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Council of the County of Maui

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**Council Chamber, 8th Floor, and
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CONVENE: 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Riki Hokama
Councilmember Tasha Kama
Councilmember Michael J. Molina
Councilmember Tamara Paltin
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez (in 1:56 p.m.)
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci

EXCUSED: Councilmember Kelly Takaya King

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ADMIN.: Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, Director, Department of Public Works
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OTHERS: Zandra Amaral Crouse

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . . *(gavel)* . . . Good afternoon, everybody. Welcome to the Water, Infrastructure, Transportation Committee. Today is Tuesday, September 15th, 1:30. And welcome to my meeting. I'm Yuki Lei Sugimura, your Chair. And with us, we have Vice-Chair and Council Chair Alice Lee. Thank you very much for being here.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: Hi.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Hi. We also have Tasha Kama, my neighbor on the Council . . . in the Council Chambers.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Aloha 'auinala, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aloha. And Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha 'auinala, kakou.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aloha. And, Tamara, sorry, I missed you. Tamara Paltin, my other neighbor.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha mai kakou. I resurrected the Carthaginian today for your guys' viewing enjoyment, live and direct from Old Lahaina.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Beautiful. And Mr. Molina, with your barbecue.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Good afternoon, Madam Chair and my colleagues and everyone from under the bridge here in Makawao.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: What happened to your barbecue? Last time you had a barbecue behind that.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, everybody for . . . sorry. Thank you, everybody for being here. Today, we also will have with us Rowena Dagdag-Andaya from Public Works. A meeting is basically about Public Works. And from Department of Corporation Counsel, Jennifer Oana. Always appreciate her assistance. Staff, we have Laks Abraham, awesome; Lesley Milner, also awesome who's probably coordinating this meeting today; Rayna Yap, Committee Secretary; and Richard Mitchell, Legislative Attorney, who's been a great help. On the item today, I have WIT-55, which are [sic]

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the contract regarding the roundabout. And, Members, I put this on the agenda so that we can talk about it, the success of it. WIT-23, Contract C6648, which is Maui Paving Company, Upcountry District Resurfacing. And then WIT-73, another Upcountry road resurfacing project. And status for Old Haleakala Highway sidewalks. And the last item is WIT-95, Stop Sign on Haleakala Road in Haiku. Today we're taking testimony. Do we have any testifiers, Laks? Laks? Oh, there's Mr. Hokama. Welcome, Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good afternoon. Laks, do we have any testifiers?

MS. ABRAHAM: We do have one testifier, Ms. Zandra Amaral Crouse.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good.

MS. ABRAHAM: Please unmute yourself and proceed with your testimony.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, Zandra, I'm not going to go through all of my . . . the verbiage that I have here because you're an experienced testifier. Please proceed with your three minute testimony. Zandra?

MS. AMARAL CROUSE: Okay. Can you guys hear me?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I can hear you, yes.

MS. AMARAL CROUSE: Okay. I am so sorry. I did not mean to testify. I am just here to learn.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

MS. AMARAL CROUSE: But thank you, you guys. Nice to see all of you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. You're welcome. Thank you for being with us.

MS. AMARAL CROUSE: You're welcome.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Anyone else? Laks?

MS. ABRAHAM: Chair, we have no more testifiers at the moment.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. So, Members, last call for testimony from anybody out there. If not then, I'm going to close public testimony and receive any written testimony, Members.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS (Excused: KK)

ITEM WIT-95: STOP SIGN ON HAIKU ROAD (HAIKU) (CC 20-318)

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So today on the agenda, the items that I have, I just wanted you to know that based upon Corp. Counsel . . . not Corp. Counsel, from our Legislative Analyst Supervisor, David Raatz, he has advised us not to take up, which is WIT-95, Stop Signs on Haiku Road in Haiku, because of the way it was written. It's too narrow and we didn't want to have any Sunshine concerns with it. So, Mr. Molina, I'm not going to take up your item today.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No worries.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. I'm going to defer it. And I did notify Gary and your thread of e-mail, community members also knows. And I will take it up once appropriate, once we get everything in line. So thank you very much for being understanding about that.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS (Excused: KK)

ACTION: DEFER.

ITEM WIT-55: CONTRACT C6572-1 (GOODFELLOW BROS., INC.) ROUNDABOUT AT MAUI LANI PARKWAY AND KAMEHAMEHA AVENUE (FY 2016) FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (MISC)

CHAIR SUGIMURA: On the agenda today, I also have WIT-55, which is a contract regarding the roundabout. And, Members, now that the roundabout has been in operation for a few months, I wanted to have the Department report on it, and to see if there's anything that we need to do from the Council side to assist them in terms of signage or any kind of challenges that they may have. So at this time, Rowena Dagdag [sic], are you there, or Jordan Molina?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yes, Chair, thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Hi.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Hi.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Take it away.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yes. Thank you, Chair; and thank you, Members. Aloha. Well, as many of you know, we opened up the roundabout on July 29th. This was a project long time in the making, but our construction schedule just lasted a little over three

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months, so we're really happy with the results of that. The roundabout, so far, has gotten a lot of favorable response from the community. There were, you know, a number of, you know, small...well, not small...but concerns that were raised about people speeding, not using their signals. We did go ahead and install, as part of the project, these speed limit signs as you enter into the roundabout. Generally, it's a 15 miles an hour as you enter into the roundabout, and we also have noticed that the traffic also moves a lot more efficiently through the intersection. There are people who are starting to use their signals as they exit the roundabouts. It's not a requirement, but it's basically a courtesy among drivers who use roundabouts. We have a video that's posted on the Maui County website under our Department webpage that we've had for a number of years now, and then we also posted the roundabout video on the County of Maui webpage...I'm sorry, County of Maui Facebook page. We also reached out to the Maui Lani Community Association. Their Community Association staff posted the video on their page, shared it with the residents. Pōmaikai Elementary School has also shared it with their families as well. So, you know, as...you know, we'll continue to keep the videos up, and also engage our...the community on further discussions on roundabouts and safety. But overall, it's been a very, you know, favorable response from the community members. Those who were concerned about the roundabout initially are...you know, they've actually come to us and have, you know, mentioned that they do like the roundabout. They wonder, however, whether or not when school comes back up again, if there will be...it would be just as effective. But I think with every school traffic, if you have a lot of people there at the...you know, at one time, you know, you are going to experience some delays. But once that initial...I guess that...when that initial increase is gone, you have a very free flowing and efficient intersection. So...but with us today, we have our engineers, Cathy Hasfurther, who managed the construction of the project, she's here. Chico Rabarra, our Engineering Division Head, he's here; as well as Nolly Yagin, and I think Kurt Watanabe, who can answer questions regarding operations.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. In fact, I have to tell you that the first day that the roundabout was open, I went through it four times. It was very smooth, pleasurable...that's my basic...my route when I come to work every day. I always go through that, and so it's nice to drive smoothly and not be stuck, you know, back to back with a lot of cars. So for me, I see it as a big improvement. And before I turned it over to the Members, in case they have questions for you, I will tell you that my brother-in-law and my sister live right there. And so my brother-in-law, Curtis Otsuka, who goes walking, he said that he stops and he watches people going through the roundabout, and he said people stop in the middle of the roundabout, and they let other cars go through. So I don't know what you do with that, because I'm sure it must really jam up the flow. But you might want to address that, you know, somehow in your educational video so people don't do that. Although I think they're trying to be nice, local style, but that sure sounds like it could be a traffic hazard too, so.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I think that...I mean, that would warrant some additional education and messaging to the public.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. So Ms. Lee...oh, and Mr. Sinenci, I'm just going to go down and see if anybody has questions.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: No. I want to congratulate Rowena and the Department, and everyone for the roundabout because it's a real time saver, and in general, it's safe. But not only do you have people stopping every now and then to let people go, which is really, as the Chair said, a traffic hazard, we also have the other nut cases that try to jump in front of you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: What?

VICE-CHAIR LEE: You know, like try to speed in front of you. And so...but for the most part, when everybody tries to stay in rhythm, it's perfect. You know, when everybody just observes the rules, you know, the rule of using the roundabout, it's just wonderful. It saves so much time and stress because the other way, that four-way stop, you actually had about seven lanes you had to watch for, and trying to remember who went last, you know, and it's really hard. It's really hard to do that, but with this roundabout...thank goodness, all you have to remember is go left. Nah, just kidding. . . . (*laughing*). . .

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: And it's a single roundabout too, so that makes it easier. But even with a traffic signal, you know, we always run the risk of people trying to beat the red or beat the yellow. So that's what the roundabout is intended to prevent, is people trying to speed through, you know, the intersection. And so I think...and also, with this traffic signal, you're still going to also experience some backups, but with the roundabout it does create a more efficient movement through the intersection.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Tasha Kama, then Tamara Paltin, Riki Hokama, Mike Molina, and Mr. Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So I enjoy driving through the roundabout because I can just about, like Chair said, if you roll with the flow, you ride with the tide, things go really nice and smooth. So even as you approach, you can almost see where you are in terms of your position, so you can almost anticipate who's going...and the other cars are doing the same thing. But I just enjoy the drive, it's so leisure. And it's 15 miles an hour, it's slow, it gives you enough time to really smell the roses. So I really enjoy that. I'm hoping that we can get more of those roundabouts in other places in our County that would be able to help with that flow. So thank you, Chair, for bringing this today.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, okay. Okay, Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Director Dagdag-Andaya. You know, I cannot remember the last time had a project finish so far ahead of schedule, so really good job, you guys. And like Member Kama was saying, you know, Launiupoko light, Hokiokio...I know that's State, but what do you think? Can we get

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some roundabouts? Because you know what too? In a disaster, when the electricity goes out, no need worry because roundabout, you know. So...but that's not you guys because that's a State highway or...what you think?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: It's a State...It's a State highway and, you know, I can speak for the County that when we consider improvements at an intersection, we always...you know, we've made it a point to study the feasibility of a roundabout first. While roundabouts work in, you know...work really well in certain areas, they might not work in others. So it's always a good practice to do a feasibility study before you embark on a...on a major improvement like a roundabout.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then I did hear our Deputy Director mention something about a dog bone roundabout, possibly for Keawe Street when Kupuohi and Kukuia (*phonetic*) low income projects come online. Is there things that we need to do to try and support that action? Because right now, Keawe Street is not so bad without any tourists, but you know, anytime...I mean, school... just going back to school is going to be kind of bad traffic on Keawe.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Right. So roundabouts don't necessarily have to be a circle, they could be kidney shaped. In some communities, they have what's called a dog bone shape. But like I mentioned before, a lot of work has to go in to studying the intersection; the travel patterns of residents and other people in the community to determine what type of design is best suited for the area.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So better to wait until after the housing gets put in then, before any action?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Well, my understanding is Staff is already...they've already been looking into various options, and I don't know if...I think Nolly's online. Well, then again, this isn't...I know the Keawe Street is not on the agenda today, but like I mentioned, I think it's imperative that we do study an intersection to determine the feasibility.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Agree.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So next we have Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you very much, Chair. Hi, Director. Good afternoon.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Good afternoon.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I would say in general, yeah, I think so far it's been going quite well for those that...I don't want to get into the flow and adjustments. I would just ask that, again, is more use of our youth and pedestrians. I did have a discussion with the school's principal earlier. And I do...just state that...it's not an issue, a

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comment regarding proximity of the crosswalks to the roundabout...the distance. So I would just ask that we continue to monitor that. And I was going to ask, is the side between...the school side toward Kahului side, there's no crosswalk, right?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: On the highway side?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yes, there never was a crosswalk on...in those locations. On the approach from Kuihelani Highway and Kamehameha...Kamehameha Avenue from Papa Avenue --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: -- those two sections don't have.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah. And I can...so I'll just give you a comment about...a driver that came and talked to me. His problem is the pedestrians. A pedestrian crossed there where there was no intended crosswalk. So they all stopped, right? The person that was going to make the right turn out, they all stopped because the pedestrian is crossing the road that has no crosswalk. The guy that was going to try and enter the roundabout has got to stop because why, he cannot enter. So, you know, I think we need to consider those situations, please, and maybe the recommendation is, if you cannot make your turn, keep going around the circle.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Just have got to loop again, I guess, you know, to keep traffic flowing safely. So I would just ask that you folks take that into consideration, please.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: So --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: -- and that's been part of the messaging in the video as well. But what we'll do is we'll continue to have those videos posted. We'll work with the communications team and have them post it on the County Facebook site and other websites. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So next we have Mr. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. No questions, but just comments and compliments to the Department and to the contractor, Goodfellow Brothers, doing

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a real fast job, and very efficiently completed job. And you know, I used to use...go down...when it was a four-way intersection back in the day when we all were working at the County building. Pau hana time, come home, but then after a while there's more and more traffic. It was just building up. So I started just avoiding the area. But since the implementation of the roundabout, it's been really great just going through there smoothly. And as far as like educating drivers, I don't know if maybe as part of the driver licensing on...that should be a major question now when getting your driver's license. You know, how do you use a roundabout, something along those lines, because yeah, there are some people out there who really maybe have no business being on the road period, who have no idea or concept of what a roundabout is. And if I may ask the Director very quickly, have you heard any incidents? God forbid, a fender bender in the roundabout since it was implemented thus far?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair...and thank you for the question, Councilmember Molina. And you know, for the Kahului roundabout, we haven't had any, at least to my knowledge. And maybe the Staff might have some other knowledge, but we haven't heard of any accidents or fender benders. And the same goes for the Piikea or Liloa-Piikea roundabout out in Kihei. One of the concerns...I remember the first couple weeks of the roundabout was, "Oh, someone's going to get into an accident." But after the roundabout was installed, all of our calls diminished. So the concerns regarding safety at the intersection had diminished quite a bit. And I don't recall ever hearing of a concern at that roundabout either, but I know this is something that Staff will continue to monitor.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Great. Well, thanks for the good news on that. All right, that's it for me, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: . . .*(audio interference)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, your connection is really bad.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: . . .*(audio interference)*. . .can you hear me?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No. Yeah, can't hear or can't understand.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: . . .*(audio interference)*. . . better?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We can hear you, but can't understand. You have no questions? Okay. You can text it to us if you have. Yeah, your reception is really...it sounds like kind of baffled. Yeah, yeah. Thank you. So Rowena, thank you very much for this, and I guess in general, I think the community just needs to get used to it. I will say that I...one day I was driving through it and I saw somebody on the inner apron, like trying to create like two lanes like this. And it was a young person having a good time. So let's hope that it was a one-time joy ride and they'll...they won't do that. So if you need any help with education, or if there's anything...signage...I don't know...let us

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know I guess. But sounds like you...it's moving forward smoothly.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yeah, there's...you know, there's four E's that we look at: engineering, education, enforcement is one big factor in the success of any improvement...traffic improvement, and then evaluation. So as long as we're, you know, we're doing all four E's, you know, that would be to how successful that...that improvement will be. Now, you know, there's always going to be those knuckleheads that will continue to...to do that. I mean, if it's not at the roundabout, it'll be at another intersection as well. So perhaps additional enforcement and education is key in that sense.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So Members, I'm going to defer this and...this item. So thank you very much, Rowena. Let us know if there's anything that you may need help with. I'm sure Member...Chair Lee would like us to sing a song and help you with your education for the community. And if she asks, please say, "no" . . . *(laughing)*. . . Let real talent take it over. Just kidding.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS (Excused: KK)

ACTION: DEFER PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION.

ITEM WIT-23: CONTRACT C6648 (MAUI PAVING, LLC), UPCOUNTRY DISTRICT RESURFACING (MISC)

ITEM WIT-73: UPCOUNTRY DISTRICT ROAD RESURFACING (MISC)

CHAIR SUGIMURA: The second item I have on the agenda, I wanted to take up the lack...the two items, which is WIT-23 and WIT-73 which Upcountry District Resurfacing of Roads. And I will tell you that in my journey through this Council, I get a lot of concerns, and we can never pave roads fast enough or soon enough, and that concern. So I would...wondering if you could take up these two contracts.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yes. Thank you, Chair. And what I'll do is I'll turn it over to Cathy Hasfurther from our Engineering Division, and she can provide an update.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MS. HASFURTHER: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, Cathy.

MS. HASFURTHER: Council *[sic]* Chair, how are you?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good.

MS. HASFURTHER: Good.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you for your good work.

MS. HASFURTHER: . . . (*chuckles*). . . It's keeping me going, that's for sure. So that's a good thing. As far as WIT-23, that one is actually in the process of closing out. So it's done. We're just working on closing out the paperwork side of things. So that one's...that one's done. And WIT-73, that one should be starting here at the end of September.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So can you tell us what roads you're doing --

MS. HASFURTHER: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- with each contract?

MS. HASFURTHER: So 1830, the WIT-23 was Olinda Road, and 1940 has a couple. Let me look it up for you real quickly. So WIT-73 has...the roads in that one are lower Kula Road to Omaopio Road, Waiakoa Road, Waiakoa Place, Kuulani Place, Alii Road, Kulalani, it looks like. Let me see, I gotta zoom in. Yeah, Kulalani and Ilio Place. Those are the ones on the WIT-73. So that should be done or starting up here at the end of September.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. I just saw Keani is here. I'm sorry I didn't introduce you earlier --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. Thanks for being here.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . (*audio interference*). . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Okay, sorry, Cathy, continue.

MS. HASFURTHER: So as far as that, I know that I've been trying to get Maui Paving out there to do that. They have agreed that they should be able to get out there by end of September to do those eight roads or thereabout on WIT-73.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MS. HASFURTHER: And 1830, it was just the stretch of Olinda Road, which has been...which has been completed.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. Well, that's progress. Anybody have questions? Chair Lee, do you have a question? No. Ms. Kama? No. Ms. Paltin? No? Mr. Molina? Oh, I forgot Keani, sorry about that. Go ahead, Mr. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. No, no, no. Again, no real

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questions, just appreciate the work that's getting done. I guess maybe for Kula area...so all of these roads have been completed and I guess made to standard, I assume. How much more is on your list, I guess? I guess, well, I'll just keep it to my district. I know Haiku, we've got a number of roads that need to be paved, but I take it we've got those on the list coming up for the...

MS. HASFURTHER: I do know that they are...yeah, there is some on the Paia-Haiku side that are going to be bid out here shortly here.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Great. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So Mr. Hokama, then Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. I apologize for that.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Madam Chair, I leave it to you to let me know if there's a problem Upcountry. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Thank you. Keani, thank you for joining us.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I have no questions at this time. Mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. And Mr. Sinenci, I hope we can hear you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Can you hear me now?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Yeah, it's better. I'm using the phone. No questions at this time. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . . (*audio interference*). . .solved your problem. Thank you very much. So I see no questions. Thank you very much for moving it forward. Yeah, what would we do without our phones. And I wanted to take this up because I had those contracts that was referred from the Council Contracts to my Committee, and I wanted a status because we're always getting requests for roads, repairs, and resurfacing, and they can never do enough, right? I mean, our Public Works Department does an awesome job. So thank you very much for that. This is going to be the fastest meeting. Oh shucks, I thought I could finish it in half an hour. So I'm going to defer these two items.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS (Excused: KK)

ACTION: DEFER PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION.

ITEM WIT-76: OLD HALEAKALA HIGHWAY SIDEWALKS (MISC)

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: And the last item on our agenda, which is Old Haleakala Highway sidewalks. This is a passion of mine. I just wanted to get an update as I've been hearing it...hearing about this from before I was elected. So I wondered if you could give us an update because we did get State funds to complete this last segment. So Ms. Dagdag-Andaya?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yes, thank you, Chair. And so just as a...just some background. As you mentioned, this did have some additional State funding. There was, I believe, \$3 million from the State, \$1 million from the County, for a total of \$4 million. The project involves the construction of sidewalks along the Kihei side of Old Haleakala Highway from Pukalani Street all the way to Makawao Avenue. So if you can imagine from the Pukalani Community Center all the way up to Pukalani Superette. That is the extent of the...the project. And the...you know, some of the issues relating to this project are going to be relocation of the...the electrical poles, or the poles for both electrical and telephone utilities. And I think at one point, there was some questions whether or not we would be able to underground those utilities, and I think at the time, back in 2018 or 2019, it was determined that it would be too cost prohibitive. So we would, you know, we had to continue working with the...the...both Hawaiian Electric and Maui Electric for...to work around the utility poles. So I mean, that...that causes or that presents a challenge in itself because you don't want the sidewalk to, you know, to go through a utility pole. So we've been working on those challenges. We also had to work with challenges regarding Post Office boxes. I think...and so our engineers worked with the Postal Service to come up with a solution of using rolled curbs as a option. So instead of those, you know, the squarish curbs, they would use rolled curbs so that post...the Post Office delivery people could access the post...the postal boxes along the road. We did go out to bid, I believe in June of this year, and we awarded a contract to West Maui Construction. You know, as we currently have them as the contractor, we are still working on those issues relating to electrical and telephone utilities. So we're working on that and looking at going to construction later this year, perhaps early next...early 2021. I do have Nolly Yagin on the...the call this afternoon, and he might be able to answer some questions that you have regarding this project.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you very much. I know the utility poles are right in the middle of the sidewalk, so let me know if you need any assistance for that.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yeah, we had...you know, we've been working with the utility companies for some time now. But you know, understand too that there's some reorganization happening and engineers change, so we've been trying to, you know, work around those changes as well.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. Thank you. Anybody have questions? Ms. Lee, you have a question?

VICE-CHAIR LEE: No, I don't, Madam Chair. But I forgot to say on the previous item that I really enjoy going on Makawao Avenue on my way to Komoda store nowadays . . .

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(*laughing*). . . We don't have all those ruts and you know, potholes. It's so...what a nice drive. Thank you, Director.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Oh, no, thanks. That was the...yeah...definitely the Staff. They wanted to work on that, so we had a mix of both contracted work at the beginning of Makawao Avenue at the intersection with Haleakala Highway. That was also a State funded job. And then a lot of the other work towards town, the Highways Division, they...they also wanted to...they had some leftover monies, and utilized that to do some fixes. So we like those kinds of projects.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Kama? Tasha, you're muted.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I'm just happy to hear that our roads are getting fixed now that we're all doing, you know, just sitting back and you know, taking it easy during COVID, and really, an opportunity to smell the roses as we driving the roundabouts, as we go up and down our streets and realize that hey, there's no pothole in this road. So it's a wonderful time. So good things happen, even in COVID. So thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Dagdag.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Tamara Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I didn't want to disappoint you, so I got a couple questions.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . . (*laughing*). . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Director Dagdag-Andaya. You know, a lot of folks ask about sidewalks, and I just was wondering how it was that we got State funding to kick in for this particular project, and if it's possible, like, for other areas where folks are requesting sidewalks we could make an effort to get more State funding for sidewalks?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . . (*inaudible*). . .

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Thank you for the question. Yeah, it was a partnership with the County and the State. Initially, the State had control over Old Haleakala Highway. So you know, I think that kind of served as part of the, you know, decision to get State funding, or to pursue State funding and work with our State Legislators for that. So that was one, you know, one factor. Granted, not all County sidewalks would be able to receive State funding. So a lot of times, we pay for it from our own County funds, whether it be through highway funds or any kind of other special funds. But you know, when we do look at sidewalk projects, typically we focus in on those areas that have high pedestrian counts or areas that are close to schools. So in previous budgets, we had a specific item just for sidewalk improvements. And sidewalk projects aren't always the easiest projects because there's right-of-way issues. You need to acquire additional land, or there may be some underlying issues such as this one. This one has utility issues or even archaeological issues, that presents a really

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big challenge. So it might be a, you know, a great project, and we like having sidewalk projects, but you know, there are different nuances that we have to try to address, and...and it could be a challenge.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Thank you for bringing that up because yeah, I know folks want sidewalks in Lahaina, but then the width of the road is so small to begin with, and then people don't want to give up any of their frontage of their property, and then we have Historic District on top of it. So there's a lot of complex issues besides just...you know, of course, everybody wants safe passage for kids and pedestrians, but there's so many things to take into account. Thank you for bringing that up.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Oh, and drainage is also another concern too, so.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh yeah, we got those issues as well in Lahaina town. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I hope I didn't disappoint you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, no. Mr. Hokama, then Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez. Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. No, I support Department. I want the County to eliminate any utility pole in crosswalks County-wide. So yeah, I support their effort completely, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Ms. Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Sorry, I'm not super familiar where...with where Makawao Ave. to Pukalani Ave. So was there a sidewalk there before, or no sidewalk there before?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: . . . *(inaudible)*. . .sidewalk. Let me...if I can share a map, I'll do that right now. Everybody see that?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: So Pukalani Street is here, and the Hannibal Tavares...Mayor Hannibal Tavares Community Center is here. Foodland and all of the other retail locations are in this triangle area here. So the sidewalks are...the sidewalk will be located on this side of the road, and it will go all the way up to Makawao...Makawao Avenue where Pukalani Superette is located. I don't know if you're familiar,

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Council...Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I am.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: -- but this is --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Awesome.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: -- I know, I use those kind of landmarks as a...but that's...it's a really nice length of sidewalk. But also...I mean, there's also some challenges there with a relocation of utility...I mean, yeah, utility poles. So that's what we're working on addressing.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's going to be sidewalk there for the first time, not replacement or . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Ah, no replacement and...

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

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yeah. Yeah, there's no sidewalks there.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. So sidewalk there for the first time.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: And maybe what I can do is show a...sorry...avenue. The beauty of these BlueJeans meetings is that we can also pull up Google Earth and look at...look at maps. So...sorry, I'm going to take some of your time here. Okay. So look at...can everybody see my cursor?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Um-hum.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Or the map?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yes. So this is the area that we're looking at. So it goes all the way down towards Pukalani Street. So there are some areas that have sidewalks, but for the...for a lot of these residential areas, there are no sidewalks.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I can see how challenging.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I mean, there's nice areas like this one here, but you know, you have the poles. I went little too far . . . *(chuckles)* . . . yeah. And then this is where it stops.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: Wow, this is really neat.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Um-hum. Rowena's good at this.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: Yeah, I can see --

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: So...

VICE-CHAIR LEE: -- I can see Yuki driving over there.

COUNCILMEMBERS: . . . *(laughing)*. . .

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: And then --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, travel that a lot.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: -- what's great about this is that, you know, that it extends all the way up to the top of...well, there was a sidewalk project couple of years ago, and I wonder if this map...yeah, it's right here. These are the...this is the sidewalk project that we had a number of years ago. Oh, sun in here . . . *(chuckles)*. . . Okay. But yeah...but that's...this is the area that we're looking at. So right here at Makawao Avenue . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So Director, areas with a, you know, like a pretty defined slope, like here where you're showing, it doesn't look like there's much space for too much of a sidewalk. It looks like it'll probably be like a two-foot sidewalk. Is that kind of what the plan is for the...

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I can...I can...I'll defer that to Nolly, maybe he can ask...or answer some of those questions relating to the width. Nolly, are you on?

MR. YAGIN: Yes, I'm on.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: So the question was about the width of the sidewalks because it seems like there's not enough space.

MR. YAGIN: Okay. So as far as the width of the sidewalk, because we understand that there's...there's kids that...that would be using this on their way to and from school, our goal was to make it as wide as possible. So in some areas, we tried to hit eight feet if we could, and for accessibility, we would try to maintain at least a four foot sidewalk where we couldn't get enough right-of-way.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, so...Mahalo, Mr. Yagin. So in the areas where we just saw where there's like a sort of a slope, and then above that...so there's like the road, and then there's a slope, and then there's the wall where it would just . . . are you talking to me, Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The sidewalk is only on one side, right? Or it's...

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MR. YAGIN: Yes.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yes.

MR. YAGIN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. That was the side she was showing us.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: There's...there's a slope. And it looks like from the road to the wall is like, maybe, four feet.

MR. YAGIN: Yeah. So in those areas, what would be needed is that the site would be graded flat, and then we'd put in a wall to kind of hold back that slope so that we could at least get the minimum width.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So there would be at least four feet --

MR. YAGIN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- the entire pass?

MR. YAGIN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. That's good. Mahalo, Mr. Yagin. Mahalo, Director. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. And somebody who's traveled this route a lot is Mr. Molina. Are you still there? I don't see your picture. Mr. Molina?

MS. ABRAHAM: It looks like he may have lost connection, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I think he left.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: He logged out, yeah? Okay. Mr. Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you, Chair. Can you hear me?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. Just following up on Member Rawlins-Fernandez's questions. Was the sidewalk going to have a curbing, like a four to six inch off of the elevation of the highway?

MR. YAGIN: Yes, there would be a curb to...to separate the travel lanes and the sidewalk. As our Director mentioned, in some areas we would need to use what is called a rolled

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curb, and that would allow the postal delivery to get up and close...and get close enough to the mailboxes to complete their deliveries.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. And then did you mention a projected due date...deadline for the project?

MR. YAGIN: Yeah. So initially, we...we're...oh, I don't know if Rowena wanted to...yeah, so as she mentioned we were...we're trying to target the end of this year. Depending on how the approvals and the processing goes, it might get pushed back until the early part of next year.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you, Nolly. And then Director, this project wouldn't fall on the list of the MPO projects? Is MPO just strictly Federal funds?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yes. Generally, it's just M...Federal funds, though this wasn't the Federal aid project.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. And then I'm looking at...it looks like an older contract amendment of \$33,375 that was...that was already encumbered. Was that requested of the State?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I can have Nolly explain that a little bit more. I think that was for design.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. All right.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: . . . *(audio interference)*. . . but Nolly...

MR. YAGIN: Right. I'm not familiar...how much was that amount?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, it looks like an amendment to the contract, \$33,375 requested from the County.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: That was with SSFM.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you for that clarification. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So...did I get everybody? I did. So I guess Mr. Molina must have logged off, and that is...anybody else have any questions? I heard a voice?

MS. MILNER: Sorry to interrupt. I believe Mr. Molina's joined by phone.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Mr. Molina, do you have any questions on this?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Can you hear me okay?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, now I can.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay. Yeah, I just had a...one question on the sidewalk project. Sorry about this, I'm having some network issues so I'm connected by phone, just for the record. For Director Dagdag-Andaya, for the sidewalks project, was there any land acquisition necessary, or was just...or was this just a utility relocation?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I believe there wasn't a land acquisition. I know the first project that we had did, but I'm not aware of any land acquisition for this project. But I'll...I think Nolly had...has more information about that.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

MR. YAGIN: Ah, yes, there wasn't any acquisition for this project.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: . . . *(inaudible)*. . . okay, good. So went along pretty smoothly then. So yeah...thanks for, you know, this project because I guess myself and maybe Member Lee, and Member Hokama, and Member Kama can remember along that stretch of road, Old Haleakala Highway, Seiki store *(phonetic)* used to be there where Minit Stop and McDonald's was, so...we used to actually ride horses back in the day from Makawao to Pukalani along this stretch when there was less traffic. So anyway...well, that's all I have, Chair, thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Wow, I don't have that memory . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, yeah, you too, huh, Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good. Ride 'em, cowboy. So Members, that's the end of my agenda. I was hoping to get this done in 45 minutes. Almost. Thank you, Members. Anybody have any questions regarding the Old Haleakala...okay. So at this time, Members, I'm going to defer that item, and I would love to see it...once it starts construction, we can, you know, see the results of that. And thank you very much. We'll work with the utility companies to help us get some answers that you're waiting for.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS (Excused: KK)

ACTION: DEFER PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION.

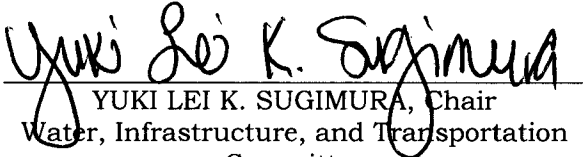
CHAIR SUGIMURA: So at this time, Members, my Water, Infrastructure, and Transportation Committee is now adjourned . . . *(gavel)*. . .

ADJOURN: 2:21 p.m.

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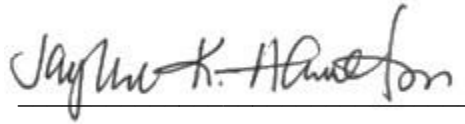
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