

Kauai Public Works Department
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Participating:

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Notes:

- Current programmed County projects in the area are limited to a couple of recycled asphalt overlay resurfacing projects, including one (Eastern Bypass road) scheduled for later this year.
- Projects the County sees as long range priorities include:
 - Extension of Western Bypass north to Maluhia Road;
 - Four-laning of Maluhia Road;
 - Roundabouts on Poipu and Lawai Roads.
- Western Bypass Extension: PW staff indicated that an EIS would be required for this project and that because an EIS was not prepared for the portion that has been built, the cost of the built portion cannot be used as match for the extension. They estimate project construction cost at \$20 million and expect that the EIS could take as long as four or five years to complete. They believe an EIS would be required because of a stream crossing and wetlands issues, which will require Corps of Engineers review and permitting. Staff indicated that A&B might be expected to help fund the cost of the EIS. This is a high-priority project for the County.
- Maluhia Road: PW staff acknowledged how controversial this multi-laning would be. They noted however, that the State DOT is planning to four-lane Ka'umuali'i Highway up to Maluhia Road, which they view as forcing the question. They indicated that a potential design concept would be to leave two lanes within the tree tunnel and add two lanes east or west of the tree tunnel.
- PW staff was interested in our suggestion that we consider the idea of a connected network of smaller roads as an alternative to concentrating traffic on a few multi-lane roads and indicated a willingness to consider this if such a network became part of the draft circulation plan. Staff would like our circulation plan to become part of the County's General Development Plan Update for the Koloa Planning District.
- We discussed whether the County has an access management program and how this would relate to the Eastern Bypass as a kind of boundary for urban development. Staff indicated that access management provisions exist for County roads only within the subdivision provisions of County ordinances.



Meeting Log

Koloa-Poipu Area Circulation Plan

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- Staff indicated that traffic counts are conducted as part of developer traffic impact analysis reports (TIAR). Speed counts are done for the County's speed hump program. The state DOT annually collects traffic counts on certain roadways.
- The County does not currently have an Accident Reporting System (ARS). Police and highway patrol accident reports are turned into the state (DOT) but the data is not processed or made available to the County for analysis. Consequently, the County does not have a formal process for analyzing high hazard locations or traffic safety trends.

