

Meeting Log

Koloa-Po'ipū Area Circulation Plan

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Kaua'i County Planning Commission Meeting July 11, 2006

Participating:

Kaua'i County Planning Commission

Charlier Associates: Jacob Riger, Lisa Malde, Jennifer Valentine

Also in attendance: Teddy Blake, Eric Crispin, Jane Kaneshiro, Louie Abrams

Notes:

Jacob Riger gave a 20-30 minute presentation about the Kōloa-Po'ipū Area Circulation Plan. Questions from the Planning Commission following Jacob's presentation and answers provided:

Q: Will your presentation be on the project website?

A: Yes, the website has presentations, meeting logs, and other documents.

Q: Getting from where we are now to something like Boulder is a huge leap - there is always resistance to change. How do we get people to change and buy into these ideas?

A: Providing opportunities and choices is the first step, and just showing people that it's possible to do things differently. Just from talking to people and the surveys and meetings we have conducted, it seems that people are ready for a change. Public awareness and education are important, but the process of change also evolves organically. Starting with small, easy projects can build a track record of success to implement larger, more complicated projects.

Q: Will your plan suggest any short-term solutions?

A: Yes, it will consider short- and long-term solutions. There are things that can be done in 6 months to a year.

Q: Does the plan include commuters coming in from outside of the project study area?

A: Jacob explained our survey efforts of resort employees and others commuting from outside the study area are being considered.

Comments: "This is very exciting stuff. I can see this as being a model" (Daligidig).

Jacob explained that we are also trying to build bridges through the planning process, which will be key for the plan's implementation.

Q: Who is primarily responsible for the plan's implementation?

A: The County will have a large role, but really everyone will play a part. We will come up with innovative funding strategies as a component of the plan.

Q: Do you have a list of the developers who are on-board?

A: (Eric responds) There are about 8 or 9 developers who have pooled their resources to fund this plan (lists developers).



Comment: September (when the plan will be completed) seems like a long time from now.
Response: Yes, we expect to have a draft of the plan by September. This is actually 18-24 months of work condensed into 4 or 5 months. This project is on a very fast track.

Q: What assumptions are you making about population growth? What numbers will you be using, and where will you get this information?

A: We are pulling together some numbers from the developers, looking at the cumulative impacts of the planned and proposed projects. We can use the number of dwelling units and square feet to estimate trip generation.

Q: Will you have any input with parking?

A: We realize how important parking is, particularly in Koloa Town, and are definitely considering where/what kind is needed, and thinking about other solutions (to reduce the need for parking).

Comments from Teddy Blake: We're excited about this opportunity and think it's a positive move. It seems to be a win-win situation. There has been a lot of cooperation from the developers and the resort association.

Commissioner Chaffin thanked Teddy for getting this initiative started. Teddy added that Louie Abrams also played an important role.

Comment from Ken Taylor: This plan is wonderful. Ken asked the commission to send letters asking to expand this effort and look at the traffic situation for the whole island.

