

# South Maui Community Plan Talk Story Tuesday

## Topics Discussed

Oct. 19, 2021 | 3:30 - 5:30 pm | Via Zoom

### General Topics Covered by All

- South Kīhei Road – Community members discussed how dangerous South Kīhei Road is for pedestrians and cyclists, and the need for infrastructure including sidewalks, widening of bridges and well-lit, unobstructed crosswalks. The members shared their frustration for the lack of sidewalk implementation and a need for a comprehensive plan as well as quick projects to address needs. The idea of a convenient shuttle that runs the distance of the road was introduced, and converting the road to one-way with more access for pedestrians and cyclists was discussed. Safety was the group's main concern.
- The Long Range Planning Division communicated that the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has completed the Hele Mai Maui 2040 and Vision Zero Maui plans and is now in the implementation phase, so community members should attend upcoming events and provide public testimony. This is a link to the MPO's website - <https://mauimpo.org/get-involved>
- New development/Maui Meadows 2.0 – Participants discussed the desire for more rural development in South Maui with area for families to grow. They discussed the need for smaller wastewater treatment facilities that provide recycled water to nearby neighborhoods and an off-the-grid, eco-friendly development with community gardens as an alternative to projects that require large public and/or developer investment in infrastructure.
- Environmental Impact – The group discussed the need to consider the environment when making growth decisions including fire hazard, flooding, sea level rise, impermeable surfaces, planting food trees for shade, the ocean/reefs, and the watershed. They discussed the need to implement existing plans.
- Community Gardens – Participants agreed there is a need for community gardens and food tree forests in existing neighborhoods especially in gulches and drainage basins, and requiring new development to include them.
- Natural Disaster Safety – The discussion centered on the need for defensible space for wildfires and safe, accessible evacuation routes out of South Maui.
- Affordable Housing – The group discussed the need for new affordable housing units that are mixed in with units sold at market value, and units should remain affordable in perpetuity.

### Topics Introduced by an Individual Community Member

- A land owner requested the zoning and community plan designation in Mā'alaea area be made consistent and the light industrial classification be changed to residential with this update.