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SUBJECT: WAIKAPU COUNTRY TOWN
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS)
WAIKAPU, MAUI, HAWAII
TMK: (2) 3-6-002:001 and 003, 3-6-004:003 and 006, 3-6-005:007
and 3-6 006:036

Our State Department of Transportation (DOT) previously commented on the subject project in our letter STP 8.1968 dated May 18, 2016 (copy attached) and now offers the following supplemental comments:

Highways Division

1. Acknowledge and appreciate the planned elementary school has moved away from a location abutting Honoapiilani Highway, as discussed in a January 17, 2014, pre-consultation meeting.

2. Honoapiilani Highway will be impacted by the proposed development. The Applicant will be responsible for its fair share of transportation improvements to mitigate the developments transportation impacts to the State Highway system.

3. The proposed intersections of Honoapiilani Highway with the development's Main Street and East/West Street appear to be less than a half mile apart. Federal guidelines for preserving functional classification of principal arterials include limiting the number of access points and sufficient distance between intersections. Internal roadway intersections appear close to Honoapiilani Highway and could affect highway operations. The Applicant should continue to work with us on intersection spacing.
4. Assure consistency and integration of the Hawaii Department of Transportation's (HDOT) bicycle and pedestrian policies and plans.

5. This section of Honoapiilani Highway is planned for widening in the HDOT's 2035 Transportation Plans for the Maui District. The Final EIS should include a discussion that the project will include a road widening setback along Honoapiilani Highway for future widening of this State facility.

6. Suggest meeting with the Highways Division, Planning Branch to further refine transportation improvements, and update the Traffic Impact Analysis Report if needed, prior to County zoning application.

If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Norren Kato of the DOT Statewide Transportation Planning Office at telephone number (808) 831-7976.

Attachment: Ltr. STP 8.1968 dtd. 5/18/16

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