

**Kaua'i County Planning Department (and Public Works Staff)**  
**July 13, 2006**

**Participating:**

Kaua'i County staff: Barbara Pendragon, Donald Fujimoto, Myles Hironaka

Charlier Associates: Jacob Riger, Lisa Malde, and Jennifer Valentine

Also in attendance: Jane Kaneshiro, Teddy Blake

**Notes:**

- After introductions, Jacob gave a brief overview of the project, including a timeframe for major tasks and public workshops as well as our scheduled trips to Kaua'i.
- Jacob emphasized that we are aiming to build on the good work the state and county have already done and to create a useful product they can implement. He also acknowledged that there is some concern about the developers funding the project, but that given our core client group of the developers, the community, and the county, our ultimate goal is to serve the greater public interest.
- After Jacob's opening remarks, the group began by discussing data needs. Myles suggested going to the Hawaii Office of Planning Website for additional data. Barbara said that if we gave her a list of what data we already have, she would check it against what they have.
- Donald asked if we were getting information from the developers. Jacob explained that we are working with Eric Crispin and have asked the developers for CAD files and general information about each planned/proposed development project.
- We discussed the August 10<sup>th</sup> workshop, mentioning that it will be an opportunity to explore and refine alternatives. We will do a connectivity analysis of the transportation network, but are still waiting on information from the developers. There will be a draft plan by the September workshop, and we will present a draft plan by mid-October.
- Barbara noted that there are some inaccurate points on the study area map, and Lisa explained that the map was created using ESRI data, which is the most complete data set we have so far. Even so, it lacks many data elements, particularly parcel lines. We met with Harry Beatty earlier in the day and he gave us additional GIS data. As an example, the aerial photography we received will help with accuracy.
- Barbara brought out some paper maps from 1996 and agreed to make copies for Lisa. She also showed us future road widening maps and road classifications, and mentioned that flood maps should be available online from FEMA.



- Jacob explained that our study will quantify proposed traffic, but will go beyond level of service classifications to measure mobility, accessibility, and connectivity. While we are not planning to do a build-out analysis, we are looking at the cumulative impacts of developments that are proposed or underway.
- We are hoping to set up a framework to think about things differently - creating a balanced, multimodal system and a process for dealing with new projects fairly and systematically.
- Donald mentioned he thinks this project is a good planning process exercise, and that education will play a big role in its success (because people love their cars). Signage will be important.
- Jacob noted that there definitely seems to be a demand for walking and bicycling paths among tourists and residents, and that this aspect was the most frequently mentioned at the June public workshop.
- Barbara asked if we will recommend specific street-level improvements. Jacob responded that we will certainly consider components such as lane width, sidewalks, paths, parking etc. but have not discussed producing cross-section diagrams. He later added that there is some flexibility in the scope and that it is our intent to produce the most useful and helpful product possible for the community and the County.
- She also emphasized the importance of building consensus, and Jacob responded that this is a major component of our efforts.
- The group discussed the benefits of establishing a more proactive system, and the importance of connected street networks. Donald said he hopes Kaua'i doesn't end up with huge, multi-lane highways before mass transit is deemed viable. He asked if the plan will recommend rates for transit and how to get people to use it. Jacob responded that we will discuss what it takes to get the plan implemented, what has worked in similar places, and suggest major stop locations. We will also be meeting with Janine Rapozo to discuss transit.
- He also mentioned the project advisory committee we are forming, and said we would be contacting them for representatives.
- Barbara also asked about tourist input. Jacob explained that we have met with Jody Kjeldsen and the PBRA.
- The group also discussed the pros and cons of the Super Ferry, and the changes along Hapa Road.

