



# WEST MAUI COMMUNITY CORRIDOR PROJECT

## Technical Advisory Committee Meeting #1

August 25, 2022 | 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. HST

### Meeting Objectives:

- Introduce the West Maui Community Corridor project and meet the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Review early findings from stakeholder interviews, site visit, and issues and opportunities workshop
- Discuss key destinations, barriers, and opportunities for the corridor
- Share plans for first round of community engagement and identify opportunities to broaden participation

### Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome and opening (Pam Eaton, County Project Lead)
- Review project background and need and introduce County of Maui Project Management Team (Pam Eaton)
- Review meeting goals, agenda, and role of the TAC (Pam Eaton)
- Introduce Technical Advisory Committee members (All)

**Key Questions:** Is the TAC's role clear? Do you have questions about expectations?

### Project Overview and Desired Outcomes

- Introduce consultant team, key tasks, and project schedule (Jennifer Wieland, Nelson\Nygaard)
- Share summary of work underway (Mariel Kirschen, Nelson\Nygaard)
- Discuss desired outcomes of the Community Corridor study (All)

**Key Questions:** What questions do you have about the work underway? What do you hope the Community Corridor Action Plan will accomplish?

- Transportation
  - More bus activity, stops, and improve the comfort of taking public transit

- Improvements to and additions of sidewalks, bike lanes
- Park Maui to optimize transportation
- Integrate the West Maui Greenway into existing connections
- Community Needs
  - Be proactive about what the community wants to ensure community buy in
  - Managed retreat
  - Government interventions should be community-focused (on full-time residents)
  - Protect cultural resources
  - Helping the community's most vulnerable: children, people with disabilities, seniors
- Housing and Infrastructure
  - Type of housing and density the community wants and infrastructure the State and County can provide
  - Resiliency for infrastructure
  - Infrastructure built prior to development
  - Need to prioritize community safety with expanded infrastructure (roads, water resources)
  - Infrastructure for people with disabilities (crosswalks for hearing impaired)
  - Consider whether the County should take on development of housing with public-private partnerships
- Implementation and Funding
  - These types of efforts need prioritization
  - Avoid creating a long wish list
  - Fiscal constraint on infrastructure projects is important (unconstrained look versus actual look)

## **Review Preliminary Issues and Opportunities**

- Provide highlights of preliminary learnings from stakeholder interviews, review of past plans, and site visit
- Work in small groups to identify destinations, barriers, and opportunities—for specific areas, for improvements, and for collaboration—within the study area

**Key Questions:** How do the preliminary issues and opportunities identified match what you experience along the corridor? What information do you have available to share with the project team?

## REPORT OUT ON SMALL GROUP TAKE-AWAYS AND KEY OPPORTUNITIES

- Group 1
  - Opportunities
    - Improve the comfort and safety of bus stops
    - Quick implementation of bicycle lanes and bus routes
    - Communication of bus and bicycle service to residents and visitors to use existing infrastructure
    - Define what we're trying to optimize with this project
    - Create stops and safe turn lanes along Honopi'ilani Highway to help erosion control, reduce traffic, and improve comfort
  - Challenges
    - Public transportation is limited
    - Safety and walkability
    - Honopi'ilani Highway acts as a major barrier
    - Keawe Street has no clear solution for adding and managing entries and exits
  - Key Destinations
    - Connection between Lāhainā and Kapalua, Kā'anapali, and Nāpili
    - Southern West Maui
    - Lāhainā Civic Center (sports, post office, and the beach park across the highway)
  - Transit Hub Opportunities
    - Pioneer Mill
    - Lāhainā Gateway mall
    - Civic Center, but this location needs more density to be a viable option and support transit
    - We must be conscious of the federal preserve due to historic burial grounds on that location (Burial Preserve)
- Group 2
  - Opportunities
    - Future development will be affected by Ground Water Management area
    - Existing infrastructure has stalled development
    - Bypass extension will alleviate traffic
    - Safety can be improved in downtown through road diets, ADA accessibility
    - So many projects in West Maui are already underway

- Master plan for affordable housing development
- Risk losing the trust of the community if there's just "plan after plan" without action
- Many hotels have their own buses but not as many bikes; this could be an opportunity for a public-private partnership between the County and the hotel industry
- Transit Hub Opportunities and Key Destinations
  - Foodland intersection
  - Events (canoe events, paddling events)
- Group 3
  - Opportunities
    - Significant opportunity to pre-plan transportation infrastructure
    - When projects go forward, they are ready to put their piece into place when it comes to housing
    - Extension of bypass road
    - Change the framework for multimodal transportation
      - Honoapi'ilani is local and regional connector road
      - Bypass could alleviate traffic
      - Opportunity to reduce from 4 lanes to 2 lanes and install bike lanes
    - Community needs to be polled on prioritization; look at what is doable and not doable
    - Change streets to one-ways
    - Preserve natural resources (trees) and cultural resources
  - Challenges
    - Planned housing opportunities on the west side have been stalled for infrastructure reasons
    - Consider whether area will support new housing or modified housing
    - Not close to infrastructure, schools, that comes along with housing
    - Scaling things down to get people out of their cars
    - Add shade trees.
  - Transit Hub Opportunities
    - Keawe Street
    - Civic Center

## Community Engagement Activities

- Review engagement activities for September and October outreach
- Discuss key audiences and groups/people to reach (All)
  - Engage civic groups
  - Swap Meet and Farmer's Market to spread the word
  - Maui Tomorrow Foundation
  - Churches
  - Na Aikāne Cultural Center on Front Street
  - Aha Moku o Maui Lāhainā is a community organization regarding cultural and history of Lahaina
  - Hawai'i Farmers Union United - Lāhainā chapter
- Identify opportunities for TAC members to promote activities (All)
  - People want incentives for survey participation
    - Annual bus pass
    - Win some sort of meal from participating restaurants in West Maui

**Key Questions:** How can you help to spread the word about the project and the ways people can provide input?

## Near-Term Actions and Next Steps

- Identify additional information needs and follow-up items
- Share next steps, including timing and agenda topics for TAC Meeting #2

**Key Questions:** What additional information do you need as this project moves forward?  
What outstanding questions do you have about today's topics?

## Attendance

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