that needs to get done, then I would like to find out from the Department. So, kind of two small requests in comparison to bigger ones but important in different ways. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Director, comments on Member Sugimura's proposal?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Thank you, Chair. And thank you, Councilmember Sugimura. So, we have here listed for the Pukalani and Makawao, Kula areas. So, we have Kula Highway, mile marker 13.3 to 15, in Ulupalakua in house resurfacing, we also have portions of Makawao Road from Apana Road to Makani. Hale Kipa Road, there's also Maui Uplands and . . . all of this information will be provided to the Committee in our response to your questions. So, those are some of the projects that are currently planned. With respect to the stop sign on Meha and Kealaloe, Councilmember Sugimura is correct, the item did go before the . . . there was a request from one of the Councilmembers a number of years ago to have the stop sign removed. It went through the Public Works Commission and then subsequent to that the Council took up the item once they got the recommendation and then changed the ordinance to have the stop sign removed. And now the Committee or community is asking for the stop sign to be put back. So, we checked in on this and there is an engineering analysis that was already conducted. The analysis doesn't support the installation; however, it does go through ordinance. So, it will have to go back to the Public Works Commission for a recommendation to the Council and then at that time the Council will then make the determination on whether or not the stop sign would go back in. So, in needing any additional analysis, there wouldn't be a need for . . . for an additional 50,000. You know, in the event that the legislation does pass through the Council the Traffic Signs and Marking staff can install a new sign for less than \$750. So, it'll probably . . . it can be covered through operational funding at this time.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, I'll delete this as a priority. It sounds like it's . . . it's just got to work its way through our process. But thank you for that information. Appreciate it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. So, both or the stop sign one?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Both. It sounds like the Department is already handling the first request and then the second one I got my answer. So, we're fine. And then my office is going to come up with the legislation based upon what your Department suggested. I just wanted to know if there was a cost associated that we need to cover. So, Members, I'm withdrawing my two requests. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura.

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MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yeah, thank you. Yeah, initially we . . . yeah, we thought that there need to be an analysis but there's already an existing one. So, that can actually just move forward. Or without the additional funding.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Wonderful. Mahalo, Director. Okay. Next is Chair Lee with four priority proposals.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm going to be withdrawing all of mine. Because . . . first of all I do have a question for the Department. Can you identify your shovel-ready projects, please?

MR. MOLINA: Hi, Member Lee. For us shovel-ready projects is anything ready for construction. So, when you referenced the project sheets, any project that's identified as receiving construction money, which is typically those larger dollar amounts in the millions, those are what we would deem shovel ready.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Can you name the top three?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Sorry, we're filling out the CIP sheets right now.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. While you're doing that, the reason why I'm pulling back my projects is because I don't think we have discretionary funds to work with. And the kinds of projects that we should be considering would be shovel-ready projects, also projects that could have matching funds, projects that have outright grants available or low-cost loans. So, those really are the projects we should be looking at. And so, I'd like to know if you have . . . if we don't have shovel-ready projects we're going to miss the boat on all this funding. So, can you tell me the top three projects please?

MR. MOLINA: Hi, Member Lee, yeah. So if the Committee would reference Page 745. This is our Countywide Federal-Aid program. So, Mill Street is ready for construction in the coming fiscal year; Pukalani, Makawao Ave. pavement rehab; South Kihei road rehab; Wailuku, Kahului . . . that one . . . excuse me, not that one. So, yeah, those three are the major Federal-Aid projects that are shovel ready for FY '21, Mill Street, Pukalani/Makawao, and South Kihei road.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, these projects are already scheduled and have matching funds already in place?

MR. MOLINA: Yeah. So, all the funding . . . the Federal funding has been approved through the MPO and the STIP for the FY '21 budget year.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you very much. So, nobody has to ask me questions because I withdrew my . . . my priorities. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. And that was the \$17.5 million Federal funding that I had asked about earlier in my round two of questions?

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MR. MOLINA: A portion of it. There's other projects that are also scheduled to get Federal funding outside of this Federal-Aid program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Deputy Director. Okay, next is Member Molina with two proposals.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. My first proposal relates to the parking lot of Baldwin Avenue in Paia. A \$200,000 proposal for an assessment and design work for lighting, fencing, paving and restriping for the public parking lot of Baldwin Avenue in Paia, I guess that's the parking lot near Mana Foods. The fencing is in disrepair, there's only one light that works periodically, and the lot itself needs a lot of resurfacing and striping. Community has expressed concerns about it, to some it's an eyesore. And again making these improvements will deter any inappropriate activities that takes place in an area that's not well-lit. And of course fixing the fence will prevent any trespassers from going onto any adjacent properties. So, that's my request for that, I think it's definitely much needed. The second proposal relates to fencing for the Northshore Greenway. Initially I had put in 75,000 but based on comments from Director Molina I think we can reduce that proposed request to 50,000. And again this is for a lineal fence approximately roughly 1,800 feet. I've seen it myself . . . and by the way that Northshore Greenway has been a real stress reliever for the community. So, thank you, Department, because a lot of people are getting their exercise on it. But yet . . . I did it myself and I've seen vehicles drive on that darn thing. I mean people are so . . . unfortunately ignorant, they cannot tell the difference between a road and a walking path. So, I think there's definitely a need to have this fencing off of Hana highway so we certainly don't want anybody getting hurt. So, that is basically my proposal. So, we want to make sure we don't get a future lawsuit hit upon us for not providing that type of safety installation. So, again 50,000 for that. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Director, comments on Member Molina's two proposals?

MR. MOLINA: Madam Chair, yeah, the Department has no objections to those proposals. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Member Sinenci, any questions for Member Molina or the Department?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: No. I'm supportive, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, I'm okay, Chair. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Member Paltin? Oh, where did Member Paltin go? Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Paltin texted me. She ran out of hotspot, so she's trying to reconnect. Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: No questions, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then while we wait for Member Paltin to reconnect . . . present my one . . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I'm sorry?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I had a question. You skipped over me.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, skipped you again. Sorry. Okay, and then Member Paltin said no questions. Committee Vice-Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I just had a quick question for Member Molina because I think these are good proposals. But I was just wondering on the lighting. I just wanted to ask you a quick . . . if Baldwin Park itself has enough lighting. Because I know that's where they've had some incidents there. Does this stretch all the way . . . I know this parking lot is up Baldwin Avenue but is there . . .

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Did you check the park area too for lighting needs?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Baldwin Park itself, I've not been made of any . . . I guess need from the community for additional lighting for Baldwin Park at this point. But we can certainly look into it, ask the community, I guess the Parks Department if there's a need for additional lighting for the Baldwin Park area. But it seems the bigger concern --

VICE-CHAIR KING: . . .(inaudible). . .

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --came about the parking lot--

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah. So,--

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --off Baldwin Avenue.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: --I guess there would have been incidents at the park--

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --and not I haven't . . . *(inaudible)* . . . Anyway I guess that's all. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. And my proposal is to purchase a weed steam machine for the different districts. So, five of them for Public Works for roadside weed management. That's something that's been discussed and I think with both the Parks Department and the Public Works Department. So, I'll hear any questions or comments from Director Dagdag-Andaya. Oh, okay. Mr. Smith?

MR. SMITH: Yeah, thank you, Chair. We are currently testing the weed steam equipment. We have actually identified about five or six different locations on Maui that . . . and I think they were actually working in Lahaina yesterday with this exact equipment. It shows promise and this amount is about what would take. But it's really slow . . . the application's really slow, so I'm actually trying to see if there's even more industrial type of equipment to make it go a little bit faster. But we have no objections to this. In fact we've already used savings from last year to purchase one for our Lahaina District.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, the Department has already purchased a weed steam machine for the Lahaina District, just clarification.

MR. SMITH: We had savings from last year and we used that . . . they're under 25,000 or roughly. We were able to get a smaller unit and we're trying it out and our guys in Lahaina are really excited about it. But every district is different so, we're really testing its limitations right now.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Great. Members . . . okay, Committee Vice-Chair King, followed by Pro Temp Kama. Any questions or comments for myself or the Department?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Just . . . I guess are we then lowering the price down to 150,000? If the one of them was already bought, is it five besides the one that they bought?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's five, they bought a small one. So, this one is a larger one.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, it'll still be that. And what districts?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry, it looks like the Department is trying to figure that out.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'd love one for Moloka'i.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, well we'll see . . . I mean we can wait until we get to decision making, let them tell us where that . . . those are, but no other questions. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. Okay.
Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair, so the . . . for the weed steam machine that's for all districts? The one price for all five districts?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: The weed machine.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --it's five different machines.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Five. So, it breaks down to a total of that though right?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. No more questions. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No questions, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay and then Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I'm back, I switched over to a different hotspot because I ran out of . . . I guess data. My question is just when we're talking about Public Works highways and weed steaming, is that off of State highway or do we have County highway? I don't . . . I mean I would love it if they're doing it like all around Honolulu and like that because that . . . it needs to be done. But, is the County do that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Deputy Director?

MR. MOLINA: Madam Chair? Yeah, Madam Chair and Member Paltin, this would just be for County roadways. We don't want to take on the State's job at this time. We do have sections of Honoapiilani Highway pass Honolua and part of Kahekili Highway that are County owned. But this . . . I mean the major areas is . . . yeah, Lahaina, off the highway because that's all State highway. A lot of Upcountry roads where vegetation control is extensive.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was concerned it was Highways Division and . . . sorry, I didn't understand. But I'm clear now.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No further questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: None, Chair. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Nothing for me. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No questions. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Sinenci? Oh, I cannot unmute you. You have to unmute yourself.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Sorry, I lost my mouse.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: There you go.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Member . . . thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. And I really appreciate this proposal. As you know, our EACP Committee has received a lot of correspondence from our constituents about overuse of . . . excessive use of pesticides in our County parks and around our County, especially for the safety of our County workers. So, I appreciate that. Another issue is we're seeing a lot of increase in television advertisements about ongoing litigations with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. So, mahalo for this, for keeping our County safe. And I understand that the weed steam might be more effective in different parts of the County, I would consider maybe . . . where other places where those more rocky areas, maybe a spray foam or a type of gunite that might help to keep the weeds down. So, again mahalo, great work. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay, Members, that concludes our review with the Department. That's all of our priority proposals for Public Works. Do Members have any last questions or comments before we let Public Works go? Okay. Seeing none . . . oh, okay. Member Sugimura and then Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I just want to thank them. You have such a huge Department and there are just so many demands from the public. And because you're

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frontline everybody sees the work that you do. So, on behalf of my community and others thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah. I just wanted to share the same sentiments as Ms. Sugimura. But also say that I'll be happy to share my proposed adjustments with the Department sooner than later so that they can give appropriate responses. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay, Members . . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, can I make one more comment?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Committee Vice-Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you. Thank you, Public Works, for being here and I just wanted to just kind of give a plug for working closely with the Affordable Housing Department so that we are making sure we keep up with infrastructure for the areas that are getting new affordable housing. Because we get . . . you know, the biggest compliant we get is traffic and so we've been kind of hanging our hats on North South Collector Road for a while. But I think all the districts have . . . have their road needs and especially the ones that are going to be getting a lot of the Affordable Housing coming up. So, thank you for that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. Okay. So, I'll . . . oh, Member Hokama, one last question?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: One last . . . yes. Thank you, Chair. Because I appreciate, Ms. King's last comment. And so, I would just ask you, Chair, if you would consider communications with the Mayor at that this time what we are also looking for guidance is what is needed from Council to help expedite permits and any approvals required during this response for emergency shelter and housing. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay, Director Dagdag-Andaya, would you like to provide any final comments before we thank you for coming?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Actually, thank you, Chair, and to all the Members, for a very . . . I feel like this is very productive and gave a lot of insight. Your questions were really great. So, anticipate getting our responses fairly soon. And that, you know, we continue to be open for any questions that you have. Do bear with us with our timing of our responses, we're working hard to get them out to you. But, again thank you very much for all of your support and, you know, just continue . . . looking forward to continue working with all of you. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Mahalo for coming. Mahalo, Deputy Director Molina and Mr. John Smith, for joining us today and fielding all of our questions.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA:: Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Stay safe.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Stay safe.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Members . . . okay, Members, I would like to take a short ten-minute break so that I can provide you the plans for tomorrow, Thursday, Friday and then upcoming week for next week. Any objections? Maybe I should make it 15 minutes, so we'll just . . . four o'clock?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, for everyone being so efficient. We're like way ahead of time. Okay, so we'll take a quick break. Please . . . we'll reconvene at 4:00 p.m. It's 3:43 on April 14th and the Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess. . . . *(gavel)* . . .

RECESS: 3:43 p.m.
RECONVENE: 4:06 p.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . *(gavel)* . . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return order? It's 4:06 on April 14th. Mahalo for that quick break, Members. Okay. So, tomorrow we'll be completing our work, relatively easy . . . early. We have Department of Water and Department of Transportation, Transportation first and then Water. The remaining part of Wednesday and all of Thursday we will not be deliberating, instead this will be an opportunity for every Member to work on compiling your notes and prepare your reductions for decisions week. We will begin . . . which will begin on next Monday on April 20. As a reminder you will have your internal worksheet in your possession that was provided to you at the beginning of Budget Session, which can help assist you in organizing your notes for your proposed cuts. As well as the feedback that we receive from the departments on what their 5 percent cuts are proposed and what their priorities are for their department. At no point in time will the internal worksheet be transmitted to the Committee, however it may help you organize your ideas for reductions as we review each department alphabetically for cuts during decisions week. So, to recap, Wednesday afternoon after we are completed . . . after we've completed Transportation and Water. And then all day Thursday will be your opportunity to compile your notes and to propose reductions for the following week April 20 to the 24. On Friday at 1:00 p.m.

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Finance Director Teruya will provide us the certification numbers and hopefully an update on the Federal stimulus funding. At 6:00 p.m. on Friday, we'll have our general public hearing. This is not the public hearing on range of rates, that is scheduled for Wednesday April 29. On Monday April 20, we will begin the process of reviewing departments alphabetically beginning with the Clerk's office. We'll review each of the A, B, C accounts and then CIPs, then Rates and Fees where Members will propose their reductions along the way. And we'll ask for consensus for any proposal. If any Members do not give consent then those opposing the reduction will be offered two minutes to state their rationale to try to persuade the other Members. After the dissenting Members had their two minutes to speak we will vote and move on to the next proposal. After the reductions phase we will on each Member's priority proposals that was marked as a revisit for the week. Each Member will have two minutes to remind Members what their proposal was and we will vote if there are . . . if there is no consensus. And I will send these . . . this plan to Members before we begin on Monday. Okay, Members, any questions? Chair Lee and then Member Sugimura, and Member Sinenci. Okay, we'll just take it in order then. Okay. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well we have a . . . we have a . . . we have a Council meeting on Friday. We have . . . which includes two public hearings. And then . . . so when is Director Teruya going to come and talk to us about revenues?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: One p.m.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: One p.m. Okay. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay, and then I'll just take it in order. Pro Temp Kama, did you have any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes, Chair, I wanted to know that if we were . . . if we're going to . . . if we are considering withdrawing some of our proposals, when would we let you know that? Or how?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: When it comes up. So, when the Department comes up --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --if you're going to withdrawal your proposal you can do it at that time. Or if you want to let me know --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --beforehand I can also move it.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. I just want to make sure that we can save time, expedite. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Member Sugimura?

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, as we go through our decision-making what document do we use? Are we going to use this document which is a bill or are we going to . . . proposed bill . . . or are we going to go through each page of Details or each page of Program? Refresh my memory.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You'll review the budget, whether it's in Details or Program Budget and you'll propose reductions from there.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, so you just want to hear reductions?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I'm sorry. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, we're not going to take it page by page.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That would . . . that would take too long. We're just going to, you know, you look through it. The departments have also provided us written response . . . we've received a few written responses now, on what a 5 percent cut would be. We've also talked about a 50 percent cut in travel. So, those are things that we've already discussed this week and last. So, those are things that we would, you know, obviously discuss and come to some kind of conclusion on what the final number would be in the budget line item. So . . .

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay, and then --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --Chair Lee also has been asking the departments from a certain point what are your priorities and tell us what you need and so we don't cut . . . so, are we going to get that document also? Is that the question, Chair Lee? I think does . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, that's what I said this morning. That we're . . . I don't know . . . was it yesterday, I said we were in response to your question.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It was this morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You said you had follow-up questions and then I . . . I said that we're not sending your follow-up questions. That what your questions are asking really is how do we appropriately reduce your budget without taking out priority items. So, I addressed that this morning, and I said . . . and I've already sent out a letter to all the departments to provide that list to us. Mahalo, Member Sugimura.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Great. Okay, Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I was wondering are we supposed to go and pick up the book with the . . . what is that called? Is it called CAFR?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, no, no.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: We're not going to pick that up? We're not getting a book?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Teruya is going to give that to us. Information.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . *(inaudible)* . . . on that, but I think it'll probably be e-mailed to us. But I'll double check with, Director Teruya, on how we will receive that on Friday at 1:00.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: We're receiving it on Friday?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: But we're not going in to grab it?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I will get back to you on that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay. 'Cause I don't have a printer over here. That's . . . I don't have a printer.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Me too. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, and then, Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, Chair, I think it's very clear what we need to do and I guess we'll all spend a lot a time tomorrow afternoon and the next day to come up with our adjustments. So, yeah . . . no, I'm good, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Committee Vice-Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. So, just like on the timing of it, you want this on Monday morning the . . . our proposed cuts regardless of if we get the information from the departments on their priorities? Just want us to give you our proposed cuts?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, so you don't have to submit it to me. We'll be going through the budget together.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, I see. So, if we change our minds because they say something's a priority then we don't have to mention that we want to cut?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. All right, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King.
... (inaudible) ...

VICE-CHAIR KING: The thing starts on 9:00 on Monday, correct?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No, Madam Chair. I'll work with you on your process and, you know, I'm going to look for guidance, especially from the departments as to where they want to cut and work off of that, and go from there. So, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Keani. And so, it looks like . . . so, on Monday you want the proposed reductions?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, we'll start again alphabetically with the --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --departments. So, the same way we took them . . . in the same order we took them up last week. So, starting with the Clerk's Office and then OCS and then the Auditor, Department of Corporation Counsel. So, if you want to work on it in that order, because that's the order that it'll come up first then that might be a good strategy to work on it --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --that way. But we'll have tomorrow afternoon and all of Thursday to work on that. And the --

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --weekend if you're working on the weekend.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Do you have a number of cuts? I mean we want to keep it kind of contained or . . . you don't want, you know, a bunch of cuts.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. So, what was proposed was 5 percent but what we discussed, you know, Chair Lee, brought it up earlier. Is that, you know, some departments are a lot larger than other departments. So, some departments we may only cut, you know, one or 2 percent of their overall budget. And other departments we may take out, you know, like full CIPs that are millions of dollars and it could be, you know, like 15 percent. So, I think we all need to just kind of use our discretion as much as possible. You know, when you look at the overall budget I think you'll have a better idea of, you know, like what would be appropriate. Especially given the discussion that we've had with the departments on what can be, you know, deferred for a year or more. What's, you know, really . . . you know, important to protect the health and safety of our residents. And you know, what can kind of, you know, just wait for a year.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Mahalo for that direction. And then just a clarification on Friday's public hearing at 6:00 p.m., is that us? We're in . . . in the meetings?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, that'll be the . . . the public hearings are Council meetings. So, Chair Lee will be Chairing the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Got you. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: They're not EDB . . . they're not EDB Committee meeting. They're Council public hearings. Mahalo for that question.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, any additional questions or comments? Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair, I just want to remind everybody when Scott Teruya comes to visit us that's going to be a very, very important meeting with him because we need to know numbers. Now because this Coronavirus happened this year, we may not feel the full effects of it this year. But assuming that the effects will last 18 to 24 months, we're going to have to save our money for the next two years knowing that our revenues are going to drop dramatically. So, just keep in mind that even though it may not look . . . you know, as bad this year, well it's going to be much worse next year and probably just as bad the following year before we start to pick up again. So, please keep that in mind. Thank you. You can ask Mr. Hokama, he can tell you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Chair. So, the deadline for the departments to get their proposed cuts is again what day? Because I know you want us on Monday, yeah? The next week Monday to submit our proposals for reductions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, so you won't be submitting them to me. We'll be discussing them in --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, we'll just discuss it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Chambers. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. But as far as the departments they need to get in their proposals for their reductions to us by what day?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Probably before Monday.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --I . . . right. So, I submitted the letter today requesting the information back by the 21st.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We already received information back from Department of Planning, who provided us some detailed information on, you know, what the 5 percent reduction could constitute. As well as the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, I believe provided us written responses already. And I think a couple other departments. So, in that written response there was a question from Member Hokama and Member Paltin asking about where in their budget could they make a 5 percent reduction. So, we already kind of have that information that'll . . . that we either have now or will be receiving soon. And then the additional information we'll hopefully receive by next week Tuesday.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Committee Vice-Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. So, are we also going to get a briefing from Mr. Teruya on the amount of funding that's coming to Maui County from the CARES Act?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. So, that was a request. I'm not sure if he'll be able to or not.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I asked him if he would be able to provide any additional updates that he has when he gives us the certification on Friday at 1:00. But I . . . it's, you know, up to the Director.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Because that's . . . that would be a large part of our revenue as well I would imagine.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. Budget Director Yoshimura, do you have any comments or questions on the proposed plan moving forward? I think you might be muted. Okay, I've unmuted you.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. So, --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We're good.

MS. YOSHIMURA: --I've been receiving the departments' responses to the questions. So, we'll be forwarding those to you. And the request that I got from you today regarding the priorities and the cuts, we'll be submitting that to you as soon as I get back to my office and meet with the directors. Other than that, if you need any information from us please forward it to us and we'll try to get it to you as soon as possible. . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And so again we'll be taking them in alphabetical order. So, if at all possible . . . if the earlier in the alphabet could respond sooner that would be wonderful, if not then it's . . . we'll figure it out.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. Got it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: May I ask a question of the Director?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You may. Please proceed.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. The question is, Michelle, do you have any more emergency bills that you plan to send down in the near future? Budget bills?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Not at this moment. I'm not sure if we're going to need emergency funds from now until the end of the fiscal year. We are halfway . . . about halfway through and we'll be sending you a report on what we've spent so far from the Emergency Fund. I just got an update from, Debbie Cabebe over at MEO. They've had about 175 . . . 1,175 applicants for the H.E.L.P Program and they've . . . they're looking at those applicants receiving a little over a million dollars. So, we'll see how that program . . . moves along in the next few days or at the end of the week. Whether or not we're, you know, now that everybody's got their stimulus checks and unemployment's probably kicking in, we'll see how that moves along and whether or

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not we'll need more money to add to that program as well. We're also waiting for grants to come in. We do have CDBG monies that's going to become available and we also have some other grants to Housing and Human Services. So, we'll be sending a notification to the Council on that as well.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Are these one-time grants for these 1,750 people?

MS. YOSHIMURA: The one thousand . . . that's from the H.E.L.P Program. The MEO H.E.L.P Program.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

MS. YOSHIMURA: No. And you can apply monthly.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Monthly. Oh, okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I see.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay, so the monthly that's a \$100 food voucher, that program?

MS. YOSHIMURA: This one is the H.E.L.P Program and it varies on your household size. So, . . . and it's one member per household that would qualify for it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I see. Okay, mahalo for that clarification. Okay, and then, Budget Director, would it be possible to get the Word version of the Budget bills soon?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, awesome.

MS. YOSHIMURA: I actually have that prepared and ready to send to you. And I also went through your Exhibit 1 and I'll have that ready for you too.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo nui.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Members, any other questions for Budget Director Yoshimura, so I can let her get back to some of her work upstairs? Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, is it possible for MEO to give a report to them to report to us how they spent it or what they spent it on or how that money was distributed? Is that possible?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I can follow up with MEO and ask them for a report to date where we're at and the number of applicants and households that have been helped through the program.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair, I'm sorry. But can we also get a copy of the application or should we just go online and get it? Just curious.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's online, --

MS. YOSHIMURA: You can . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --I can send it to you if you want. It . . .

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I can probably just go get it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, and then also, Pro Temp Kama, do you want to wait for 30 days before requesting a report from MEO?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Has it been 30 days? How long has it been since they started distributing that? No, I think I just want to take . . . yesterday, really?

MS. YOSHIMURA: The program started on April 1st where we started taking applications.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Okay, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, you want to wait for 30 days before receiving a report?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah, we can wait till May 1st. Yeah. Yeah. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: May 1st. Okay. Mahalo, Budget Director. Okay, mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, while you're asking for the reports after 30 days could you also include the other programs that they've done with . . . I think one was Maui Chamber for the micro businesses and then there was help to the Maui County Farm Bureau and the Hawaii Farmers Union. So that . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Those two . . . that's the only four I know of, there might be more.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. So, the 2 million from Finance is what was used for the H.E.L.P Program. And then what you're talking about is the 4 million in Emergency Funding. And so, we can request 30-day report on that as well.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. You know, yesterday while we were going through the RPT specifically for hotels, you know, I was just wondering is there any information that we can get from those hotels that may receive a stimulus or government help with this COVID? I was just thinking out that how many of hotels . . . the larger ones might receive any stimulus or government maybe bailouts. Just to help us with our decision making. Is there something that I can access . . . to get that information?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, is that question for me?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah. I was just throwing it out there. I mean . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, I'm sorry. What was your question?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: You know, for some of these hotels that might be receiving some stimulus or bailout monies during this crisis, is there a way for us to find out if hotels are receiving those?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I guess we can kind of look into that and see how we'd be able to access that information.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Committee Vice-Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I just wanted to let Mr. Sinenci and the rest of you know that I've been in communication with Brian Schatz's office. So, they were supposed to be sending me a report either today or tomorrow on that question. Of who got those stimulus funds and so as soon as I get it all I'll share it with everybody else.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Member King.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, seeing no other hands raising, I'll thank, Budget Director . . . oh, Member Paltin, did you have a question for Budget Director Yoshimura?

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. Mahalo, Ms. Yoshimura, we'll see you tomorrow at 9:00.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Tomorrow.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Thanks for all your help. Okay, Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was, you know, wondering about what the departments were telling us about difficulties in finding engineers and specialty positions. Because every time you do your weekly unemployment they ask you if you're looking for jobs. And so, I mean now is the time to get those specialty positions right? Because guys gotta look for jobs to file their weekly unemployment.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is that a suggestion for the departments?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. Like the specialty jobs, try and pick up qualified guys right away, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Could. And I think . . . I think it was Chair Lee that pointed out, you know, that sometimes because the private sector is more competitive that sometimes people join the County and then they had worked for the County for . . . until the economy gets a little stronger and then they leave the County. Back in the same position. So, we also have a lot of people who are, you know, possibly temporarily laid off, and so are collecting unemployment during this time until . . . you know, the business start back up when the stay at home order is lifted.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: But you can't collect the unemployment unless you're looking for the jobs.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I don't know if that was a requirement that could have --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah, you don't have to.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --been suspended. Yeah. Because it's . . . there's a stay at home order, so everyone is kind of ordered to stay at home and stop working . . . or work from home. So, I think that requirement . . . a lot of the usual requirements for unemployment was . . . oh, is kind of amended because this is a special situation, the crisis that we're in.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Committee Vice-Chair King?

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. I think I was the one that actually said that about people going back to the private sector because we had that happen to us. But one of the things I wanted to mention too was that there's this payment protection program that's associated with the recovery or with the response. And so, actually employers are encouraged to keep employees on and they'll get paid for it. We've actually . . . my company's actually applied for that and got it. And so, for us we're trying to find . . . we had to . . . we would have had to lay off a bunch of drivers but we're finding other things for them to do because we won't get covered. But this . . . part of this Federal stimulus package is to . . . it's a loan for two to three months and then if you keep those employees on they'll forgive the loan. So, it turns into a grant. So, I think a lot of people are . . . you know, staying at home whether they're working or not. It benefits companies to not let them go at this time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. Okay. Any other questions or comments? Okay, so it's pretty clear on how we're moving forward. Okay, and then I'll get that memo out. I may put a trick in there so make sure you read it. I guess Member Paltin used her additional four minutes today with Public Works.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That was the plan.

VICE-CHAIR KING: We should put a treat instead of a trick in there.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: A what? Sorry.

VICE-CHAIR KING: A treat instead of a trick.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, it was treat. It was you get rewarded two extra minutes and only Member Paltin gave me the double shaka sign to indicate that she read the memo. So, she got the extra two minutes. And it was actually four extra minutes because I tricked everyone putting the wrong date. It was intentional. Okay, Members, any other questions or comments? Okay seeing none, it's 4:36 and we'll adjourn and I'll see you all tomorrow at 9:00 for Transportation and Water.

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. Okay, its 4:36 on April 14 and the Economic Development and Budget Committee is now adjourned. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

ADJOURN: 4:36 p.m.

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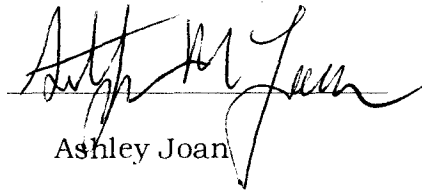
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