

**PĀ‘IA RELIEF ROUTE PROJECT**  
**State of Hawai‘i, Department of Transportation**  
**Project No. STP-036-1(11)**

**Pā‘ia Relief Route Advisory Group Meeting No. 1 Summary**  
Tuesday, March 3, 2009 – 5:45 p.m.  
Pā‘ia Community Center  
Pā‘ia, Hawai‘i

**PURPOSE:**

1) Provide an overview of the project and planning process; 2) To initiate discussion on proposed projects benefits and impact towards the community; and 3) To organize ourselves for all subsequent meetings.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

**1. Welcome – Ken Tatsuguchi, Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) Engineering Planning Manager**

Mr. Tatsuguchi indicated that HDOT is very interested in obtaining community input regarding the Pā‘ia Relief Route project. This Advisory Group is an example of a Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) strategy which is becoming the way that HDOT is “doing business”. The objective to this approach is for the community stakeholders and the government to develop a project that incorporates community values, while maintaining the safety and mobility of the corridor. The PRAG and members of the public were thanked for their attendance.

The following representatives of the project team were present:

Hawai‘i State Department of Transportation (HDOT) – Wayne Kawahara with the Planning Branch, Freddie Cajigal, and Bob Spilker from the Maui District Office; FHWA Transportation Engineer, Pat Phung.

SSF International, Inc. - Cheryl Soon, Lowell Chun, Jo-Anna Herkes, Hugh Ono, Eric Matsuda, Heather Forester, Tracey Pagan and Keoho Enomoto; Where Talk Works – Linda Colburn, President.

A letter from the Honorable Senator J. Kalani English stating that he could not attend this meeting and supports this project, was read aloud (Attachment 1).

Mike Molina, Maui County Council, was recognized for his participation in the PRAG.

## 2. Introductions – Linda Colburn, Facilitator

Linda Colburn’s qualifications were distributed to the group (Attachment 2).

Self introductions were conducted for KPAG Members. The following members were present:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Group</b>
Susan Alivado	Pā‘ia Elementary School, Principal
Milton Arakawa	County of Maui, Department of Public Works
Sandy Baz	Maui Economic Opportunity
Gregg Blue	Ha‘ikū Resident
Patricia Cadiz	Spreckelsville Resident
Karen Chun	Kuau Resident
Grant Chun	A & B Properties, Inc.
Greg Godwin	Pā‘ia Resident
Lance Holter	Sierra Club – Maui Group
Frank Kiger	Hawaii Commercial & Sugar Company
Bill Kirton	Hāna Bay Picnic Company
Mark Lopes	Representing Hawaii Transportation Association
Philip Lowenthal	Disabled Biking Enthusiast/Ha‘ikū Resident
Marcy Martin	Surfer/Kuau
Mike Molina	County of Maui, County Council
Kai Nishiki	Ha‘ikū Resident
William Palmer	Full Circle Publishing/Pukalani Resident
Rob Parsons	Writer for Sierra Club & Maui Tomorrow/Ha‘ikū Resident
Jocelyn Perreira	Tri-Isle Main Street Resource Center & Haiku Resident
Doug Sameshima	Pā‘ia Main Street Association
Roy Silva	County of Maui, Office of the Mayor
Elisabeth Smith	Spreckelsville V Homeowners Association
Lisa Starr	Pā‘ia Main Street Association
Mercer “Chubby” Vicens	Native Hawaiian/Wailuku Loan Advisory Committee
Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau
Michael Westfall	Kuau Resident

Absent Members included:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Group</b>
Kaleo Amadeo	Ocean Safety Officer/Baldwin Beach/Pā‘ia Resident
Neal Kunin	Ha‘ikū Resident
Jud Lau	Hāna Highway Surf Company
Charles Kauluwehi	Cultural Consultant
Maxwell Sr.	
Walter Enomoto	Maui Bicycle Alliance
Don Medeiros	County of Maui, Department of Transportation

Friends of the Advisory Group and public participants in attendance included: George Kahanu Sr. and Irene Bowle.

### **3. Discussion and Presentation on Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) and Pā‘ia Relief Route Project – Project Team**

Ms. Cheryl Soon began the presentation portion of the meeting. She stated the Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process is meant to bring the community and engineers together. Balance is key in this process. In Ms. Soon’s presentation (Attachment 3), the Hanalei Bridge preservation project on Kauai was used as an example on CSS.

For further information on CSS go to <http://www.contextsensitivesolutions.org/>

Next, Mr. Wayne Kawahara presented the project description. He stated that the Hana Highway may be improved and/or a new roadway could be constructed around Pā‘ia Town (Attachment 3).

Mr. Bob Spilker provided the project limits which extend approximately from the intersection of Hāna Highway and Haleakala Highway to just west of the Maliko Gulch. The project extends mauka from the Hāna Highway in varied distances (Attachment 4).

A group member asked why Ha‘ikū was not included in the project study area. Mr. Spilker responded that including Ha‘ikū would not fit the projects purpose and need.

Ms. Linda Colburn outlined the goals of the PRAG which include: narrowing down a reasonable set of alternatives to be identified in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) review technical studies for the EIS, and hold public informational meetings (Attachment 3). PRAG members are expected to attend all meeting.

Ms. Soon outlined the PRAG Meetings (Attachment 5). The focus of PRAG Meeting #1 is to begin developing the Purpose and Need Statement for the project.

### **4. Breakout Groups and Report Back – Linda Colburn, Facilitator**

PRAG Members broke into four groups and were given the following questions:

- 1) What does the Pā‘ia Relief Route project need to do for us?
- 2) What can we learn from the past?
- 3) What is special about the study area?
- 4) What will stand in the way? How can we get the project done?

Once in a group, a recorder and reporter were chosen. Each group discussion was facilitated. Groups were given 20 minutes to discuss the focus question. All groups were then asked to present the findings (Attachment 6).

## **5. Advisory Group Logistics – Linda Colburn, Facilitator**

- a. Future Meetings have been set for:
  - PRAG Meeting #2 on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 5:30 PM in the Kaunoa Senior Center
  - PRAG Meeting #3 on Monday May 11, 2009 at 5:30 PM in the Kaunoa Senior Center

If the Kaunoa Senior Center is not available, the PRAG’s second choice for a venue is the Pā‘ia Community Center.

- b. Friends of the PRAG will receive the same project information as the PRAG Members. Input on the project will be accepted in written form. Any questions will be addressed during the Question and Answer portion of each PRAG Meeting.
- c. A Charter was developed for the PRAG Members in order to obtain a standard conduct for members to follow (Attachment 7). It was requested that the PRAG Members have time to review the document thoroughly before a signature is obtained. The word lobbying will be struck from the document, and other requested edits will be accepted.
- d. A voluntary Title VI form to satisfy Environmental Justice was distributed (Attachment 8). All completed forms will be kept confidential.

## **6. Homework – Linda Colburn, Facilitator**

The PRAG Members were given disposable cameras and asked to take five pictures of the following:

- Traffic-related problems
- Roads you like
- Roads you don’t like
- Your choice

Cameras will be collected at the next meeting then developed to share with PRAG.

**7. Your Participation is Important – Jo-Anna Herkes, SSFM Communication Specialist**

It was emphasized that PRAG Member and public participation is very important to the CSS process. Comments can be submitted via comment sheet or the project website: [www.paiareliefroute.com](http://www.paiareliefroute.com)

**8. Questions and Comment – Project Team**

The following questions and requests were made:

- 1) Who owns Kala Road and Sunnyside Road?

*Answer: HDOT is working to determine this and will get back to the PRAG.*

- 2) Can links to past studies be added to the website?

*Answer: Yes.*

# **ATTACHMENT 1**

**Letter from the Honorable  
J. Kalani English  
Senator, 6th District  
Dated March 3, 2009**

# **ATTACHMENT 2**

## **Qualifications for Ms. Linda Colburn President of Where Talk Works**

# **ATTACHMENT 3**

**PowerPoint Presentation by  
Project Team  
on March 3, 2009**



# **ATTACHMENT 4**

## **Study Area Map**

# **ATTACHMENT 5**

## **PRAG Meeting Outline**

# **ATTACHMENT 6**

## **Breakout Group Input Summary**

# **ATTACHMENT 7**

## **PRAG Charter**

# **ATTACHMENT 8**

## **Title VI Form**