

Kaua'i County Mayor  
September 27, 2006

**Participating:**

Kaua'i County staff: Mayor Bryan Baptiste

Charlier Associates: Jacob Riger, Scott McCarey

**Notes:**

- The Mayor first asked about the cost estimates of building the new infrastructure listed in the plan. He believes that project costs are the most critical item of the plan. The extent to which the plan will be implemented depends primarily on the costs of these projects and who will pay for them.
- The Mayor noted that construction costs here on the Islands are often 50% higher than costs on the Mainland and that this should be incorporated into our analysis. He noted that the Northern Bypass Extension would cost \$35 to \$40 Million.
- Jacob began to go through the presentation to be given at the September public workshop. To start, Jacob explained the many benefits of having a connected network of small streets. He explained the concept of having the four mauka - makai roads: the Eastern Bypass, Poipu Road, the Spine Road and the Western Bypass.
- Jacob explained in detail the different roadway connections that are being considered in the plan. He also explained the bicycle and pedestrians projects that are being considered. Through this discussion Jacob showed slides of the maps that will be presented at the public workshop.
- There was a detailed conversation about the possible realignment of the intersection of Koloa and Poipu Roads and the potential resulting benefits.
- The Mayor expressed concern that several of the bike and pedestrian projects will have ROW constraints, especially in Koloa.
- The mayor was concerned that the views of long-term, native residents are not being fully represented. He noted that many native residents do not attend public workshops. Jacob noted that we have had many people in Koloa helping with publicity of the meetings. Jacob showed a map of the residential locations of the August meeting attendees.
- There was a discussion about how many cars on the roads belong to residents and how many belong to tourists.
- The Mayor asked how we are defining the fair share of the costs of the new projects. He said that we need a detailed analysis of who is paying for these projects. The plan for



developing what needs to get built is the easy part. The real challenge will be determining who pays for what.

- The Mayor noted that many infrastructure improvements are behind schedule. He believes that it is unfair for the existing residents of the Koloa-Poipu area to be pay for these improvements. Rather he sees a catch-up opportunity in the fees that developers will contribute. The Mayor seemed interested in improvements beyond just transportation.
- Jacob said that CAI can work with the County to develop an impact fee system. Jacob said that legally there needs to be a rational nexus between the fees that are charged and the impacts that they are intended to mitigate. The Mayor said that he believes that attention needs to be given to the fact that there are negative impacts of development that extend beyond the immediate area of the development. A discussion between island wide impact fees and area-specific impact fees ensued. Jacob asserted that area-specific impact fees are legally more plausible, but that a percentage of the impact fees can be earmarked for regional projects.
- The meeting concluded with the Mayor saying that placing fiscal responsibility on the responsible parties (who pays) is important to figure out. He does not want to see this burden fall on existing residents.

