



## South Maui Coalition of Community Associations

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State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation  
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RE: State Transportation Long Range Plan – South Maui

The following are a list of transportation needs for South Maui that the communities represented in the South Maui Coalition believe should be placed in the Long Range Plan and, where noted, the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). We believe these conceptual transportation routes are crucial to the planning for South Maui and the island of Maui. As you look at this letter and the corresponding map you will see a well thought out pattern to the implementation of these proposed roads. Also note that they complement existing and soon to exist roads. We have prioritized them to indicate what we believe are the needs of the community.

- 1) As a number one priority, we believe there is a current need for a road to be connected to the upcoming Kihei/Upcountry Road extending south and running parallel to and mauka of Piilani Highway, and terminating at Alanui Ke Alii. This road would allow upcountry residents who work in the South Kihei, Wailea and Makena areas to bypass the high volume area of Piilani Highway, and provide an alternate route in case of an accident, fire or other closure occurring on Piilani. It is crucial that the concept of this road be considered during the planning and design of the Kihei/Upcountry road. An intersection should be included in the plans for the Upcountry road so this extension to the south can be designed and possibly constructed in conjunction with the Kihei/Upcountry road. The design of this four and a half mile bypass road should be considered as a four lane divided highway requiring approximately 170' of right of way. We will continue to pursue a private/public partnership for purchasing the land, the design, and in having this road built, but of course it needs to be added to the Long Range Plan first.

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- 2) The second priority is for a road that would extend the above route north from the Upcountry/Kihei road to Mokulele Road. As Kihei begins to grow mauka of Piilani with parks, schools and housing, this road and the phase described above will be extremely important to the safe flow of traffic. There should be no discussion of making Piilani Highway six lanes with parks and schools being considered mauka of Piilani. Besides this road completing a true bypass of Kihei and the potential growth Mauka of the Piilani, it also provides an intermediate step for the Kealia Pond bypass to be included in the Long Range Transportation Plan.
- 3) The Kealia Pond bypass would be our third priority. We believe this road could connect to the previous roads as described above, run behind the Kealia Pond and connect to the new intersection at North Kihei and Honoapiilani Highway. This new roadway would open up the North Kihei Road area to becoming a much-needed park with camping and bike trails, as well as better protection for the wildlife refuge area.
- 4) Next on our list to be included in the Long Range Plan is to have the Piilani Highway extended approximately 2-miles south from Wailea Ike Drive. This road would go to a point where Makena Resort can connect a road which would become the main entry into Makena. This would alleviate much of the traffic running through South Kihei and Wailea to get to future homes and businesses as well as the beaches and parks of Makena. Makena Resort has already agreed to build a construction road along the existing extension "path" to accommodate future construction traffic. We will also pursue having this privately funded.
- 5) Finally, our fifth recommendation is truly a long range plan with a further extension of the above referenced South Maui bypass continuing from Alanui Ke Alii south above Maui Meadows and connecting somewhere near Wailea or Makena. This road would also be a divided highway though maybe only two lanes. This road would accommodate the future long range growth in South Maui.

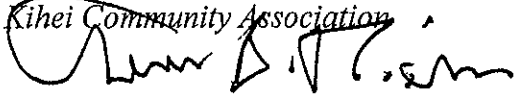
As stated above, we ask that these five plans be added to the Long Range Plan and we would like to see Priority 1 placed on the amended State Transportation Improvement Plan. We believe that these plans are critical for the future of South Maui in the next 10-25 years. We hope that in providing you with these plans your department and our communities can work together to build a better future for South Maui.

Aloha,

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