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**Agenda Item:** C.1 Goal 2.1 | A Complete, Balanced and Connected Transportation Network

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Aloha CPAC Members, and County Planning Dept staff

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Please consider these comments on proposed South Maui Transportation Planning Policies and Actions for the South Maui Community Plan update.

### **1. Commitment to Complete North-South Collector Road**

- It is unlikely that any extensive by-pass road will be fully built within lifetime of SMCP.
- South Kihei Road will face rising sea levels, impacting its use.
- Rising sea levels may also mean that some resort condos will also be unusable and loss of their traffic loads may reduce the overall demand.
- **The most practical replacement strategy for the two lane South Kihei road is to complete the north-south collector road and the multi-use path.- described in Policy 2.1.11**
- **I support the amended language for policy 2.2.11 and action 1.03 that was adopted 3/29/23 and suggest one additional sentence:**
- **“Reroute sections of N-S collector road where original Right of Way has not been protected, and cannot be utilized.”**

### **2. Commitment to Efficient Use of Existing Road Capacity**

- **The most practical way to insure that there is road capacity for the future is to manage current and future traffic loads and traffic demands and support specific goals, timelines and funding.**
- **Action 1.08 refers to “implementing the transportation demand management strategies of the MPO”, but the connected policy has been deleted.**
- **The MPO traffic strategies are good suggestions, but are unlikely to be moved forward without specific implementation goals and timelines.**
- **NEW Language for Action 1.08 (red) :** Implement the transportation demand management strategies of the MPO. **Update these strategies with traffic reduction goals and timelines for achieving such goals. Provide funding needed for technological solutions to reduce traffic congestion. Provide funding for incentives offered** to South Maui employers, to sponsor flexible work schedules, bus passes, shuttles, ride- share, bike facilities or other multimodal programs to connect employees to jobs.

### **3. Future Kihei By-Pass Road Corridor (policy 2.1.10)**

- we know too little about the lands mauka of Piilani to designate a route for a major by pass highway.
- In practical terms, an additional 2 lane collector road could possibly come into existence over the next 20 years and provide considerable traffic relief.
- this 2 lane road could follow the route of north and south Ninau street that is part of the proposed High Tech center master plan (**see attached Map**)
- The Tech center project includes plans for 1,250 SF and MF units as well as commercial mixed use center and “knowledge based jobs” .
- It may be the only substantial project to begin construction mauka of Piilani Hwy in the next ten-fifteen years, therefore, that section of road and associated greenway and bike paths, could feasibly be built.

- Ninau street could be extended south and north of the Tech center lands, with alignments guided to avoid sensitive resources.
- the lower elevation alignment could help reign size of area exposed to unneeded growth.

Policy 2.1.10 **Possible new language added in red:** “Require development projects mauka of Pi’ilani Highway to coordinate with the County and State on implementing a new multimodal **collector road** spanning through South Maui to Central Maui mauka of Pi’ilani Highway.as identified in Action 1.13.

Action 1.13 **Possible new language added in red:** Prioritize the identification, design and implementation of a multimodal **collector road** through South Maui to Central Maui mauka of (above) Pi’ilani Highway connecting to Maui Veterans Highway in a manner that minimizes the impacts to the aina.

#### **4. Increasing Piilani Hwy Capacity South of Kilohana Drive.**

Policy 1.03c “Require adequate interregional highway capacity, including the widening of all Pi’ilani Highway to four lanes, prior to or concurrent with the construction of major projects **of 50 housing units or more**, as determined by ~~Hawaii Department of Transportation~~ **Maui Department of Planning** and Department of Public Works, south of Kilohana Road or mauka of Pi’ilani Highway south of Kilohana.

**Comment :** this action was in 1998 Kihei-Makena Community Plan. **Recommend adding language to better define “major project” and deleting authority of Hawaii State DOT** since they have acknowledged that they pay no heed to the community plans and they have failed to adequately consult with citizens on the matter of Pi’ilani Hwy.

#### **5. Comment on additional policy adopted 3/29/2023 (No Policy number yet)**

“Encourage the State and County to exempt multi-use paths, bikeways, sidewalks, complete streets infrastructure, and the North-South Collector Road from the requirement for a SMA permit and environmental assessment, while maintaining the condition to comply with all other permit requirements including those of the State Historical Preservation Division of DLNR.”

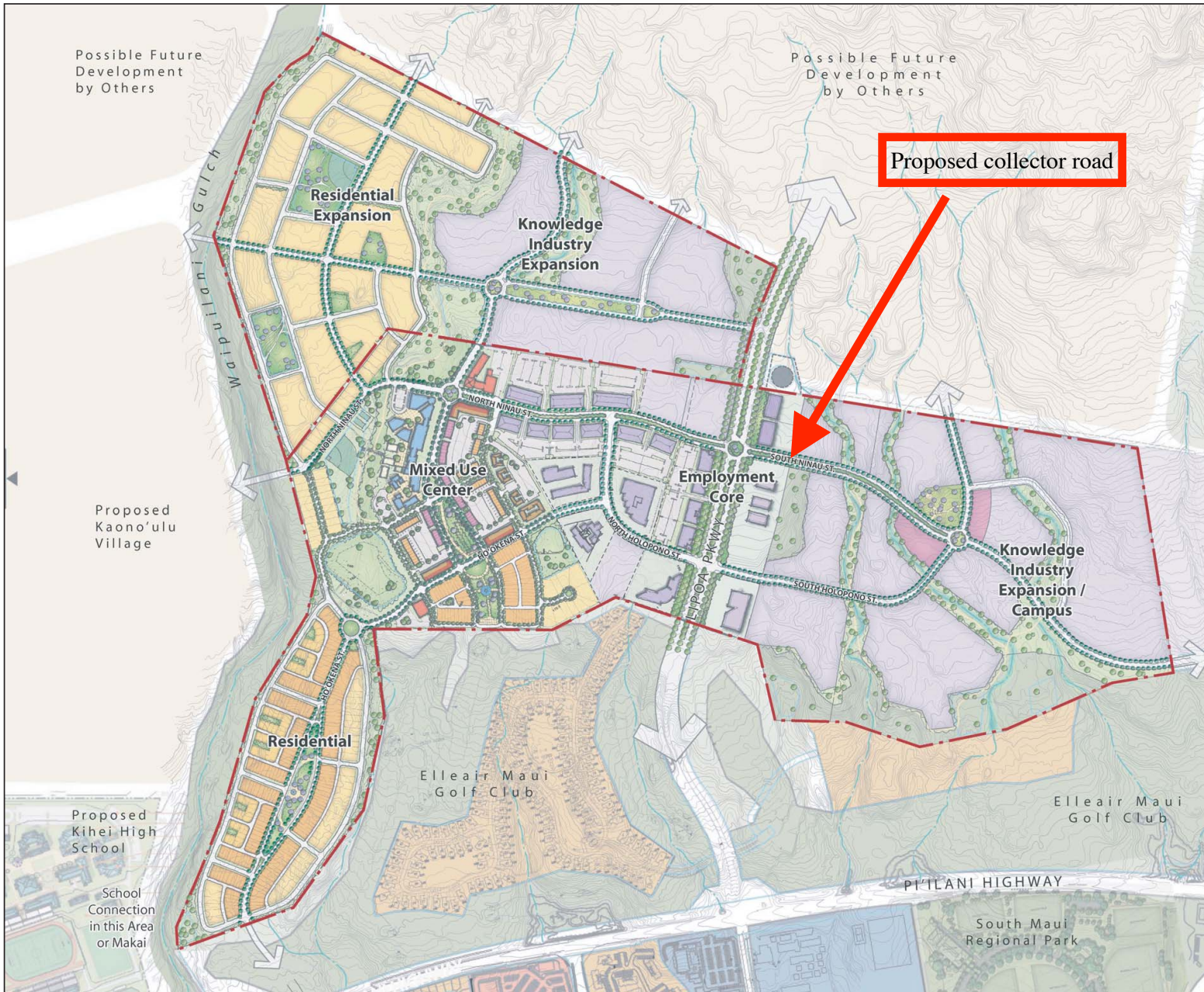
**Comment:** While the intention was well meaning (ie “to speed up” needed greenway/sidewalk projects) CPAC members may not realize that Environmental Assessments provide the only long term publicly available source of information on the area where the project is proposed. Merely requiring State Historic Review will not provide any simple way for the public to have assess to archaeological or historical studies, whereas any EA will include all biological and archaeological and cultural studies done, along with maps and other valuable information.

Mahalo for your consideration of these comments

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# Maui Research & Technology Park

## MASTER PLAN



### LEGEND

- - - Project Boundary
- Retail
- Knowledge Industry
- Live-Work / Flex Space
- Multi-Family
- Townhomes
- Single Family
- Civic / School
- Park
- Open Space

**FIGURE NO. 2**  
**CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN**  
 MAUI RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY PARK  
 Kihei, Maui, Hawaii

March 20, 2012

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