



Waikapū Community Association

To enhance the quality of life for the residents of Waikapū through the preservation and appreciation of its history, natural environment, and values of its rural tradition.

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September 29, 2010

SUBJECT: Early Consultation Request for the proposed Waiale Road Extension and East Waiko Road Improvements in Waikapū, Maui, Hawaii

Dear Ms. Pulmano,

The Waikapū Community Association appreciates this opportunity to provide early comments on this proposed Project.

The WCA Development Monitoring Committee met on September 22, 2010 to discuss the materials provided in your letter of May 12, 2010. We hope to be able to respond faster in the future, now that you have our current address.

The Committee has the following comments, based on the Waikapū Community Association's Statement of Values (attached):

- 1) Separated bikepaths and sidewalks should be included in the roadway design for the improvements of East Waiko Road and the entire length of Waiale Road, from the Honoapiilani Highway to the intersection with Kuhikahi Drive/Maui Lani Parkway(?). Developments planned for both ends of that entire corridor will be expected to bring stores, schools, churches, housing for the elderly and additional residential development to the area, which must be expected to generate a considerable amount of pedestrian and bicycle traffic along Waiale Road. Additionally, an effort underway under the auspices of the State Department of Health to develop a plan to integrate non-motorized transportation in individuals' daily routine, is looking at the Waiale Road corridor as a regional connector corridor for the Wailuku to Waikapū routes. It would make sense to incorporate the necessary design to support all these needs in this project.
- 2) Street lighting should be provided in the roadway design for the improvements of East Waiko Road and the entire length of Waiale Road, from the Honoapiilani Highway to the intersection with Kuhikahi Drive/Maui Lani Parkway(?). For the same reasons as cited above, street lights are a critical element of the safety

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design for the pedestrian and bicycle traffic that must be expected along these corridors

- 3) Traffic signals must be places must be placed in three (3) locations:
 - a. At the intersection of Waiale Road and Honoapiilani Highway
 - b. At the intersection of Waiale Road and East Waiko Road
 - c. Ath the intersection of Waiale Road and Haawi Street, to provide residents of the Waikapū Gardens subdivision a safe and reasonable opportunity to exit and enter that subdivision. The heavy traffic expected if this bypass meets its objectives, will make this traffic light a safety necessity for this subdivision's residents.
- 4) The stop sign on East Waiko Road at the entrance to the Rojac Baseyard must be relocated to face traffic exiting from the Rojac Baseyard, and provide the right of way to traffic on East Waiko Road.
- 5) Landscaping of drought resistant groundcover and suitable shade providing trees, preferably using species native to the Hawaii, should be included in the roadway design for the improvements of East Waiko Road and the entire length of Waiale Road, from the Honoapiilani Highway to the intersection with Kuhikahi Drive/Maui Lani Parkway(?). The Waikapū Community Association is involved in the Adopt-a-Highway program for a portion of Honoapiilani Highway; the Association will be willing to adopt the roadways in this project to provide cleanup of roadways and associated landscaping.
- 6) Drainage along East Waiko Road must be designed to accommodate large volumes of run-off in a short time, to improve safety during times of heavy rain. Storm drain grates or similar constructs to remove water from the swale into a drain system is recommended.

The Waikapū Community Association looks forward to continuing dialogue regarding this project. Please provide us with a copy of the Draft Environmental Assessment for additional review. The Development Monitoring Committee requests to be informed of any meetings regarding this project, s may need to be scheduled before any approving bodies.

Thank you again for this opportunity to provide early comments on this project.

Sincerely,

Jacob W. Verkerke
Waikapū Community Association Chair