

PURPOSE:

- To inform the public about the Pā'ia Relief Route Project and solicit members for the Context Sensitive Solutions Advisory Group.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

I. Open House Period

Approximately 50 people attended in addition to HDOT and SSFM. Attendees intently reviewed the exhibits, including maps of the project study area on which participants could write their comments.

II. Presentations

Jiro Sumada, Deputy Director of HDOT Highways, brought the informational meeting to order. He introduced the HDOT and SSFM International, Inc. team, elected officials and other government representatives that were present. Mr. Sumada described the purpose of the meeting and the topics that would be covered.

Attached to this summary is a list of attendees and organizations they represented, if it was specified on the sign-in sheet.

The PowerPoint presentation was given by Jiro Sumada, Freddie Cajigal, Darell Young, Wayne Kawahara, Mary O'Leary, Cheryl Soon, and Jo-Anna Herkes.

III. Questions and Answers

Some questions were raised during the PowerPoint presentation:

1. A gentleman asked, what is the budget for the project? What is the timeline?

Jiro Sumada responded that would be addressed.

2. A gentleman asked who are the players? Jocelyn Perreira asked for a head count of Federal, State, County and SSFM staff in attendance.

A total of 13 people were counted.

3. A gentleman asked, what is the time commitment to be a member of the Advisory Group?

Cheryl Soon noted that the deadline for Advisory Group Applications is Friday December 5, 2008. The group would likely start to meet starting in January 2009. The day and time of meetings would be determined by the Advisory Group members. She estimated that group would meet monthly for 4 to 5 months. That preparation time before meetings would be approximately 15 minutes.

After the PowerPoint presentation, it was opened for more Q&A:

4. A member of the audience asked, what will be the cost?

Jiro Sumada responded that as of now, there is not a set cost because there is no set route.

5. A member of the audience asked, what is the timeline?

Cheryl Soon responded that it is difficult to determine at this early stage of the project, but in general the Environmental Impact Statement process takes about 3 years and the design process takes about 2 years, then construction would follow.

6. Jocelyn Perreira commented that the State Legislature has put aside money, \$54 million, to be appropriated for the Pā‘ia Alternate Roadway project. Where is that money?

Jiro Sumada responded that HDOT would research that, follow up and answer at a later date. He noted that the process of land acquisition can also drag out the time and cost.

7. State Representative Joe Souki commented that you cannot come up with the cost and the money until you design the project. The planning process comes first.

8. Neal Kunin asked who the players are. He noted he understands how things get delayed, but suggested we learn from those experiences of other projects to expedite the Pā‘ia Relief Route project.

Jiro Sumada commented that the Context Sensitive Solutions process actually saves time because the community gets involved up front at the beginning.

9. Gentlemen stated that in the mid 1960’s an alternative route was laid out through the cane fields. Is this information in the archives?

Jiro Sumada commented that yes HDOT does have information on work done in the past – we will check on that route, and we will be tapping Freddie Cajigal of the Maui District office for his knowledge of the history of this project.

10. Mary Sweet noted that the community has gone through this before and that the process can get stalled. We need to involve the large landowners.

Cheryl Soon commented that the project team has met and talked with Alexander and Baldwin (A&B). She noted that representatives from A&B and HC&S were present at tonight’s meeting and they have been invited to join the Advisory Group.

Jiro Sumada commented that we will bring the right players to the table.

11. Jocelyn Perreira read a message from the Pā‘ia Main Street Association that stated that they wish to submit their names for the Advisory Group; they object to the project name, it should be called the Pā‘ia Alternate Roadway; safety is a prime concern; they participated with the Pā‘ia-Ha‘ikū Community Plan process which designates an alternate route around Pā‘ia Town. She continued that they have attended a lot of HDOT meetings regarding highway policies and the STIP (Statewide Transportation Improvements Projects), they wish to preserve the flavor of Pā‘ia Town, and that she hopes all of those efforts would not be wasted. She continued that they understand there are funding challenges and that this project is in the “fish tank” with Honolulu. She stated that Main Street has surveyed all segments of the public, merchants and professionals. And that the Main Street files are open to the project team’s staff.

Jiro Sumada commented that the Context Sensitive Solutions process is one that respects community values, allows for different views, and facilitates people in the community to identify what is needed and why. The CSS process brings out shared values – it helps preserve the community and respects the community.

12. Rob Hilbun stated that he is on the Ha‘ikū Community Association Board, raised the issue of Sunnyside Road and noted that the ownership of the road is unknown. He commented that there

are possible solutions on the ground now – to use sugar plantation roadways. He referred to a 1988 appraisal regarding the cost to acquire the land and roads. He commented that he understands how roads can lead to development. Asked about A&B’s 10-15 year plan and asked A&B to be forthcoming about what their development plans are as we go through the County General Plan update.

13. Neal Kunin asked, what is on the County’s future developments plan?
14. Rob Hilbun noted that the Planning Department was having a charrette for South Maui the next evening.
15. Neal Kunin asked whether eminent domain would be used so the process of having to purchase the sugarcane roads does not get in the way.

Jiro Sumada commented that HDOT wishes to go through a friendly condemnation process before they think of having to do eminent domain.

16. Greg Mabel asked, how many people in the room have seen the Pā‘ia Community Plan with the alternate roadway alignment around Pā‘ia Town?

About one-third of the room had not seen the plan. When Greg asked where people were from, there were 2 people from Ha‘ikū and 4 from Sprekelsville.

17. Councilmember Mike Molina commented that he hopes the Mini Bypass is temporary. He knows there has been and will be continued growth on the North Shore. He asked HDOT to keep the community updated and keep the lines of communication open and work with the large landowners.

18. A member of the audience asked are there plans to extend Pā‘ia?

Councilmember Mike Molina commented that he is unsure but is working on the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC).

Mike Summers from the Maui Planning Department commented that his department is in the middle of the General Plan update. There is some expansion planned on the mauka side of Pā‘ia Town along Baldwin Avenue. He encouraged members of the audience to get involved in the General Plan update process.

19. Henry Kahula commented that we need to take a look at what is really needed and look at the long term maintenance costs. He emphasizes taking a good look and doing it right the first time.
20. Martin commented that the hours of the Mini Bypass should be extended to open at 7:00 am. And open it on Sundays. Why not have it open 12 hours a day every day?
21. Neal Kunin commented that the hours of the Mini Bypass should be flexible depending on the time of year because in winter it gets dark earlier and should stay open longer.
22. Patricia Cadez commented that she is concerned with the opening of the Fact Sheet where it discusses widening of Hāna Highway. Is that a given?

Jiro Sumada replied no. All options are to be considered in the environmental impact statement process.

23. Liz asked if the website would be updated frequently.

Jiro Sumada and Jo-Anna Herkes replied that the website would be updated at least monthly. The public can expect to see the materials from the public meetings and the Advisory Group meetings to be posted to the website. It was requested that everyone provide their email address as one of the easiest ways to distribute information.

24. Jocelyn Perreira commented that she favors the main route going through Pā‘ia Town and that the “relief route” be categorized as an alternate route.

25. A member of the audience asked, what are we seeking relief from? Is it traffic, parking, emergency, evacuation?

Jiro Sumada answered that all of those things will be considered by the Advisory Group.

26. A member of the audience noted that the solution should be one that everyone benefits from, not only merchants.

The Public Information Meeting No. 1 was closed at the end of all questions posed by the audience.

ATTENDANCE - Pā'ia Relief Route

Public Information Meeting No. 1

October 22, 2008

State Highway Department of Transportation

Jiro Sumada	HODT, Highways Division
Darell Young	HDOT, Highways Planning
Wayne Kawahara	HDOT, Highways Planning
Kimberly Okamura	HDOT, Highways Planning
Freddie Cajigal	HDOT, Maui District
Bob Spilker	HDOT, Maui District
Charlene Shibuya	HDOT, Maui District

Federal Highway Administration

Pat Phung	Hawai'i District
-----------	------------------

Consultant Team

Cheryl Soon	SSFM International, Inc.
Jo-Anna Herkes	SSFM International, Inc.
Mary O'Leary	SSFM International, Inc.
Eric Matsuda	SSFM International, Inc.
Tracey Pagan	SSFM International, Inc.
Keoho Enomoto	SSFM International, Inc.

County of Maui

1	John Summers	Planning Department
---	--------------	---------------------

Elected Officials

2	Joe Souki	State House of Representatives, 8th District
3	Mike Molina	Maui County Council Member

Individuals

4	Dave	Baker	Pā'ia
5	Desire	Baker	Pā'ia
6	Bill	Boyum	
7	Lisa	Brumwell	Pā'ia
8	Patricia	Cadez	Spreckly V
9	Robert	Carpovich	
10	Jane	Chenowith	Pā'ia
11	Grant	Chun	Alexander & Baldwin Properties
12	Lacie	Cooney	Pā'ia
13	Greg	Godwin	Pā'ia
14	Netra	Halperin	Candidate for County Council
15	Shawn	Hanscam	Pā'ia
16	Martin	Haven-lintilde	Pā'ia
17	Rob	Hilbun	Pā'ia
18	Henry	Kahula	Candidate for District 9
19	Raynard	Kahamu	Pā'ia
20	Ginny	Kapord	Pā'ia
21	Frank	Kiger	Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Co (HC&S)
22	Wilford	Kirton	Pā'ia

ATTENDANCE - Pā'ia Relief Route

Public Information Meeting No. 1

October 22, 2008

Individuals cont'd

23	Neal	Kunin		Ha'ikū
24	Mrs Pascale	Lelan		Pā'ia
25	Pascale	Lelan		Pā'ia
26	Valerie	Lewis		Pā'ia
27	Greg	Mabel		Pā'ia
28	Bob	Martin	Biological Applications Inc	Pā'ia
29	Martha	Martin		Pā'ia
30	Mary	Martin		Pā'ia
31	Doug	McFetridge		Pā'ia
32	Randall	Moore	Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Co (HC&S)	Pu'unēnē
33	Nadine	Newlight		Pā'ia
34	Leona	Nomura		Pā'ia
35	Mrs William	Palmer		Pā'ia
36	William	Palmer		Pā'ia
37	Rob	Parsons		Ha'ikū
38	Jocelyn	Perreira	Tri-Isle Main Street Resource Center	Wailuku
39	Shirley	Randall		Pā'ia
40	Douglas	Sameshima		Wailuku
41	Liz	Smith		Pā'ia
42	Joe	Soyley		
43	Lisa	Starr	Pā'ia Main Street Association	
44	Mary	Sweet		Pā'ia
45	Avis	Takakur		Pā'ia
46	Joy	Ueoka		Pā'ia
47	Chubby	Vicens	Alexander & Baldwin Properties	Pā'ia
48	Chris	Wurtele		Pā'ia