

**INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
Council of the County of Maui

**MINUTES**

**February 1, 2021**

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**CONVENE:** 9:01 a.m.

**PRESENT:** VOTING MEMBERS:

Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair  
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Kelly Takaya King  
Councilmember Alice L. Lee (in 9:11 a.m.)  
Councilmember Michael J. Molina  
Councilmember Tamara Paltin  
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez

**STAFF:**

Laksmi Abraham, Legislative Analyst  
Lesley Milner, Legislative Analyst  
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**ADMIN.:**

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Pamela Eaton, Planning Program Administrator, Department of Planning

**OTHERS:**

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .(*gavel*). . . Good morning, everybody. Welcome to the Infrastructure Transportation Committee. Today is Monday, February 1st, and it's 9:01 a.m. This is the first meeting of this term for this Infrastructure Transportation Committee. I look forward to working with all of you. And my name is Yuki Lei Sugimura, I'm the Chair of this Committee. I'd like to also welcome my Vice-Chair, Tasha Kama. Good morning, Tasha.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Good morning, Chair. And good morning, everyone. And it's a beautiful day in the neighborhood of Kahului.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Great. Good morning, Kelly King and your sunflower heaven. Good morning, Kelly.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Aloha I wish this was happening now, but probably the end of February is the next prediction. Good morning to everybody.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Alice Lee, I guess you'll join us, I don't see her here. Mike Molina in your Makawao virtual bridge. Nice to see you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Nice to see you too, Madam Chair. Good morning --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: -- to you and my colleagues and everyone else. Aloha.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning. And Tamara Paltin, with your rainbow showers, nice to see you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha kakahiaka from rainbow country.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aloha. And all the way from Moloka'i, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka my Moloka'i nui Ahina.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning. Thank you everybody for being here. Also non-voting Members, and are welcome to join us, are Shane Sinenci and Gabe Johnson. I know Gabe said he's going to be down the hallway from me here in Wailuku on the 8th floor as soon as he can get here, but he's not a...he is not a member of this Committee, but he'll maybe try to join us, so that's nice. Also joining us is Pam Eaton from the Long Range Planning Division from the Planning Department to talk about the second item. Pam Eaton, thank you for being here, and I guess --

MS. EATON: Good morning.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- you have Jennifer Wieland also here for the Transit Oriented Development from Nelson/Nygaard. Staff members: Laks Abraham, Legislative Analyst; Lesley Milner, Budget Committee Analyst; Clarita Balala, Committee

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Secretary; and Richard Mitchell, who we call Remi, is here from OCS. I'd like to also send my appreciation, and I'm glad to work with her again, is Jennifer Oana, she's from Corp. Counsel. And Members, on our Committee today we have IT-1, which I'm going to be talking about priorities for this Committee, as well as IT-26, which is Maui County Transit-Oriented Development. I look forward to our first meeting and Members, let's begin public testimony. Do we have anyone signed up to testify, Laks?

MS. ABRAHAM: Member Sugimura, we have no testifiers signed up at this time.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So if we have no testifiers, then let's do one last call for testimony. Any testifiers, please let yourself be known. Okay. So it looks like none. And everybody knows that you can join us on *Akakū* by watching...thank you very much...*Akakū* Channel 53, Facebook Live, or on mauicounty.us. At this time, Members, I'm going to close public testimony with your permission.

**COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, and any written testimony, I'll also admit that into the records. Thank you very much, Members. I'd like to now proceed with our Committee items.

**IT-1(1): PRIORITIES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Rule 7B)**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: IT-1, which is basically the first item in my Master Agenda, which will allow us to have...in accordance with Rule 7B of the Rules of the Council, the Committee anticipates...can update...can do updates from the Chair regarding Committee items in our Master Agenda. Today I'm going to be talking about Committee priorities for this current term. I just wanted to start off to say that I really look forward to working with all of you, and I appreciate everyone who are voting Members, and welcome all the non-voting Members to come to my Committee. I wanted to start off to just say that I was inspired by Amanda Gorman, many of you may have heard her during the inauguration. And her words spoke to me as I thought as we walk together in this term, I hope that we can shed some of the light that she shed upon the nation, and use it with us for Maui County as we work together moving forward. Each and every one of you have an important Committee that makes up parts of what makes Maui County, and each of you will make Maui County move forward. And so therefore, the work that we do together will be significant. What she said is...Amanda Gorman, she says, we will rise this wounded world into a wondrous one. There is always light if only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it. And I really think that all of you who are sitting here as Councilmembers are brave enough to be it, so that's why we're all taking the steps together to make Maui County a better place. What I did over this last...in the month of January is I tried to meet with the Departments that are under my Committee, which is DEM, Department of Environmental Management, Department of Transportation, and Department of Public Works, just to find out what their priorities could be, whatever they could tell us. Because I know that during budget, when we

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work on with Keani, that the details of what their visions are will become clearer. But whatever I could, I met with them, and I just wanted to share with you, and I want to ask you if you could help me walk the steps so we could do this if possible, with your agreement, for the Departments. Department of Transportation, whose mission is to oversee and support transportation systems that facilitate the movement of people throughout Maui County, including public transit, commuter, paratransit, human services transit, and air ambulance in a safe, and efficient cost-effective manner. To fulfill this mission, the Department has done, as they said during the last Budget session, that they were working on a Maui Bus Rates and studies...oh...a fee study, and they prepared it to get ready for this new fiscal budget. The Department has...and the consultant for this project has been trying to meet with each and every one of you in case you have questions, but they will be presenting this during the budget process...before the budget so that we can get ready for if in case we have to do any kind of rate increases. The other thing the Department of Transportation is doing is that they're building, as you know, the Central Maui transit hub. Currently this is located at the Queen Kaahumanu Center, and they have extended our license to occupy to January 2022. Therefore, I would like us to all join and support the Department of Transportation to complete the Central Maui Transit Hub by December of this year. So this is aggressive construction schedule, but I think they can do it, and I want us to be here to support them. Just as a summary, so you know, the State funded this project with \$2.5 million, the County funded \$1.5 million, and as you remember, Keani brought forward a budget amendment which was passed for about 800,000 to take care of some of the construction fees and other admin charges to make up the total budget to build the bus hub. And the other thing that the Department is asking for is matching funds for bus replacements as we move towards low emission, energy efficient vehicles. So I'd like to hear that, and I hope that we will support them in these endeavors. February 22nd is operational and budgetary review of the Department, so we look forward to hearing more details of what I just mentioned. The Department of Public Works, their mission is to protect and enhance the quality of the public health, safety, property, environment while promoting a strong and diversified economy by developing and operating the County's roads, drainage, bridge systems and by administering its building codes. What the Department said that they would be doing during this...what we can anticipate is they're going to be updating their building codes, updating the subdivision codes with emphasis on complete streets, policies, storm water overview. And the other thing that they did not say that I wanted to mention is that as you know, through the budget process, we've seen the County purchase buildings, and the Department of Public Works is responsible for maintaining or cleaning as they do our offices here in this building. So the new facilities that they're now also responsible to--here's Alice Lee, welcome...welcome Chair--what they're responsible to clean is the new service center which just opened...I hope some...all of you can go and take a look at it. We also purchased, for Emergency Management, the 60 South Church Street building and property, and they will have to maintain that, as well as the Prosecuting Attorney's Children's Peace Center building, formerly Meyer Ueoka building on Wells Street, they will have to maintain that. And then before us, as you know, which I think Alice and Keani are moving forward, is the...what we call the Maui News building. So that'll be up for discussion. But all those new facilities are responsibilities of the Department,

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which I wonder if we need to look at maybe the Facilities Maintenance Division of the Department of Public Works. That is my own observation, that didn't come from the Department. March 1st is when I'm going to do the operational and budgetary review of the Department. And the last one, last Department that I have, is Department of Environmental Management, and this Department oversees three operational divisions. The first one that I'm going to mention is under the purview of Kelly King, Environmental Protection Sustainability. I have Solid Waste Management, Waste Water Reclamation, and these divisions make up the Department and has direct services to the public, and to also protect the environment. So for this Department, what I wanted to look at is a thought about doing a waste to energy initiative as it would relate to the Department of Environmental Management. And also coming up, which may require some partnership with...depends on where it gets referred...would be with Tamara. The Department of Environmental Management went to the State Land Use Commission, and I think they mentioned this during some of the deliberations at end of the year when we were talking about expansion of the Central Maui Landfill. But the State Land Use Commission required them, as they expanded the Central Maui Landfill, to actually go through the process of getting the right zoning for us with Maui County and not getting the special use permit. So I'm going to bring that forward and hopefully we can get this resolved, and they're under a time frame. The operational and budgetary review for the Department of Environmental Management will be on March 15th, 2021, right before Keani takes us into the budget. So those are the three Departments under my purview, and these are some of the priorities that I hope that we can work together to try to move Maui County forward with the Departments. Other agenda items which I think are important is the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization is going to bring before us their programs, but one of the biggies for me is Vision Zero, which is to cut back deaths on our highway through speeding, or drunk driving, or things of that nature, so a look at that. IT-27 is parking near the...our Kalana O Maui Campus parking, so the expansion of that, and to look at that and review with Erin Wade and Sandy Baz. Kula Ag Park, IT-32, overview and expansion. And as your Kula Ag Park Committee designee representative from the Council, I will be having some updates, they are having a Kula Ag Park meeting shortly. I want to continue the Committee discussion on IT-38, which is the CFD Process Community Facilities District, and establish a policy. As you know, we have the beach communities that are looking towards us for CFD assistance as they try to work through the beach erosion that's happening. And also...I also want to just throw in something else that I hope we can start a discussion on, is that I would like to see our Infrastructure Committee look at solutions so that possibly we can help with building infrastructure and partner with developers so we are not solely relying on developers to be the ones building infrastructure and adding that cost then onto the affordable housing costs that our residents would have to buy or rent. So those are kind of the big dreams that I might have, and it'll...it's not the only list because as things come up, things will grow. But I really believe that it's something that we can do if we can all work together. So I just wanted to throw out some of the priorities that we have, and we could work on more, but these are things that I hope that we can work on. I want to end with Amanda Gorman. I just loved her poem, right, and she says, when day comes, we ask ourselves where can we find light in the never ending fade. So I hope that we can all work together as we...as we march

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forward into this new term. Thank you very much for being on my Committee. I know that you're all into working hard, and hopefully our Committees will all join together so that we can do the work of the people. So thank you very much, Members, for allowing me to have this time to talk to you about my priorities. And I really appreciate this Committee. Thank you. Thank you, Keani. I told Alice yesterday that I'm very excited about this term and the possibilities. And Members, our biggest challenge is going to be how do we do this with, I think, what's going to be a flat budget. This is going to be a real challenge of us being creative. And we got a letter early on, handwritten from Mr. Matsuda who says, please do not raise our taxes. I mean, this look like it could be my grandfather, you know, the...I asked did he have email, you know, cell address, I wanted to get back to him, but he did not. So we're going to be challenged with the pandemic. And I look forward to us looking closely at policy to see how we can walk together to make this a better Maui County. So thank you very much. Any of you have any comments? Tamara?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, you know, in the spirit of jumping right in, I just was wondering if you knew what the right zoning would be, and if it was State zoning they were talking about or County zoning? Because State has four, right...ag, rural, urban and conservation.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You're talking about the Central Maui Landfill?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, the stuff you want to work with me on.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, wait. You know what, I got to ask the Department.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Let me look at my notes. But it is something that they're going to bring forward, and it is...the Central Maui Landfill diversion purpose is like household, hazardous waste, abandoned vehicles, metals processes. But one of the conditions was that they wanted DEM to seek this DBA as the Maui Island Plan amendment and Community Plan Amendment will start...yeah, okay. So anyway, that's what they're trying to do. I'm sorry, I don't have your answer. I can ask Eric and get back to you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And then I guess adding onto that, it would be less than 15 acres, and then so then the County could do it...I would imagine maybe urban, but then I'm not sure what the corresponding County zoning would be. But I guess too, like what type of waste to energy. Because I think we spent like ten years talking about Anaergia stuff and that contract I think expired with nothing happening. So I mean, which isn't bad because, you know, technology and updates and there might be like more types of things coming up. So I just...I guess I was wondering, like, what type of waste to energy are they looking at --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- and if the overall goal was to be like centralized or decentralized. Because I kind of remember Member Rawlins-Fernandez had a pilot program for Moloka'i. So I wasn't --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I think that...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- sure if like they want Maui to come all central or if they were going to like, you know, central would be central, and then East Maui, Lāna'i, West Maui would have like different type of deal or...very interesting stuff because it's like turning our liabilities into a solution kind of --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- so I'm really happy about it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I'm curious also.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So I just wanted to throw it out and, you know, and we all know the Anaergia didn't work. Supposedly it wasn't supposed to cost us any money, but...Kelly? Oh, sorry. Are you done, Tamara? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Are you done?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes. She is.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay. So I just wanted to add to that conversation that, you know, waste to energy means a lot of things to a lot of people. But when we were doing biodiesel in the landfill, our Landfill Diversion Division kept asking us not to call it waste to energy even though we were taking a waste product and making energy because that normally denotes incineration and, you know, which has been proposed, you know, and shot down several times on the Big Island. I think the project on Moloka'i, which is supposed to be like a closed system so that nothing escapes is kind of one of the pilot projects that we're waiting on to see how it works. But just that, that's kind of a catchall phrase that has been mostly aligned with incineration. And so anyway, I just wanted to let you know that I was asked not to use that term.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: A very popular term, but certainly, you know, renewable energy made from waste is not undesirable, but for some reason they didn't like that terminology.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Anybody else? Okay, seeing none. Anyway, this is...this is...these are my thoughts, priorities, and I hope that we can solve some of our housing problems by looking at the infrastructure. I would love to look at, you know, possibility of putting a

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bridge out on Waiale and by Waiko so that we can possibly have access to our land, you know, past there, the 100 acres that we purchased for the...for...and maybe use it for other things. But anyway, I want us to look at, and be bold enough to take those steps and realizing we don't have money. So these are going to be ideas that we have no funding for, but I would like to, you know, open that door. So at this time then...oh, yes, Kelly.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I just wanted to...I meant to mention this earlier when you were talking about infrastructure for affordable housing because we've approved quite a bit of affordable housing for South Maui. And a lot of it hinges on...the first issue that always comes up is traffic. So a lot of that hinges on the north-south collector road getting done. And it's been really slow going, and now we're hearing it may not go all the way through. And so we have to consider too how much more housing that we can even, you know, approve for that...for this community before we finish that piece of the infrastructure, which is going to not only take the traffic off of the highway, but also eventually, I think it's going to be our South Kihei Road, a lot of it...because a lot of South Kihei Road is getting washed out. So if we can kind of keep that in mind too, and that was something that I'm hoping the MPO stays focused on.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So I was just going to mention that when you met...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh. Perfect.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: On the MPO, when you...since you brought it up. Alice designated myself, Tamara and Shane Sinenci to again serve on the MPO. And at Friday's meeting, I'm the Chair, they allowed me to continue on as Chair, and then Marc Takamori is the Vice-Chair. And on the list, Kelly, is your north-south collector road and all the...you know, the Pā'ia By-Pass, the Lāhainā By-Pass, all the...and it's so expensive, right, and we have a limited amount of funding, that I had a separate meeting, and we'll see how far we can go with it. But to possibly look at doing a build grant, B-U-I-L-D grant, which will bring in some Federal dollars here. So I'll let you know as to how successful that may be, but we're starting to talk about it, and through the MPO process with Public Works and Planning so...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- for that and --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- hopefully the Federal government will come up with the infrastructure bill that we were promised four years ago. And then we can look at that money.



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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. The hard part is that there's...you know, our funding sources have dried up with the visitors not renting cars, and that was going to be a way that we built some of those roads. So we'll slowly get there, but right now we're in a situation...I guess there's...Legislature has that request that all of us submitted for the GET, you know, that half a percent. So we'll see how far we get, and it'll take all of us, you know, lobbying with Chair Lee, the Legislature, if we think that it's appropriate, as well as working here and, you know, within all your Departments to see how we can move things like that forward because we're all connected, so...thanks, Kelly, that's a really good point. Anybody else? Okay. So thank you, thanks for allowing me to share my thoughts. So at this time, the next thing on the agenda...oh, I'm going to defer this, by the way. I need a motion to defer this item.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No objections.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No objections.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you. Moved by Ms. Lee, and second by Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. All in favor say aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So that's seven of us. Thank you and appreciate it.

**VOTE:**      **AYES:**    Chair    Sugimura,    Vice-Chair    Kama,    and  
                 Councilmembers King, Lee, Molina, Paltin, and  
                 Rawlins-Fernandez.

**NOES:** None.

**ABSTAIN: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: DEFER.**

**IT-26: MAUI COUNTY TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT** (CC 19-32, CC 19-92)

CHAIR SUGIMURA: The next item on our agenda is IT-26 is Maui County Transit-Oriented Development. And this is an item that, as you know, last year we heard from them, and

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they wanted to...they meaning Pam Eaton, wanted to do an update of it. So County Communication 19-32 from the Director of Transportation transmitting a copy of the notice to release the CIP funding from the State of Hawai'i for the Kahului Civic Center Complex mixed use project, Maui Transit Hub in the amount of 2.5 million. And Pam Eaton, would you like to take it away?

MS. EATON: Yeah. Great. Thanks so much, Councilmember Sugimura. Good morning, everybody, it's really nice to see you all...long time --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Morning.

MS. EATON: -- no see...I guess that'll change shortly as we look into the West Maui Community Plan. So this morning I'd like to talk to you about...Tamara's laughing...this morning I'd like to tell you guys what's been going on. Last year we were awarded a \$500,000 grant from the State, and then you all, and thank you so much, matched that with an additional \$100,000, so we have a total of \$600,000 to develop a master plan along a transit oriented development corridor, which goes through the bus transit hub right into Wailuku Town all along Kaahumanu Ave. So Jennifer, how about if you put up the slide show.

MS. WIELAND: Sure.

MS. EATON: Many of you folks probably recognize Jennifer Wieland. We awarded the project last year to Nelson/Nygaard. We have an amazing team; we really have a fantastic team with some very well-known folks as sub-consultants. And I can tell you, having no support staff on this, Nelson/Nygaard has been absolutely fantastic to work with. Speaking of support though, I do want to extend a huge thank you and to make sure all the Councilmembers know we have a project management team that has been absolutely integral in terms of not just working on this project, but also in getting the funds as well. And that project management team consists of...first of all the Director, Michelle McLean, who I want to thank, has been very engaged throughout this entire thing and super supportive. Department of Public Works, Nolly Yagin. Hawai'i DOT has been fantastic and really great to work with, so a huge mahalo to Robin Shishido. Maui Department of Transportation, Marc Takamori's been great. Dave Yamashita from Parks and Recreation, so a big thank you to Director Peters. And then lastly, and certainly not least, has been Lauren Armstrong, who as you guys know is the Executive Director from the Maui MPO. And that's really been great because Lauren, as you guys know, put together with...actually, Nolly and I were both her project management team, and Jennifer Wieland, Nelson/Nygaard, the Long-Range Transportation Plan. So there's a lot of consistency, and a lot of building on existing efforts and plans. Okay, let me go to the next one. And so today what I'd like to talk to you all about is to give you some of the highlights. We've done a lot amount of community engagement. I want to point out that when this project went out for bid, it was January and February pre-COVID last year. So we have subconsultants from all over the country who are really some of the best in the country at what they do, I'm sure, looking forward to coming to Maui in February and March, and that got nixed. So we had to be very creative in terms of how best to sort of educate them about our

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on the ground and existing conditions. I'd like to let you know about some of the key findings we've found, they've come up with some really fantastic technical assessments and resource papers on basically doing a market study, the housing market and so forth, businesses and economics...or economic situation along the corridor. And then we want to talk to you guys about what's going to happen this year. The grant is supposed to be done and completed by November. We are totally on track to do that, so we just wanted to let you know what's going to be happening. Okay. Jenn? So right now, where we're at, I guess I sort of just explained it all, but we had a very successful public outreach launch, and continue to have a lot of engagement. Where we're at right now is basically finishing up the community profile and the key findings, and then we're going to launch into visioning, which we're really excited about. Many of you guys I'm sure you know from...or will know even more so from the West Maui Community Plan, same type of thing, the South Maui Community Plan is after we do quite a bit of research and outreach and engagement, we then use that and pull that into our whole visioning phase. After we've done that and we have some wrap ups throughout the summer, we're going to look more closely at...sorry trash guy's here...thank you...we're going to look at land use connectivity things, such as sidewalks, and connections, and more transit stops and, you know, those types of things. And then one final thing I want to say because it gets asked a lot is when the RFP and the scope were written, it was done to really address eligibility requirements and criteria for these big...like, for example, BUILD grants and Federal funding opportunities, not just in terms of transportation, but in terms of housing and HUD. And there's some...a lot of stuff out there, so I think we're in pretty good shape to address all of those needs. Okay. Next. So our engagement activities, we've done a lot. We had to get real creative, real fast, and that is how can we reach out to so many folks in this sort of virtual environment. Also sort of the whole platform, if you will. I mean, I think folks are pretty in tune with oh, community plan update, and they kind of know the drill, you know, more or less. But this...this is not that. This was something very different starting with the concept of transit-oriented development, so we had quite a bit of education along the way. Really, the critical need for combining housing, affordable housing with your workplace and having safe, fun, wonderful places to walk and recreate. So that was fun, that was actually really cool. And again, hats off to Nelson/Nygaard, they did some amazing things. We had a lot of direct Zoom and BlueJeans conversations, so people, I think, had a lot of learning, not just about the issues, but how to do a Zoom call and a BlueJeans call. So that was good, I think we've got that nailed down now. We met with eight different focus groups, and the focus groups were comprised of folks like developers, business owners, large property owners like the hospital, UH, Queen K Mall, Maui Mall, folks who are interested in the arts, folks who are interested in historic and cultural resources, regular folks from community, Boys and Girls Club...we had a really great mix of people in these focus groups. And in the focus groups, what we asked them was, hey, what's working...what is working along the corridor, what needs to be improved, and then what do you want to see in the future. And they gave us some great information, and we had a lot of common themes emerge from that. We've had the stakeholder one-on-one interviews in addition to the focus groups, and we've had two technical advisory committee meetings so far. And a huge thank you, to those folks on the technical advisory committee, some of you guys are on this call, because they then

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reached out to their networks, so we got even more engagement. And so that was...that was actually really wonderful. We have a website, I was going to ask Jenn if you could put in the chat room just for folks who may not know our link to our webpage. The webpage is a lot of fun, we've had a lot of success with it in terms of...and we'll give you some of that information. Some of you may have seen in the County building, in the elevators, in front, along the corridor, we've had, you know, sort of printers...fliers, if you will, to show folks about what's going on, getting people to get involved, so that...just that visibility and branding, if you will, which has been...which has been really great. Over 40 businesses have put our signs in their stores, in front yards and so forth. And then finally, we've had a really great--and again, a massive thank you--really great presence in terms of Facebook and stuff, those types of things. And I'm going to tell you about a really fun project that we did, a scavenger hunt recently from that. Okay. Next slide. So we worked really hard to reach people in the study area, not just who live within the study area, but also people who travel to it. Basically all of us on this call probably to come to work, maybe a little less this past year, but hopefully soon in the future, and then basically used the various business and establishments along and connecting those through the corridor. You can see right there, I don't need to read it out loud, how many people we had responding. So some of the interesting...sort of diving a little deeper, over 60 percent of the people who responded were female...what can I say, we get it done. In terms of race and ethnicity, 25 percent of the folks who responded were native Hawaiian, 30 percent were Asian, about 50 percent were white...but of that, not everybody responded to that question. In terms of income, about 20 percent of the people, of course, chose not to answer that, but of those who did, 25 percent had a household income of over a \$100,000 a year, 32 percent of the people are in the 30 to \$90,000 range, and just under 20 percent people make less than \$50,000 in this area. With regard to household size, 30 percent of the people have four or more people in their household, 17 percent have about three people, 25 percent have two people, and 16 percent live alone, single. Okay, Jenn, go to the interactive mapping exercise. So with this exercise...and again, all these are on our website...we asked people to identify along...as you can see there's the study area...identify locations where they experienced their barriers to travel, places they go or want to go, and then locations that provide an opportunity for improvement, where can we provide improvement. Twenty-five percent of the people overall basically targeted on barriers to walking. And obviously, you see the key to the left, and you can see some of the comments that folks had. And there's also some very interesting groupings along here, there's all kinds of opportunities, but also impediments along Kahului Beach Road, you know, that area towards the east part. There's obviously a lot of destination folks go for retail and so forth, and we'll get into that, and then some tricky areas where Kahului sort of transitions into Wailuku that we can focus on. Okay. So one of the things I thought was a lot of fun was again, trying to get folks interested, and engaged, and understanding the project better is we did a scavenger hunt, online scavenger hunt. And basically what we wanted is we wanted people to kind of identify those areas where they can do some really fun things where hey, where would you like to see a bench, where would you like to see some trees, where are some really dangerous or tricky areas. And we received over 200 submissions. One of the things that I thought was really great was they put...we put together a competition between Baldwin High

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School and Maui High School in terms of who was going to have the most submissions, and the best submissions. And Baldwin won, but we had a lot of prizes. I saw that, Councilmember Kama...I saw that. But what was really great is the...all of the prizes that we awarded came...we got from local business within the corridor area to try to provide some support there, and then we provided an award to the interest...to the student group, interest group at Baldwin High School as a prize. If you look on our website, you'll see a lot of these really great pictures, and we plan on using those throughout the website in the study itself. Okay. With regard to the survey, I'm really kind of pleased by this one, we had over 500 responses to the survey. If you take a look at basically where do people go most often when they visit the corridor, the way people responded was sort of in three main groups, the first one being, you know, grocery, drug, retail, shopping center, those types of things were some of the obviously highest responses. A lot of folks, interesting, when you see restaurants, about 35 percent, there's...that was next after that, which I think is particularly interesting last year, that kind of says a lot. And then finally, sort of the...another major group would be people who work, obviously County, State and Federal offices, downtown Wailuku, a lot of offices and so forth there. And then the final group were people who were, you know, visiting friends, going to UH, using it for recreational purposes, parks and beach and so forth. Okay. So in terms of what do you want to see in the corridor, basically what are some of the opportunities. As you can see, a lot of folks are really focusing on more comfort and more safety. Shade trees and landscaping, there's some areas in corridor that are very, very hot, very dry. Areas to play and be active, I thought that was interesting, particularly given there is a lot of open space and some park areas, so we could capitalize on that, perhaps fill in some of the vacancies with regard to shops and restaurants in certain areas. And then many...and again, many diverse types of housing, in terms of affordable housing. Okay. So how do we motivate people to actually use the corridor, not just with themselves in a car, but walk, bike, take the bus? And I think one of the top responses that gets to people the most, and it came up in our focus groups, is really separation of traffic, off street...off street paths for walking and biking. Then as you saw previously, people really want to be comfortable, looking...comfort and safety in terms of shade, rest, sidewalks that connect, that actually connect, and safer street crossings. There's some fairly significant intersections in this area. Sort of the second type of grouping was just sort of more to see and do along the way in terms of aesthetics and so forth. I liked just the better lighting at night in certain areas. And obviously, a more...you know, busses that come more frequently, you know, perhaps looking at BTOD or rapid transit along those areas...and rapid not meaning speed, meaning it comes more rapidly. And then finally, again, back to safety, and that is...there's some speeds, I think, that are 45, 55 along that area that are pretty unsafe. In addition to, on the next slide, just the regular selector response type of thing to the other responses we got, this is what some of the folks were talking about that added in addition to the survey. Again, really looking at sort of safety and comfort, aesthetics, you know, like to see nice things when you're walking and biking and so forth. I really like the benches by the harbor, you know, being able to take advantage and open up that resource, which is beautiful...and yes, I am getting too old to sit on the ground, for sure. Okay. Next please. And at this point I'm going to tip this off to Jennifer,

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who can speak to what are the findings that we're seeing with regard to us putting together the community profile. Thanks, Jenn.

MS. WIELAND: Great, thanks Pam. So as Pam described, some of what we've heard from folks over the course of this early part of the project, part of the way we bring those learnings together is in our community profiler existing conditions report. We were just so pleased with the number of people who participated in this first round of engagement. We feel like it means that we're getting the word out about the project, and people are really interested in what the project has to offer. And part of that, you may remember from the last time we spoke with this Committee, is that this really is a project that has something for everyone. And so as part of the community profile, or our existing conditions report, we tried to feature a little bit of everything that the community corridor project is about. So what you're seeing here are the chapters that are included in the community profile, we are putting the finishing touches on this document now, especially because we wanted to incorporate feedback that we received from the community in the first phase of outreach. So we've got six different chapters, we will have a very short and graphic executive summary for folks who just want the highlights, but we are focused on helping people understand, first and foremost, what is the Kaahumanu Avenue Community Corridor. And when we talk about transit oriented development, and transit oriented development for Maui, what does that mean? So that is part of how we look at the unique context of Maui, and how we build on all of the work that has already been done, thinking about past planning efforts, major projects that are underway, and then really tied to the people who are living and working in the study area, as well as all of the destinations that exist within this community corridor area. We focus a bit on land use, housing, and the market, and then also the built environment. One of the key findings from the outreach that Pam shared was that a lot of folks are looking for a more comfortable corridor, a corridor with shade that has places to go, and that's really what the experience is about. And then of course, we look at transportation and all of the different modes of travel. This corridor, Kaahumanu Avenue in particular, is a work horse for the island. It is the busiest road on the island, and such an important connection, and so we wanted to look very closely at all the different modes of travel. And then we wrap up the community profile by looking to the next steps in the project. And we'll talk about those as we close out today, but this is really about how we bring together the input from people, what they want to see, and where some of the key opportunities are within this important area. So I'm going to give just a highlight from each of those chapters, and there is certainly much, much more we could talk about, but just a few key things that we wanted to share with you today. So we mentioned the fact that, you know, this planning effort builds on a lot of work that has been done. The team reviewed over 20 different past plans, policies, and various documents that helped to establish a vision for this community corridor and for this study area. And again, this builds on what people have shared through many past planning efforts, as well as what we're starting to hear through this process. There is such an important focus on the opportunity to increase housing affordability and equity, recognizing that Maui continues to be a very expensive place to live and certainly, with the economic conditions brought on by the pandemic, it is more important than ever that we focus on providing options for people of all income levels. Another key thing that has come

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up through various planning efforts, through Hele Mai Maui, the long range plan and much more, are the opportunities to improve connectivity and enhance multimodal transportation. So really thinking about the ways that people can get to schools, to jobs, to the places they live, and the services that they need. Prioritizing sustainability and resiliency, certainly this is a challenge across all of Maui. And when we think about the opportunities through this corridor, that...the ways that we can get people using different modes of transportation, exploring electric vehicles, really thinking about how we build, if we do build, in an adaptable way that can respond to changing conditions is a theme that has come up over and over. There is a long and deep history in this area, and the opportunity to really enhance the cultural resources that exist, and to celebrate what is great about Central Maui is something that has come up for folks. And then of course, really important right now are the opportunities to create jobs and boost economic vitality. That can be done by looking at new types of industry. It can also be done by just really thinking about the ways that we connect people to the opportunities that exist. And then last but not least is the chance to improve safety and promote health. We'll talk a little about some of the collision statistics along this corridor, but also really thinking about the ways that for people of all ages and abilities, we can provide opportunities to be more active and to create a healthier community. Aside from those many different plans that are under way, there is a lot of important project work that is also happening within the study area. And just to mention again something that Pam said, our study area runs from the intersection of Kaahumanu and Hāna Highway all the way to Main Street and High Street in Wailuku. So this is about a two and a half mile corridor with a half mile around. And so within this area, we've obviously got the new Maui Bus Hub that was mentioned earlier, we've got the Kahului Civic Center, the Wailuku Civic Complex, and these are just a few of the many, many different initiatives that are already underway, both on the public side and then also, several things on the private side that we have the opportunity to build upon and to really amplify through this work. When we looked closely at who lives in the study area today, one of the important things to recognize when we think about this half mile area around that corridor is that that area is home to over a fifth of Maui's residents, and so that's about 33,000 people that live within the study area. Central Maui has always been one of the more affordable parts of the island, and that continues to be true...although of course, median home prices on Maui are quite high. This is still an area that is a little bit more affordable, has a pretty good mix of different types of housing, but is also home to many of the island's residents who are slightly lower income, who live below the poverty line, and importantly, who don't have access to a vehicle. And what's important about that is when we think about the opportunities to improve affordability through this project, it is about housing affordability, but it's also about affordability related to transportation options. Because when we think about the costs for people, the combined cost of housing and transportation on Maui is very, very high, one of the highest in the nation as a matter of fact. And so ways that we can reduce costs of all types is something that we want to focus on through this project. That mix of housing and employment, so a few things to mention here. When we talk about middle housing, which is a term that folks might not be familiar with, that is housing that is two to four units. So you can think about a townhouse where people have a shared wall. But one of the things that is worth noting about the housing mix in the area is that it is about 62 percent

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single family, but there is also a good amount of multi-family in the area. And so when we think about the opportunities to improve...to increase affordability, we think about what is needed in terms of providing more options for people, we want to be looking closely at that existing mix and how we can build on that in the future. There's a really good mix of different types of employment within the study area as well, and so this really presents an opportunity. As we look at the market report that Pam mentioned the team completed, when we look at the vacancies that are available on the retail side, and then also think about really, what the employment mix is. Certainly, in Central Maui, we have a lot of folks...about a quarter of jobs are in the education and health care fields, and then another 15 percent in public administration tied to all of the local, State and Federal offices. So a much different mix than we see in other parts of the island. And there are certainly services that are available in this study area that aren't available anywhere else. So thinking about how we connect people to those services is a big opportunity. As I mentioned, we looked at all modes of transportation. And rather than walking you through a series of maps that explain everything that we saw, I'll just highlight that when we look at how people travel within the study area, we do see that in terms of commute trends...and this is pre-COVID...is very similar to what we were seeing across the rest of the island, with about 70 percent of people driving to work. But there are a lot more folks who take the bus, and a lot more folks who carpool within the study area than in other parts of the island. So that presents some opportunities in terms of what we can build upon, but really key to getting people to use different modes of transportation and try something different is going to be making sure that we have safe connections for people. There's a good chunk of the study area that has sidewalks, but you can see there are some important gaps that we really need to fill. And when we think about the opportunity to get more people biking, Kaahumanu Avenue does have a bicycle lane on it, but it is just a striped bicycle lane on a road that is 45, 50 miles an hour in many places, and is not a facility that is very comfortable for most people to use. This is what I would call a pretty intrepid or daring bicyclist, it's not the kind of facility that you are going to take a child or a grandchild to ride on. So...and that's reflected in the survey data, right, with 58 percent of people saying that they want to see a separated safe facility. This is such an important corridor for people driving and for freight traffic as well that I want to be clear, we are not looking to move everyone out of their cars, but we do really want to provide more options for people. And obviously, improving Maui Bus service, taking advantage of the move to the new transit hub is a huge opportunity here. I mentioned safety early on, and so we'll just flag that tied to the County's ongoing Vision Zero efforts and work that the Maui MPO is leading, we are looking closely at safety, and especially for people walking and biking. There are some parts of the study area where we have some hot spots in terms of people being involved in traffic collisions. One of the things we see is that as folks come off Hāna Highway and transition onto Kaahumanu, the speeds are high. And we've got a lot of pedestrian activity, especially crossing from the harbor to the shopping areas here. We see a lot of collisions happening at some of those key locations, also this connection point to UH Maui. And then some collisions as we move into Wailuku, but speeds are lower, the roadway is narrower, and it's a little bit less of the collision hot spots that we see. So that's going to be an important focus as we move forward. So again, we're bringing all of this information together, both the



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data analysis that we've done, as well as the feedback from the community, and starting to identify what are some of those key opportunities. We've talked about the opportunity to really expand multimodal networks and improve walkability. We don't want to see our older folks and our younger folks having to walk in the street, we really want to provide those safe and comfortable connections. We do think that there is an opportunity to rebuild and diversify the economy through this work. Certainly, especially when we think about Kahului, there is a strong retail focus in terms of what is available now, but there are opportunities to really build on that in the future, and think about the ways that we can increase affordability and access to opportunity. I think the last key thing that I'll mention is that this is a really diverse area. It is an area that is so different when we think about what's happening in Kahului versus what's happening in Wailuku. And we want to recognize and celebrate that diversity, but we also want to create some type of cohesion along the corridor, we want the entire corridor to be comfortable and safe for people of all ages and abilities. And so that's going to be one of our big areas of focus as we move forward. So Pam, I will turn it back over to you to talk about what comes next.

MS. EATON: Great. Thanks, Jennifer. E kala mai, I did a big boo boo. And I'm sorry, I'm still trying to pull out cobwebs out of my brain. Department of Housing and Human Concerns is also on the project management team. Please, please know they have been fantastic, very reactive, responsive, Linda Munsell and Phillip Anderson, so I apologize for that. There's always an opportunity to screw up when you try to mention everybody. So our next steps, having completed the community profile, and we'll send that out to you all when that's...hopefully in the next week or two, soon. That has a huge amount of information which breaks everything down. You'll see in that, there's some common themes, there's all sorts of themes and opportunities coming from the community that we want to look towards. Then after...we're going to have our...Jennifer and I and the team are looking at designing these vision workshops. I can just tell you that we have, for the last two weeks, for the South Maui Community plan, we had six vision workshops, we had them in the evenings, we had them on the weekends, and a great amount of engagement. And just kind of looking at that and being a part of that, it was really interesting to see how...what to carry forward for the corridor study and so forth. We had a lot...up to, like, 40, 50 people breaking out into breakout rooms, 25 or so, and it worked really, really well, so we're going to start designing and talking about, for this particular project, how we can utilize the town hall concept. I think one of the things we do want to do, and I know I'm just kind of talking here, is that we want to look to the town hall to look at certain things and bring...Vision Zero had a town hall, I just...I thought was fantastic, and so we'd like to have some key people, Department of Transportation, HDOT and some other folks really speak to some of these very specific common themes. And so we'll provide that opportunity to have sort of a virtual panel, if you will, with some Q&A's and some discussion. And launch from that, I think, then looking in doing a deeper dive into the visioning workshops. We did have an introductory video. I don't know if anybody saw that, I wanted to show it today and I just completely spaced out and forgot. But we want to do a series of things like that, put that on the website and send that out, just quick videos on specific topics, looking at various surveys and design activities. But basically, the visioning is going to be looking at some of these broader aspects of now,

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all right, we heard what you said, how do we kind of turn this into meeting some of the goals and opportunities. Okay. And that's in March and April. And I'm sure Jennifer is going to have stuff to add on, but that is really...I think the only other thing I want to say is...is in addition to the visioning workshops, and perhaps after that, maybe towards May or so, if you'd like to have another update, we can certainly do that. But we do plan...we do plan to finish this project this year. I cannot afford to have it go longer than this year because we have another one, so we do plan to finish it this year. So really, the next step is the visioning workshops and pulling that together in the master plan. And I'm sure we'll touch base with you at the point before we get into implementation of...the final thing I just want to say is that when the scope was written and the RFP and Jennifer's proposal, her team's proposal was fantastic in terms of specifically addressing implementation. I have no interest in spending this amount of time, and these amount of resources doing some fancy plan. We really needed to pull this information together so that we can apply for big Federal grants, possibly State grants. So there will be sort of a last chunk of the study, if you will, June through November-ish kind of time frame, really focused on implementation and potential funding. And yeah, it's going to be challenging. So be it, we got to do it. I mean, that's what's going to make this work. And with that, Jennifer, if you want to add anything, I'm pau.

MS. WIELAND: No, I think that was the perfect conclusion, Pam. We do really want to stress that moving to action is what is desired here. And so through the visioning process, through what we've heard from the community, people have ideas for really quick wins, right, things that could be done now, even while the study is still underway. And so I want to be clear that we're not expecting that everything is multimillion dollar recommendations, right. There will be some low cost and some higher cost more transformative recommendations, but that is something that we've been focused on from the beginning, and we'll maintain as we go forward. So thank you all, happy to answer any questions.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much. And Jennifer, you just ended with what...one of my questions that I wanted to bring up is always budget, right. So I do know that there's opportunity zones, and I just wonder how this ties into opportunity zones...that was talked about last term.

MS. EATON: So thank you, Yuki, for the question. In terms of the opportunity zones, we did discuss that a bit, and that is why having the local businesses very involved has been really important. We...I think that the last time we discussed this, we mentioned connecting back with Karen Arakawa, who I last heard was involved with the opportunity zones. So I know that'll be a big part of our discussions as we round up and go back to the local businesses and so forth. And work more closely with Karen, so I think that's a great suggestion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So on the low hanging fruit, I hope that you'll come up with a list or think about that so that there's some things that are achievable during this pandemic. Members, I wanted to ask Tasha Kama, and then we'll go through questions that you may have. So Tasha Kama, you have a couple of questions?

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VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So I just wanted to know if this presentation will be available, or if it's available on Granicus, or if it can be available? But other than that, I thought it was great, I'm excited. I had...at one of my talk stories at the Sunday Maui Market, we brought this issue up, and people really excited about it too. So I'm glad to hear the results are favorable, a lot of them did take it. I know a young student told me just doing the scavenger hunt, she was happy about that. Because it was fun, it was fun to do and I enjoyed doing it too. So thank you, Pam.

MS. EATON: Thank you so much. Thank you. And I believe...I thought that the PowerPoint was sent to you all, but I know we can always send that again, and we will definitely have it up on our website available. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Yes, nice presentation. I'm just wondering about the budget too. Perhaps you can let us know fairly quickly what your budget is going to be, you know, what your budget requests are going to be, and separate out the inexpensive items so we can address them right away. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So next we have Kelly King, and then Mike Molina to follow.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I don't really have that many questions. I think it's great, and I think you guys found a good model for the visioning workshops. Because the one in Kihei were so successful, and so I'm glad you're involving a lot of people. The only comment I have is on the opportunity zones because those are...those are not grant opportunities, those are investment opportunities for outside interests. So are you also working with the folks who are doing the ESG modeling? The...you know, the Chan Hodges, who are working with some of those types of investors, who may be looking for those opportunity zone credits?

MS. EATON: No. But if you could send me the information, I'd love to look into it. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Ian and Shay Chan Hodges are the ones that have doing those conferences, and have a lot of contacts in that world. So other than that, I just...thank you for the presentation. It was great, it's great to see the progress, and I loved hearing when people are determined to get something done by a deadline. So that's great. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, Ms. King. Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Madam Chair. Good to see you again, Ms. Eaton and Ms. Wieland. Very informative presentation, I must say.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Your video is off, Mike.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: My video is off?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. I see...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Can you guys see me?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Is it only you, Yuki?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, might be...sorry about that, you're fine.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: All right, it's okay. Anyway, getting to my...I just have a couple of general questions. First on the survey, the 500-plus people, the age demographics, I take it you had a nice cross section of people giving their input on the surveys. And I guess, Ms. Wieland, you mentioned about things that can be done now at minimal cost. Can you expand on that a little bit?

MS. WIELAND: Sure. A few things that are really easy to do right away. So for example, speeds are really high on Kaahumanu Avenue, and they don't need to be that high to keep people moving. We've had a preliminary conversation with Hawai'i DOT about whether we could reduce speeds, especially on the Kahului end of the corridor, and there is openness to that. So something that small could start to make a difference in terms of slowing things down, helping people move more safely, and making it easier for people to cross. So that's one very quick low-cost thing that could be done. We think there are opportunities maybe to explore a little bit of greening of the corridor. So we saw a lot of requests for shade, we saw a lot of request for creating a softer corridor. Planting trees is obviously expensive, it requires maintenance, but there may be opportunities in a few places to work with property owners and use some awnings to do other things that help to provide a little bit of shade along the corridor. So those are a couple of things. And part of the reason that we asked people through the scavenger hunt to identify locations for murals, to identify utility boxes that could be painted, is to think about ways that we could bring a little bit more personality to the corridor and let people express themselves. And so those are a few things that are very low cost that start to really make the corridor feel like a place...and feel like a place that people want to be. So those are a few. Pam, I'm sure you have other ideas too.

MS. EATON: No, I think those are great ones to hit on. I mean, one of the most critical in terms of reducing speed shouldn't cost money, I'm just saying. So no, I think those are great ones, Jennifer.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Great. Thank you very much for your input. And especially in this day and age we live in now, everything's about money, and see where we can save and at the same time, produce something for our citizens. Thank you very much. Thank you, Madam Chair.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Question? Tamara Paltin, Keani after.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Wieland and Ms. Eaton. I was wondering if any more thought was given to the comments made by Member Sinenci about unintended consequences of beautifying the area, and making it more that people want to come there. And I would hope that we never follow too much in the footsteps of Honolulu, and put spikes on the ground and...or whatever, you know, that type of thing. And I just was wondering if it would be that as part of the project, if we're beautifying it and we don't want folks maybe living under the trees or whatnot, is there opportunity to address homelessness as a part of this project? Because sometimes when you go into some of the areas of Kahului, folks are looking for any kind of shade that they can to sleep under trees or on benches and things like that, and...instead of just using it as an opportunity to like shield those folks from the view of the general public, but to try and offer solutions in relation to this being like a project?

MS. EATON: No. Thank you for that. I'm just going to make a quick comment, and Jenn...Jennifer had some really great comments I want to ask her to repeat again, in particular, with her experience on the mainland with dealing with a similar issue. One of the focus groups, or a couple focus groups, had management from Queen Kaahumanu, as well as Maui Mall, and a couple of key business owners who made the same...who expressed the same type of concerns as you. And so that was actually very, very helpful, and very good to hear. So I know we are definitely looking to some of the various strategies. Jennifer, I don't know if you want to speak to some of the specifics on that because I know you've had more direct contact with that in terms of addressing it.

MS. WIELAND: Sure. This question came up at the Maui MPO Policy Board on Friday, and I think it's a really good one. And so some of what we talked about is...Councilmember, I completely agree with you we don't want to be designing things that have spikes and just aren't welcoming to folks, but we do need to be really careful as we design and strike a balance in thinking about what invites people to be in a place for a short period of time, but maybe not to stay forever. Need to...the strategy, I think, is the fact that through this project, we do have the opportunity to look at housing for a range of different incomes, including folks who are experiencing homelessness, what some transition housing might be, building on work that the County is already doing. I think another thing that is really critical or thinking about the ways that we can continue to provide wraparound services for people and connect them to what they need, connect them both to new services, to housing, to education and opportunity. Certainly, the Council is leading on that. Then I think another thing that we've seen as really successful in other places is that when we get more people out on the corridor, when we get more people walking, and biking, and using the space, it changes the mix, and it changes the dynamics, and it really starts to make a space feel like it is for the community, but isn't dominated by one group or another. And so I think that's going to be a really important piece of starting to find those chances to improve small areas and bring things together. So it's definitely not a one size fits all

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solution, but I think little bits of what we do through this project, plus everything else that the Council is doing, will start to help make a difference.

MS. EATON: And I just...speaking of this is not just one size fits all, one of the things I do want to let folks know, during our focus groups and just working directly with the Maui County Office on Aging, is we've had many people with physical handicap issues and so forth involved in the focus groups, and very, very interested in working with us. And on March 11th, we are going to be...we were invited to give a presentation to those folks. So just to let you know, in addition to all of these great questions, I did want to make clear that we are working with folks from those areas.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I had two other questions, but I can wait until my next time around.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh. Any more questions? Tamara, go ahead...then after, Keani.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay. My second question was where...do you anticipate or did any other unintended consequences come up from your preliminary outreach besides that issue? Like some other types of unintended consequences that maybe we haven't thought of yet.

MS. EATON: I...well, one sort of...well, one is--and Jennifer, I know you have a couple--is...is one of the things we did see as a result of the results coming in from, you know, interactive mapping surveys, all that kind of stuff, is we really need to involve younger people. And I know this is always a challenge, but I do have...in South Maui, we've been working directly...we had a great conference, a great call on Friday with the Boys and Girls Club. And many of the folks were...we have a call with them this week. And I want to ask them, not just with South Maui, but particularly for this project, how can we reach out and involve Boys and Girls Clubs. I don't know if that was specifically what you were getting to, Councilmember Paltin, but I wanted to mention that. I think that's sort of a shortfall that we're trying to address. Okay, Jennifer.

MS. WIELAND: I think a couple of other concerns that came out in some of the comments around the survey were really around two things. So there's...there is concern about the fact that this is such an important corridor for people driving, and for freight, and that...are we going to be able to ensure that it works for people who do need to drive and for freight if we start to think about expanding options for people walking and biking. So that's an important one to keep in mind. I do believe that this corridor has the space for everything, and so I think we can figure out how to make it work, but that's going to be an important focus. And then there's concern about further displacement, and can we really maintain the affordability of this study area and of Central Maui if we keep making investments. That is part of the reason that as Pam was putting this project together, as you all were helping to get funding for it, that you were so clear about the focus on affordable housing and housing for all...for a range of

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different incomes. But those are things that are on people's minds, and I think rightly so.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. That's really valuable feedback. And my last question, you know, when I'm thinking of multimodal transportation, and my familiarity with this corridor is the incline. And I can see like, you know, if I were to get on a bike, definitely no problems zipping down, but then what about going back up, like if you don't have those shifties [sic] on your bike, then you're like ugh, at least until like you get...or even...I mean, walking, not so bad...like for me, but for some people, walking down is no problem and going up is maybe a little bit more challenging. And so I was wondering, like, if you were thinking of incorporating that type of proclivity of human beings like downhill yes, uphill no, so that there's less options for a public transportation going down and more options for public transportation going up or something like that.

MS. EATON: That's a great idea. Some of the things that I've seen on various bike trips and so forth I've gone on is particularly, when you've got those steep inclines, is great separation of traffic obviously between uphill and downhill, but also the opportunity to pull off, sort of...so if you have to walk your bike, you can walk your bike. Looking at that, and then yeah, particularly when you've got busses coming back up the hill and so forth. Perhaps...and this is something we need to discuss, which gets more into the connection and design phase, and that is if there is an opportunity or some way to put more bikes on...that the bus can carry more bikes in a safe way. But no, I...that's a great point that's been brought up, it's true.

MS. WIELAND: I think the piece that I would add to that is what you hit on is such a good point. And so I'm based in Seattle, which is a very hilly city, and we struggle with this, especially downtown, when we think about people going down to the water and nobody wanting to go back up. And so one option that I think we might explore in addition to better bus service along the corridor for folks who don't want to go back up is maybe there's an electric bike sharing program that makes it really easy to get that assist back into Wailuku. There's lots of different strategies that we can...we can explore. But I think what is really important about a truly multimodal system is that you've got different options. So you can take one option going downhill, and you can take another option going uphill. So that's what will be focused on as we move forward.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Thank you, Chair, for indulging me.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Keani?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Ms. Eaton and Ms. Wieland. Mahalo for your presentation. I guess I'll quickly start with dovetailing off of Member Paltin's question regarding our unsheltered community. So we will be seating our Commission on Healing Solutions for Homelessness soon, so perhaps moving forward, you'd be able to reach out to them and work with them on solutions there, as well as the Maui Visibility Alliance. I'm not sure if you've already reached out

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to them...looks like you have, okay. So that's suggestions there, I don't know if you want to comment on that. If not, I'll go to my next --

MS. EATON: I do, actually.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- question.

MS. EATON: Maybe on a sidenote or if your Staff can put in the chat box your Healing Solutions for Homelessness, I would love to have a contact for that. That would be a great step way for us to start working with that.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Awesome. Mahalo, Ms. Eaton. Okay. And in doing the visioning workshops, are you planning to really go, you know, like outside the box in thinking? Such as perhaps thinking about, you know, Wailuku Town as like a no car zone and, as you stated, bike sharing and motorized scooter sharing. Is that something that you've thought about?

MS. EATON: We have not only thought about it, we've discussed it, we've planned for it, in some cases designed it. And...but most important, those ideas have come from folks in the focus groups, and I'm sure that'll come up again in the visioning workshop. So thank you for that reminder.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Wonderful. Have you also thought about diagonal crosswalks?

MS. EATON: Yes. Again, we have a great team. Engineers and folks on the ground, traffic design engineers and so forth, who have...and thank...did you...and I think it's wonderful you mention that. Did you have a specific location in mind where you thought might be most appropriate?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Perhaps by the college. I saw there was one fatality there, and so I know with the diagonal crosswalks, no cars can move when crossing diagonally. And so maybe that can help to increase public safety in that area.

MS. WIELAND: Thank you for that suggestion, it's a really good one. And one of the challenges with that location in particular is...well, in many locations along that end of Kaahumanu is both the fact that you've got a lot of right turning vehicles that are moving at the same time people are trying to cross. And then also, as you well know, the crossing distance is so long that it's...it's just really tough for people even who are very spry to make it across in the time that...that is available, much less if you're pushing a stroller, using a wheelchair, or just a little bit older.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And I think those are all the comments and questions I had. I think, you know, one of the low hanging fruit that you cited was the reducing the speed limit on Kaahumanu Ave. I think the existing speed limit already is difficult to enforce, and so I was wondering if you had any ideas



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on...in reducing the speed limit, how you would enforce that. You know, there's already a lot of speeding.

MS. WIELAND: It's a really good point. And part of what we see is that people travel at the speed the design of the roadway supports, right. So if you have wide lanes, have a lot of lanes, and you have long distances between crossings, between stop lights, people speed up. And so it is...it is not as simple as just changing a speed limit sign and people automatically behave better. So yes, I think enforcement is part of it. But I do think some of the approaches that HDOT has used, including the soft hit posts, including trying to make the lanes feel a little bit narrower, are small things that can help a little bit as we look at kind of interim steps. But really, I think what's going to start to make the biggest difference is if we can look at ways to make the corridor feel a little bit narrower, even without changing things. So landscaping is a big piece of that, narrowing the lanes a little bit, putting a protected facility for people walking and biking will all start to help make the difference, and I think slow people down, in addition to just changing signs.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Last question. So for the median, I think one of the challenges in getting more greenery, trees, is irrigation; is that correct?

MS. WIELAND: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. I don't how we going...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I just was going to say that.

MS. WIELAND. It...that is a big challenge, especially for the median. And so I think we may start with the sides of the roadway first, where's we've got private property owners who could help to support whatever the County and State might do. Because adding irrigation to a median is not a quick fix.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Wieland. Mahalo, Ms. Eaton. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Members, you want to go for a second round on this. So we'll go for a second round, and then I'm going to defer this item. So Vice-Chair Tasha Kama?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Chair. I don't have any other questions, but I was just thinking in the conversation you just had with Member Rawlins-Fernandez that, you know, sometimes when the scenery is so beautiful, you tend to drive slower because you want to take it all in, you know. So I think once the corridor gets put together the way you could...you envision it, people are going to take time to smell the roses. Therefore, doing the reduction of speed will probably just come natural because they're going to know something new is happening, the publicity that's going to go out that's going to be telling them to reduce the speed, all of those are going to be helpful

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factors, I think, in making it happen, so...but other than that, that's all my comments I have. But thank you, well done. I'm excited, I'm already looking at the corridor the way I see it in my head, but of course, it's only in my head. Hopefully it will be in all of ours later. Thank you.

MS. EATON: Join us in the visioning workshops, Councilmember Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Oh, I will.

MS. EATON: We'd love to have...seriously everybody on this call.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah. I will.

MS. EATON: I'll send you the information it'll be great --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

MS. EATON: -- to have you guys participate.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: We'll be there. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I don't have any further questions, but I'd be happy to give my time to Member Paltin.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We all know her so well. Kelly King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I don't have any additional questions, I'm just sending the contacts for ESG to Pam. And I would just say, keep up the good work, you guys are killing it over there. Thanks. Oh, you know what, one thing I did want to mention though is the Biki, the bikeshare on O'ahu I heard was...had gone out of business. And so I have a good friend who was involved in getting that started, Asia Yeary from EPA. I don't know if you know her.

MS. EATON: I've worked with Asia very closely.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: You might want to call her up.

MS. EATON: I will.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, she's not Yeary anymore, she's Asia Johnson.

MS. EATON: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: You might want to give her a call up and find out what happened, if that is true...

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MS. EATON: Wow. Yeah, her and Heidi Hansen from Department of Health. Yeah, I will definitely ask. I had not heard that because I'm still getting Biki emails. So that's...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I don't...I...yeah...I just...I've heard that, and I haven't been over there obviously in the last eight months. So I don't...I can't confirm it, but you might just want to touch base with them and make sure if we don't...if we do develop the same kind of program, we don't fall into the same pitfalls that are hindering that program over there. That's all. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Next, Mr. Molina, do you have a second round of questions?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Not really, just more of a clarification. So you're looking at this summer, your goal is to start implementing some of these changes and suggestions --

MS. EATON: No.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: -- what did you say, June of this year?

MS. EATON: No, let me make that clear.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

MS. EATON: No. The grant or the program, if you will --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh.

MS. EATON: -- is supposed to end by the end of October. And what I'm saying is that yes, this summer, definitely looking into kind of fleshing out, if you will, those implementation --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

MS. EATON: -- strategies. I mean...but for example, reducing the speeds along Kaahumanu Ave., we can certainly begin that now.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

MS. EATON: They've been very...and thank you for clarifying that. So right now, we're trying to get...and by the way there's a very sizeable...as we had on our PowerPoint master plan, you know, that's going to come out as a result of this. But as we're doing this, it's not, like, let's finish the plan, and then afterwards think about implementation. We're thinking about it now, aligning ducks as we can now, for sure.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, I appreciate that approach, start doing things now before waiting for the completion of the plan, yeah. Many people in our community are

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more...they want to see results ASAP, so I appreciate you guys taking that approach. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, Mr. Molina. Next is Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I didn't have questions, but then when Member Lee said she...I could have her time, I just pulled some out of my hat. I just was wondering like, you know, in the last answer, when you were talking about multimodal and like we think of walking, biking, scooters, or mopeds, and things like that. And it just came to my mind, like, a common phrase from my childhood that like, skateboarding is not a crime. And I wondered how that fits into the equation, especially nowadays, they have those...I don't know if they are called skateboards, my kids wanted them, but we didn't do it. Like your feet are like this and it's like a battery and the wheels move, like...you just stand like this, and the wheels move. Or there's one with one wheel, and your feet are on either side, and it's kind of like mechanized. And I was wondering like is there a created already etiquette about all the various modes of transportation, and how they share the road? Like, I mean, there's the obvious bikes, and cars, and people, but now with these like different and new and old ones that were maybe criminalized methods, and I was wondering how you rate it. Because when you spoke about youth outreach, maybe that's the missing part like, you know, if we don't have youth and their value of skateboarding...because persons my age aren't going to want to like break a leg, and...or older folks, you know. And so I just was wondering how we allow for all those different types of multimodal transportation to use the corridor.

MS. WIELAND: So what you are getting at is a really important question, especially when we get down to the details of design. So when we think about creating separated spaces, the way that we've started thinking about this in the transportation planning and engineering fields is separating by speed as opposed to just by mode, right. So when we think about somebody who is...has way better balance than I do, and is using one of those devices that you just talked about, they may be moving as fast as somebody biking. And so those two users together make more sense than mixing that person who is biking quickly with somebody who is walking very slowly. And so when we get down to the details of what a separated path might look like for people walking, biking and rolling, rolling in all types of ways, that's where we want to really thing about creating those individual spaces for people. So it's not to say that anybody using a motorized device has to mix with cars because again, still very different speeds, but thinking about that separation in different ways. And so I think that's a great question as we move into the visioning and into youth outreach as well, is what are those ways that people are traveling or want to travel, and how can we provide the right spaces for all of them.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then something else that I kind of noticed is like, people kind of feel safer if there's like some sort of like speed bump or something protecting the bicycle or the wheeled transportation from the cars because the cars have that obvious like exterior shape that protects the people inside, but then how do you address it? Like, say you were to put like speed bumps to separate the car

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transportation from the bikes and the other wheeled devices? And then, like, there's a whole bunch of debris or rocks or something that makes that area different. Because if you had like, you know, the folks that come through and sweep the streets, it's easier to do it without that barrier for safety. And then...and then also, like, you know, if there's a flat tire or a situation where people...sometimes they'll pull off and then now they're right inside of the bike lane so if you have those speed bumps, that would prevent it, but where do the folks go off onto? Is that how you say it? Pull onto off the road.

MS. WIELAND: Right, how do we still provide that space so people can get out of the way if something happens. And I mean, so these are a lot of really detailed design questions, but they're good questions. The other thing that we think about applied to somebody who maybe gets a flat tire and needs space to pull off is thinking about emergency vehicles, right, and making sure that an ambulance or a firetruck can still get through in a situation where maybe there's a lot of traffic...let's say we've got it protected by playing with those barriers. So I would say that there is enough space on this corridor, especially on the Kahului end of the corridor, that if somebody does get a flat tire and needs to pull off, we will be able to create that space. We want to think about adding bus stops to the corridor as well, right. There are no Maui bus stops that are actually on Kaahumanu Avenue, they're all off the corridor. And so if we add bus stops to the corridor, we start to create space that can be used flexibly if somebody has a breakdown, et cetera, so that one worries me less. I do think the question around maintenance of new facilities is important. I've done work in places with snow, and they have to deal with how do you shovel a protected bike lane? How do you plow that? What's that look like? So there is equipment that is sized to be able to take care of trails and paths, but one thing that we like to do when we move into design is working with the maintenance folks, so working with the people at DPW, at DOT who will be responsible for sweeping and maintenance, and making sure we're designing in ways that allow them to be able to do their jobs quickly and efficiently as well. So it is...these are all important questions and they're all things that other communities have struggled with, and that I think there are ways to overcome as well.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. And I just was wondering...I'm...I haven't partaken in skateboarding here. Are you aware of the laws regarding skateboarding? It's allowed, right? Or it...as long as they're not on the sidewalk, how does it work? Are you familiar with Maui skateboarding regulation?

MS. EATON: We obviously are going to be looking into that, and that really fits into the design phase because these are pretty detailed, but they're also great things for us to know and to take to the design team, which I think is really critical and really important for sure. And I...the other thing that I wanted to add is maybe I'll put it in a future presentation, but this summer, I spent a few days in Boise, Idaho, both my in-laws passed away. And they have a 25-mile network that is like nothing I've ever seen in my life. They...it goes along the Boise River, and Jennifer's probably laughing because I kept talking about this. And some of the things they did along that to connect commercial downtown with Boise University, with neighborhoods, and beautiful natural areas is just mind blowing, mind blowing. They have...they created

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class three, four and five rapids and a waterpark. And the reason why I'm bringing all this up--and I can go on and on and on, I literally spent a day taking pictures and putting together a PowerPoint--is they looked to...I mean, yes, their parks and recreation department, much like Jennifer said, has special machines that fit in the... you know, that would sweep all that off. Well, you know, we obviously are going to be dealing with some very serious financial constraints this year, and probably for the next several years. But some of the things that I noticed is...I don't know if folks here have heard of Albertsons, it's a huge family, and they do grocery stores, I knew, I grew up with them in Florida, but they looked to...all along the corridor various things were posted, paid for, and sponsored, if you will, by some of these larger corporate entities...and in some cases, local larger corporate entities or local entities. And I think we do need to get more creative when we're looking at some of these partnerships. Like Jennifer talked about, yeah, everybody, lot of people want trees...I do that walk from Wailuku into town more often than I want to admit, and it is a killer, you know, doing that, the spots where there's no trees. We could look at an adopt a tree program, but I think these are the kinds of things we need to look towards, looking at Hawai'i Community Foundation, all these different types of entities that are here...here in Maui, here in Hawai'i, that can probably help us make some of these things happen. But anyways...but no, I think your comments are great, Councilmember Paltin, I think that's going really help us when we go to the design team and say hey, what about these types of issues. And obviously, our number one would be skateboard regulations, hoverboard, scooters, you know, all those kinds of things, for sure. So thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And I just wanted to point out, Maui Nui Youth Council might be another entity that you can reach out to. I think I have a meeting with them myself this evening.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, Ms. Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So Keani, do you have another set of questions?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. One last question, and perhaps I missed it. What is your plan for youth outreach? The Council did a really cool rap video that I guess was pretty well received by the youth.

MS. EATON: Now I want to see that. Now that's going to be the next thing I do when I get off this call is find this . . . *(inaudible)*. . . . *(laughing)*. . . No, that's a great question, and I had mentioned earlier in my presentation that I feel like that's what was really lacking in terms of not getting enough. I mean, the scavenger hunt was great in terms of engaging Baldwin and Maui High Schools, and I know we've got an ongoing relationship with the video club or department, if you will. But no, we definitely need to do more. I have a meeting this week with the Boys and Girls Club, the executive folks, and some of the managers. And although it's focused on South Maui, I want to ask them, okay, what can we do here in Central. I know that we did touch base with

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the Maui Youth Council, but that was, again, for South Maui. But I wanted to go back now and...because I think a lot of the folks there are really from Central. So those are a couple of ideas, and we're open...I mean, we...this is something I really want to change because...not just with this corridor, but we've got funding to do a West Maui one, so for that. And then Central Maui community plan update, by the way. I mean, these are the kinds of things, all these various...you know, we're doing so much work and putting so many resources towards engagement, bringing it to the community, that these are the folks we really need to reach. So no, thank you for bringing that up again.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Have you reached out to the...what are they...Drug Free Youth Coalition?

MS. WIELAND: No, we haven't yet. That's another great one to put on the list.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. The youth there were really engaged and involved so, you know, perhaps involving their input. And they're also looking at how to...you know, public safety so.

MS. EATON: Wow, that's great. That would be great, particularly with all the Vision Zero initiatives as well. So Lauren may already have that, I don't know, but Councilmember Rawlins, if you wouldn't mind sending us, or your Staff, a contact. And thank you, Councilmember King. I got your info, thanks for that. But that...this is the stuff that really helps us out. Thanks so much.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, sure. And I know that...well, depending on how young you want to go, there's different social media platforms that engage the different age groups. And there's a new one called The Clubhouse that...I'm not sure how young that will go right now, but it's an interesting social media platform that allows for discussion on issues. That's kind of the focus of that platform, is to engage discussions.

MS. EATON: That's great. That's probably more my speed anyway. It sounds great.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then...yeah, the younger group, like high school, you know, they do like Tik Toks and stuff...Tik Toks and get them, you know, get their attention there with some choreographed dance moves. No? Okay.  
...*(laughing)*...

MS. EATON: As long as someone else is doing the dancing, I'm all about it, sure.

MS. WIELAND: Those are great suggestions as we continue to work with the high schools as well. They have...as Pam mentions, like, they really did participate in the scavenger hunt, and so maybe the next thing is a Tik Tok competition, I don't know. We'll have to see. But yes, I agree with you, Pam. As long as you and I don't have to do the choreographs, fine.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Great. Mahalo, Ms. Eaton. Mahalo, Ms. Wieland.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And I'll get you that information. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. If we keep on talking about this, people are going to take us seriously and think that we want to do another rap session, thanks to Chair Lee. That was actually fun. I wanted to just also add for our youth group, I think that's the MEO, Maui Economic Opportunity. And I think they're tied to that, you know, the drinking and all the safety things. So you might want to contact MEO. This is great discussion, Members. So at this time, if there's...you have any closing comments, Pam or Jennifer? I'm going to close this.

MS. EATON: Just thank you. Thank you so much. These questions and comments are fantastic. Really appreciate it, and this has been a...it's just so easy to work with Jennifer and her team. It's really been great. And huge kudos to them because again, when the RFP was put out and the bidding and all of that, there was no COVID. So I cannot extend enough appreciation to Jennifer and her entire team for not asking for any extra money, they did it all on the fly, and being incredibly creative. Because this is the kind of project you have got to have community engagement, or it doesn't work. And I feel like it's...and in many cases, you know what, I feel like we've got more community engagement. I don't know if you guys are seeing that with your Council meetings, but when you can just flip on a switch and, you know, at least on the top part have clothing on or whatever, just be comfortable and engaged. You know what I mean, but I'm just saying, it's...this has been great, and I love all your guys' questions and comments. And like I said, it's...we got another award for West Maui, but I got to get through this first, so this is really helping towards, you know, the additional TOD corridor projects that we'll have. But thanks so much.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Jennifer, you want to have closing comments?

MS. WIELAND: I would just echo Pam's thanks. The engagement that we've seen through the first part of the project has been wonderful. We are now making an important transition though, right. We start with sort of these big picture questions, what works, what doesn't, what do you want to see. As we move into the next phases, we're going to have to start getting more specific, we're going to have to start narrowing it down, and focusing in on what the priorities are, and what we can afford to do as well. And so...but certainly, invite you all to continue moving through that process with us, and look forward to your guidance. So thank you so much.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you for your presentation and answering all the questions. And I think we both gained from this dialogue, so I think that was the intention of bringing this forward. So thank you, thank you very, very much. I just also wanted to clarify that in the beginning, when I talked about introducing this item, this funding came



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from...500,000 came through the Legislature and 100,000 through the Council. And I want to thank Troy Hashimoto, Representative Hashimoto and Senator Agaran, who put together this presentation on O'ahu right before the legislative session...now, is it three sessions ago, right, Pam, that you and Marc and...

MS. EATON: They...yeah, they sponsored our briefing, which couldn't have happened without them. Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, so that was my introduction to seeing this, and I thought wow, we got to do this. And thankfully, you know, it's...you were awarded it, you were awarded the contract. So appreciate that very much, and Kyle Yamashita. So all of the Maui legislators worked hard to...you know, working to make sure that we got this funding. So appreciate that, I just wanted to mention that. And when you think about our economic situation now, it's a blessing that we got that then because now it would be hard to get. So appreciate that. Members, if there is no other questions, I'm going to defer this item so that, Pam, you can come back and give us a briefing later on as you go along. And I really think that all of us are, as Member Lee opened with her question, wondering what kind of budget concerns you may have. So please keep us posted with that because as you know, Budget is coming up on March 25th, it's going to be presented to Keani's Committee, so...for all of us. So at this time, Members, if there's no questions, I'm going to defer...oh, before I defer, I wanted to just notice that Keoni Shirota is listening in, he's one of our new Staff. And I want to thank Clarita because going in, I had some...I left my notes, actually, for this at home. So Clarita zoomed upstairs to the 8th floor and got me all the things that I needed. So I just wanted to thank you publicly, Clarita, always for being there. But Members, at this time then, I would like to defer this item and bring it back at a later time. So thanks for the great discussion.

**COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.**

**ACTION: DEFER PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So Members, our meeting is now adjourned. Thank you for being here. It was a great Committee meeting. I appreciate all of you. I look forward to working with you in this new year. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

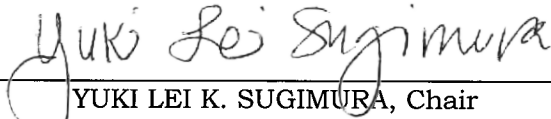
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