

South Maui Community Plan Talk Story Tuesday

Topics Discussed

Sept. 21, 2021 | 3:30 - 5:30 pm | Via Zoom

General Topics Covered by All

- Pedestrian Safety – Community members who participated discussed the addition of crosswalks with pedestrian activated flashing lights especially along South Kihei Road
- Bicycle Safety – the discussion involved the need for addition of bike lanes along South Kīhei Road, North Kīhei Road, Pi'ilani Hwy (a designated bike lane along the highway) and along Mākena Road. Also very important:
 - Keiki need safe bikeways to and from school
 - Kūpuna need a safe place to cycle for exercise
- South Kīhei Road traffic – the discussion was about the need for better lighting and traffic calming
- Homelessness – Participants stated litter in parks generated by the homeless is a problem
- New development vs no development – Most participants want more affordable/workforce housing, one does not want any additional housing and another said we need all types of housing for South Maui
 - Areas surrounding the Maui Research and Technology Park and north of the future high school were identified as potential areas for new affordable/workforce housing
- Tourism – the discussion revolved around the need to educate tourists better on respecting the 'āina
- Sea Level Rise – the discussion lead to the importance of completing the North-South collector road
- Diversifying the Economy – Most participants thought farming is a way to diversify the economy. Other ideas were to provide affordable space for entrepreneurs, and create business incubators for new small businesses to grow (brick-by-brick).
- Preserve South Maui beaches and parks - Participants were passionate about preserving South Maui's beauty including no new development in open space and parks, and keep the beaches accessible and available

Topics Introduced by an Individual Community Member

- Keep County Ocean Safety personnel support constant. County Ocean Safety Officers are doing an excellent job and the County's support of them should not change
- Changing zoning in Mā'alaea area to match zoning in condos area. The individual would like more consistent zoning in Mā'alaea area
- Stop Wailea 670 development and planned solar farm adjacent to Maui Meadows

Unanswered Questions (answered after the completion of Talk Story Tuesday)

- Are the tiny houses in Wailuku near Wai'ale Park for homeless housing?

- Answer provided by the Maui County Department of Housing and Human Concerns: *The tiny homes you were asked about in Wailuku is the Wahi Hoomalu O Wailuku project located in the Waiale Park. The project was occupied beginning in May 2020 as part of the County's pandemic response to help provide additional temporary shelter for families or individuals experiencing homelessness.*

Family Life Center is currently managing the project, and provides both case management and other services. It is intended to be temporary shelter, so FLC is focused on moving residents into the project, and then working with them until they are able to transition into permanent housing.