

Meeting Log

Koloa-Poipu Area Circulation Plan

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Participating:

County Staff: Keith Nitta, Barbara Pendragon

Charlier Associates: Jacob Riger

Notes:

- Jacob Riger began by giving a brief overview of the project tasks, objectives, and timeframe.
- Staff indicated that their greatest concern is the timing of the Koloa-Po'ipu Area Circulation Study vis-à-vis the County's upcoming update of its Development Plan for the Koloa-Po'ipu area. Put another way, where does our study fit into the County's overall planning process?
- Keith Nitta then reviewed a schematic he had sketched on a dry-erase board describing the traditional planning process and how our plan might fit into that process. He noted that the traditional process, one staff intends to use in updating the Development Plan, consists of the primary tasks of data gathering, analysis, and alternatives. From his perspective, our plan could either be viewed as an alternative or as part of the data gathering process. He said it was his strong preference that our plan fit into the data gathering stage. In this way, staff would have the benefit of the work we will have done but not be constrained in constructing their own plan based on other data inputs or factors that are not part of our plan.
- The second major staff concern expressed is how is the development review and permitting process affected while our study is ongoing? Barbara Pendragon noted that staff is having to make decisions as part of the normal development review process that could affect our efforts, such as the location of access points, crosswalks, etc. for projects currently under review.
- In response, Jacob noted first that our planning efforts are on a "fast-track" schedule, with the majority of the technical work to be completed within the next three months. He further noted that it was not our desire to negatively impact staff's established procedures and processes, and that they should continue on their normal course. It was agreed that it made sense to coordinate and share data when feasible so that both planning efforts could be as consistent as possible. Several aerial photographs were reviewed to summarize some current issues, such as potential vehicular and non-vehicular access points along Po'ipu Road.
- Staff then emphasized that both the Western Bypass and Hapa Road were priority projects. For the Bypass, staff noted that there are many options for funding the northern leg and that it is an important project for overall traffic flow and circulation in the area. As for Hapa Road, staff feels strongly that this corridor should be preserved for non-



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vehicular travel and that it could provide a critical bicycle/pedestrian connection between Koloa Town and Po'ipu Beach.

- There was then a brief discussion about specific data issues, such as the reliability of zoning designations in the parcel GIS layer. Regarding GIS, staff suggested that the KIUC (Kaua'i Island Utility Company) might be a good GIS source, if needed to supplement the County's GIS database.
- The discussion ended with the concluding emphasis by staff that they did not want to our plan and their planning efforts to conflict. So, it will be important so share data/results and to coordinate along the way.

