

# Community Meeting and Open House

**Project Overview, Key Findings, and Initial Opportunities** 

February 28, 2023

## **OUR GOALS THIS EVENING**

- Provide highlights and key takeaways from the first round of community engagement
- Review findings from the draft community profile, housing inventory, and real estate market analysis
- **Gather feedback** about opportunities for walking, biking, and Maui Bus improvements and priority locations for affordable and workforce housing



## **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

- Build on West Maui Community Plan and West Maui Greenway Master Plan
- Increase affordable and workforce housing
- Identify a new transit hub location
- Create walkable, accessible communities
- Support economic diversity
- Connect critical destinations
- Keep and make great places
- Reflect West Maui's history and future



# WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN

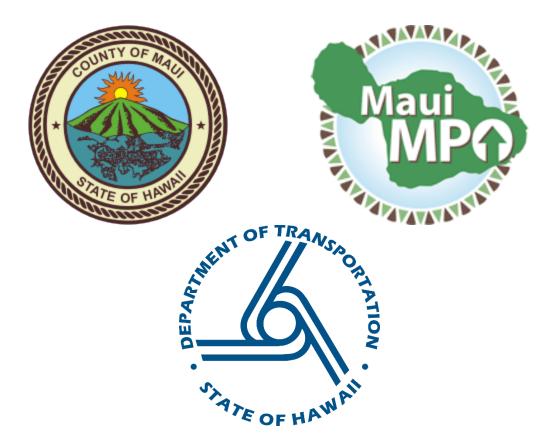
January 2022





### AN INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM

- Maui MPO
- Department of Planning
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Public Works
- Department of Housing & Human Concerns
- Department of Parks & Recreation
- Hawai'i Department of Transportation



#### **TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT FOR MAUI**

- Connected, walkable communities, organized around transit
- Focused on mixed land uses, with affordable and workforce housing
- Mode of transit is less important than quality of service and experience
- TOD on Maui will look different than TOD elsewhere

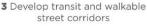




1 Identify Transit Oriented Development (TOD) site

2 Develop TOD plan







4 Make zoning changes to encourage TOD

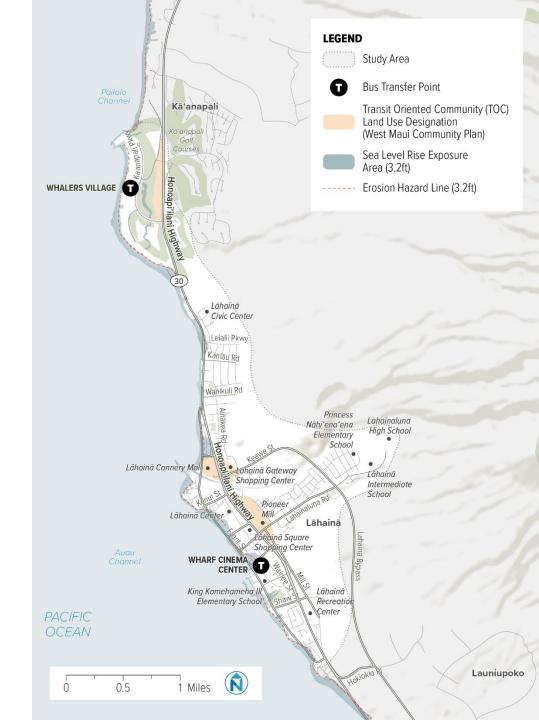


5 Complete TOD district

#### COMMUNITY CORRIDOR STUDY AREA

#### Lāhainā to Kā'anapali

- Focused on Honoapi'ilani Highway and a half mile mauka
- Includes areas where people live, work, shop, go to school, and get community services
- Transit Oriented Community (TOC) land uses identified in West Maui Community Plan
- Vulnerable to sea level rise and erosion



#### **COMMUNITY CORRIDOR TASKS & SCHEDULE**





#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **RECENT ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**





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#### ENGAGEMENT THEMES TO DATE

#### **Multimodal Access**

• Honoapi'ilani Highway intersections as barrier

#### **Workforce and Affordable Housing**

• Efficiency of mixed-use vs. what people want

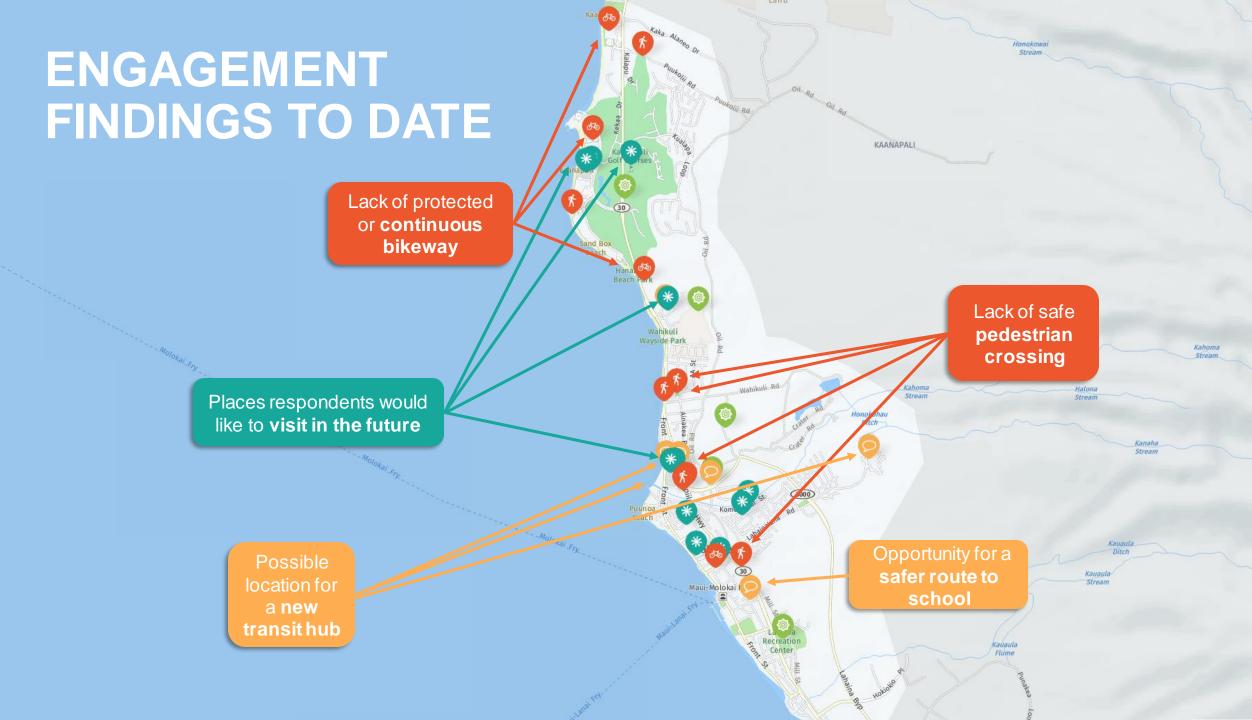
#### Economy

• Support economic diversification

#### Resiliency

Managed retreat from sea level rise

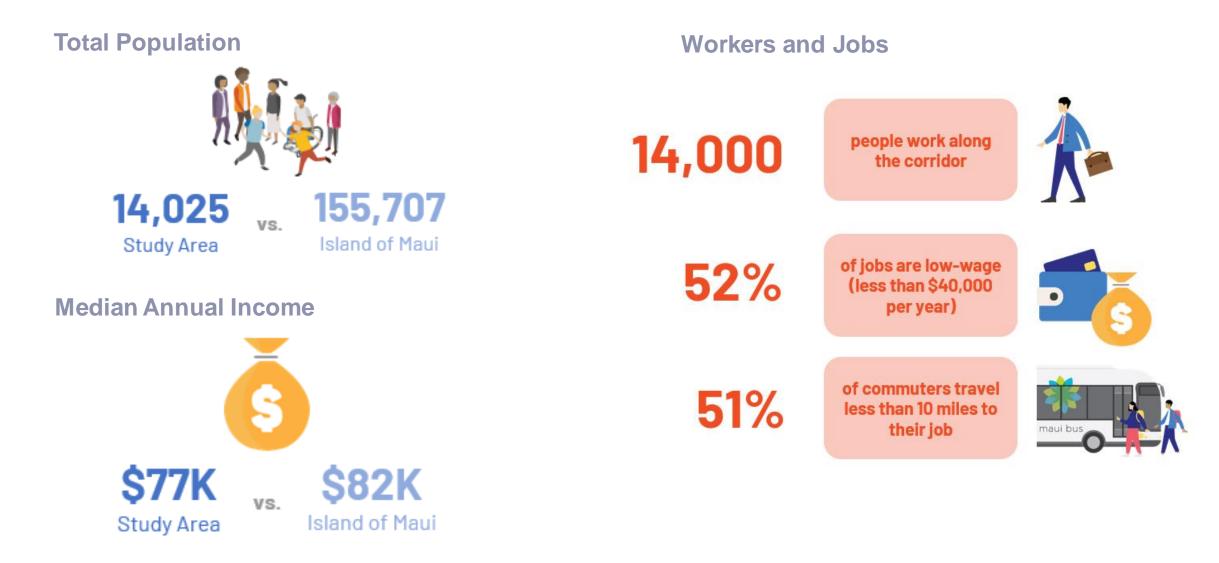






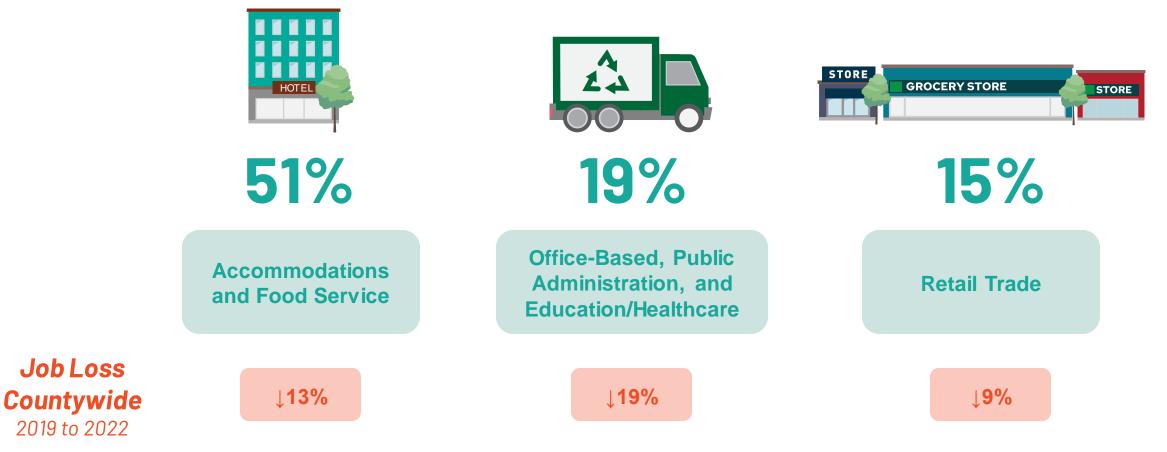
#### **EXISTING CONDITIONS FINDINGS**

## **COMMUNITY CORRIDOR RESIDENTS AND JOBS**



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Workers by Industry in the Corridor



## TRAVELING TO THE COMMUNITY CORRIDOR

About 10,000 people commute to the corridor from other parts of the island.



Data source: LEHD, 2019

#### MOVING ALONG THE COMMUNITY CORRIDOR

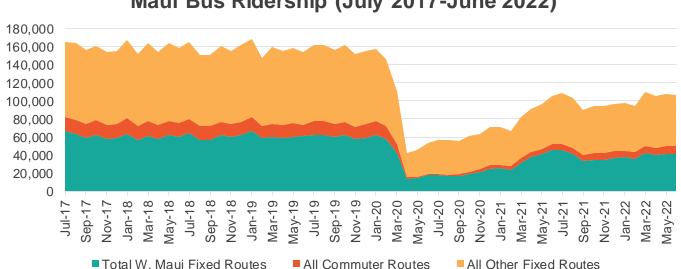
- Honoapi'ilani Highway through Lāhainā carries 24,000 vehicles per day on average
- Volumes increase to between 25,000-45,000 north of Keawe and Honoapi'ilani Highway
- There were 850 crashes (28 fatal) involving someone walking or biking between 2010-2017





#### MOVING ALONG THE COMMUNITY CORRIDOR

- West Maui Islander is the highest ridership route in the Maui Bus system
- Commuter bus service brings people from Upcountry, Central Maui, and Kihei
- Ridership is recovering since the beginning of the pandemic



Maui Bus Ridership (July 2017-June 2022)





#### **HOUSING INVENTORY & MARKET ANALYSIS**

## HOUSING INVENTORY: KEY FINDINGS

**Existing Study Area Housing Units** 



Estimated Demand for New Housing in Study Area by Preference (2020-2025)



Data source: Draft Housing Inventory and Analysis, ECONorthwest, January 2023 20

## HOUSING INVENTORY: KEY FINDINGS

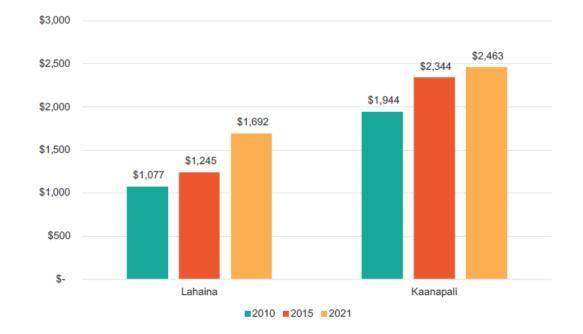
#### Tenure

 Significantly higher % of owner-occupied housing units in Kā'anapali



#### **Median Gross Rents**

 Median rents have increased by 57% in Lāhainā and 27% in Kā'anapali



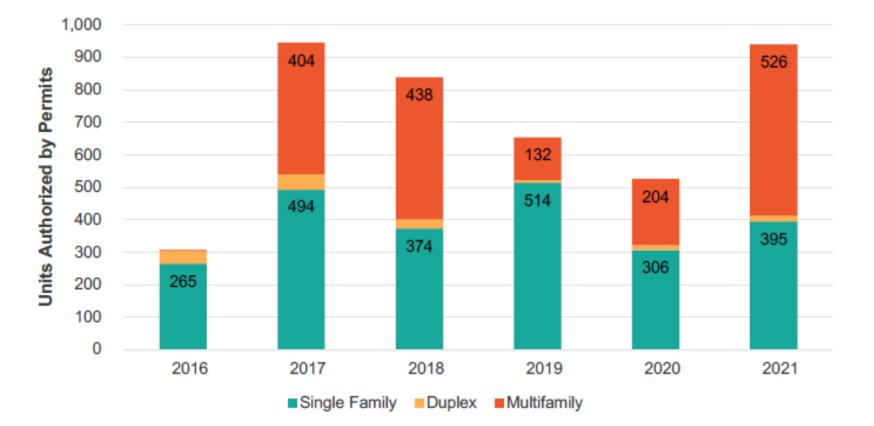
Housing Costs and Area Median Income

- The median family income on Maui is \$101,100 in 2022
- A family would need to earn over \$188,000 to afford the average condo in Lāhainā
- A family would need to earn more than \$450,000 to afford a single detached unit in Lāhainā and over \$612,000 in Kā'anapali

Type of Unit	Average Sale Price	Required Family Income to Afford Housing
Kāʻanapali Single Detached	\$2,450,000	\$612,500 - \$700,000
Kā'anapali Condo	\$1,100,000	\$275,000 - \$314,286
Lāhainā Single Detached	\$1,800,000	\$450,000 - \$514,286
Lāhainā Condo	\$750,000	\$187,500 - \$214,286

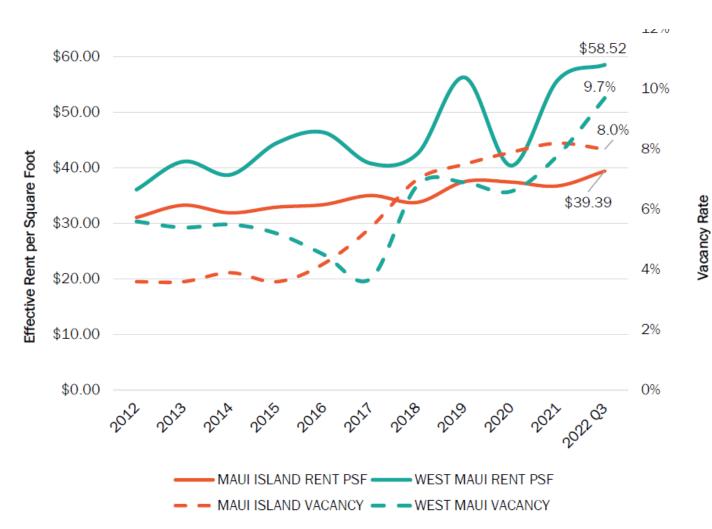
#### **Development Trends**

- Housing production declined between 2017 and 2020, but jumped 79% from 2020 to 2021
- About 55% of permitted units between 2016 and 2021 were single family and 40% were multifamily



**Retail Rents and Vacancy Rates** 

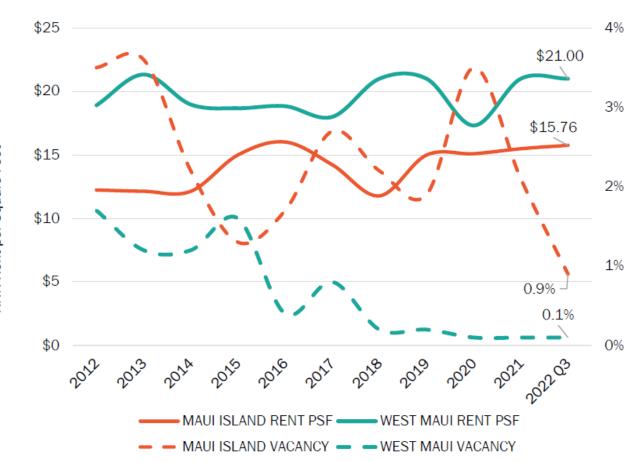
- About 23% of Maui Island's total retail inventory is in West Maui
- Despite fluctuations, retail rents increased by 62% in West Maui from 2012 to 2022 (compared to 27% for Maui Island)
- Vacancy rates are slightly higher in West Maui than for Maui Island
- Net absorption in West Maui has been negative in the past 4 years, indicating a decrease in demand for retail space



Source: CoStar

**Industrial and Flex Rents and Vacancy** 

- Rents increased by about 11% between 2012 and 2022 in West Maui, compared to 29% for Maui Island
- Three new industrial/flex buildings were delivered in West Maui since 2012 (about 26,000 square feet)
- Significantly more industrial/flex space was delivered to Maui Island (about 363,000 square feet)



NNN Rent per Square Foot

Vacancy Rate



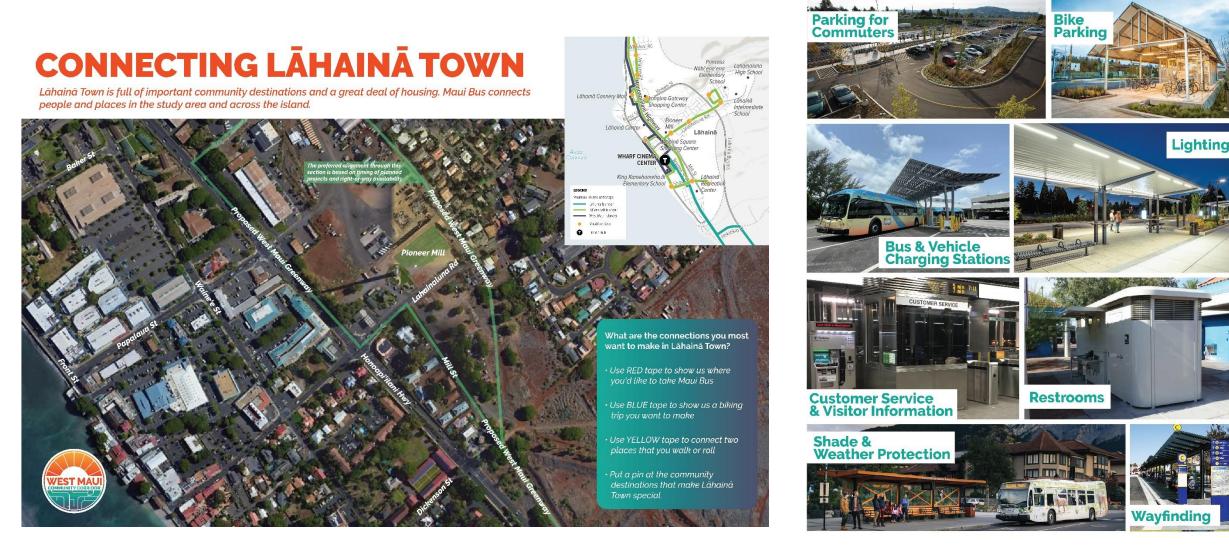
#### **A VISION FOR THE COMMUNITY CORRIDOR**

#### FEEDBACK WE'RE SEEKING TODAY

#### A NEW WEST MAUI TRANSIT HUB



What features do you think are most important for a new transit hub in West Maui? Put a ball in the bucket of your top 3 choices.



## MANY WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- Walking tours
- Survey
- Scavenger hunt
- Mapping activity
- Pop-up events
- Community briefings
- Stakeholder meetings
- Focus groups



## **NEXT STEPS**

- Continue engaging the West Maui community
- Summarize opportunities and areas of focus
- Finalize community profile, affordable housing inventory, and market analysis
- Share a draft vision and initial project and program ideas
- Identify potential partners and funding sources



## **MAHALO!**



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