

PAIA RELIEF ROUTE PROJECT
State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation
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Paia Relief Route Advisory Group Meeting No. 6 Summary

Monday, October 5, 2009 – 4:15 p.m.

Kaunoa Senior Center

Paia, Hawaii

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this meeting was to 1) Take the PRAG members on a tour of the eight different locations (See Attachment 1) being considered for crossing locations along Baldwin Avenue and 2) Obtain comments and feedback, listing the PRO's and CON's of each alternative crossing as a group.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

I. Welcome – Ken Tatsuguchi, Hawaii Department of Transportation, Engineering Planning Manager

State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) – Wayne Kawahara from the Planning Branch; Freddie Cajjgal and Bob Spilker from the Maui District Office;

SSFMI International, Inc. - Cheryl Soon, Lowell Chun, Jo-Anna Herkes, Robin Barnes, Eric Matsuda, Gene Magnaye and Andrew McKenzie; and **Where Talk Works** – Linda Colburn.

The PRAG members present at this meeting are identified with a “❖” symbol.

Name	Group
❖ Susan Alivado	Paia Elementary School, Principal
❖ Milton Arakawa	County of Maui, Department of Public Works
Sandy Baz	Maui Economic Opportunity
Gregg Blue	Haiku Resident
❖ Wayne Boteilho	County of Maui, Department of Transportation
❖ Patricia Cadiz	Spreckelsville Resident
❖ Karen Chun	Kuau Resident
❖ Grant Chun	A & B Properties, Inc.
❖ Walter Enomoto	Maui Bicycle Alliance
❖ Greg Godwin	Paia Resident
❖ Garret Hew	Hawaii Commercial & Sugar Company
Lance Holter	Sierra Club – Maui Group
❖ Bill Kirton	Hana Bay Picnic Company
❖ Mark Lopes	Representing Hawaii Transportation Association
❖ Philip Lowenthal	Disabled Biking Enthusiast/Haiku Resident
❖ Marcy Martin	Surfer/Kuau
Neal Kunin	Haiku Resident
Mike Molina	County of Maui, County Council
❖ Kai Nishiki	Haiku Resident
❖ William Palmer	Full Circle Publishing/Pukalani Resident

Name	Group
❖ Rob Parsons	Writer for Sierra Club & Maui Tomorrow/Haiku Resident
❖ Jocelyn Perreira	Tri-Isle Main Street Resource Center & Haiku Resident
❖ Doug Sameshima	Paia Main Street Association
❖ Roy Silva	County of Maui, Office of the Mayor
❖ Elisabeth Smith	Spreckelsville V Homeowners Association
❖ Lisa Starr	Paia Main Street Association
❖ Mercer “Chubby” Vicens	Native Hawaiian/Wailuku Loan Advisory Committee
❖ Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau
❖ Michael Westfall	Kuau Resident

Mr. Charles Kauluwehi Maxwell Sr. has been moved to the Friends of PRAG list.

II. General Response to Site Visit – Facilitated by Linda Colburn

1. Useful: easier to visualize what’s there
2. Historical narrative on sites
3. Standing on site gave a clearer picture of the topography
4. Onsite gives a sense of place and continuity
5. Helped with group cohesiveness

III. Discussion of the Multiple Alternatives – Facilitated by Linda Colburn

Alternative – A (Mauka of Poni Place)	
Pro	Con
Most direct route	Splits existing neighborhood
If you use two existing home lots, will get 160 feet of space, residents could have separate access	Will need to develop access for homes along Poni Place.
Least disruptive to HC&S operations	Poor site distance from Haiku side
Closer to merchants	Condemns 2 properties
Cut & fill, balance across Baldwin Ave.	Claim that it impacts 8-9 houses
	Elevation differences

Alternative – B	
Pro	Con
The existing irrigation pond is not in use	Potential impacts of existing homes may be a major challenge
Present gives views	May be less space than is needed for ROW
Location adjacent to historic station, an asset	Potential impact on railway station
Avoids agricultural road impacts	
Good connection from Baldwin Ave. to touchdown in Hookipa vicinity	
A separate path	
Some homeowners may welcome the compensation	

Alternative – C	
Pro	Con
	Area between heritage center & Emi building historically significant to the community
	C&B mill building clean up issues
	Active Brewery/Distillery, needs consultation

Alternative – D	
Pro	Con
Of C, D, E, F only D has safe sight distance along Baldwin Ave.	D, C, & B commercial zoning bifurcated
Good width on Baldwin Ave. for turn lanes	Possible displacement of Paia Farm labor station
Good sight distance	
Does not impact Mill Rd use	
Of D, G, and F least impact on current residents, least noise problems	
Greatest ROW	

Alternative – E	
Pro	Con
	A primary HC&S haul road
	Could interfere with Ag operations
	Limited Baldwin sight distance
	Too close to skill village homes

Alternative – F	
Pro	Con
	Potential impact on “Teens on Call” facility (after school youth program)
	Blind turn on Baldwin Ave.

Alternative – G	
Pro	Con
Most ideal location without disturbing existing homes.	Will impact school activities at Gym
	Crossing is in area designated
	May affect holy rosary church
	Current Maui island plan designated area for family housing

Alternative – H	
Pro	Con
May draw people from other areas to Paia	Longest route, too far Mauka
Only place to consider at grade separated crossing	Historic area
Good sight line distance	Most expensive
County owned	Least likely to be used
Great Views	Multiple gulch crossings
Only one that doesn't divide Paia	Windy road
Distance from Paia draw people away except those going there	For people living in Paia this is an impractical distance
	Increase traffic could impact preschool above it
	Bike tours impact school

IV. How the bike way may be separated from the R.O.W. of the highway

1. It was noted that it may be premature to discuss developing bike lanes in this area until the rest of the region has been connected. There are safety concerns for riders on bike lines that instead of ending at a logical destination point are terminated onto busy bus roads.
2. HC&S “buffer zones” are recommended as good possibilities for developing bikeways.

V. General Comments

1. A&B/ HC&S buffer areas could be a place for a bike path (45' buffer between agricultural activities & residential areas)
2. Need to determine which crossing HC&S prefers.
3. Need to identify impacted properties.
4. How it affects the community is the first concern, if the people don't want to move.
5. Add shared use path for discussion on a future agenda.
6. Make sure children can safely cross the alternate route.
7. There is a potential alternative for G along the gulch route.
8. C, D, E, and F all may result in higher speeds if Baldwin Ave. was straightened out – this could be dangerous.
9. Need to look at the possibilities for intersection types.
10. Over or underpass may be important to consider.
11. Bike path should be closer to the community.

Attachment 1

Location Map of Baldwin Avenue Crossings



Legend

- A - Mauka of Poni Place
- B - Dirt Roadway Makai of Mill
- C - Between Future Heritage Center and East Maui Irrigation Building
- D - Mauka End of Mill Site, Makai of Pā'ia Mill Road
- E - Pā'ia Mill Road
- F - Makai of Skill Village
- G - Mauka of Skill Village, Makai of Pā'ia School
- H - Holomua Road

Location Map - Baldwin Ave

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