

PAIA RELIEF ROUTE PROJECT
State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation
Project No. STP-036-1(11)

Paia Relief Route Advisory Group Meeting No. 10 Summary
Monday, May 9, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.
Kaunoa Senior Center
Paia, Hawaii

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this meeting was to 1) Update the group on the status of the Environmental Process; 2) Explain the adjustments to the alignments based on engineering; 3) Provide an overview of the environmental studies being conducted; and 4) Outline the next steps in Environmental Impact Assessment preparation.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

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

Mr. Tatsuguchi opened the meeting. It was announced that there is a new HDOT Project Manager, Lance Manabe, and a new FHWA Project Manager, Wayne Kaneshiro. The PowerPoint presentation from the meeting can be found in Appendix A.

State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) – Freddie Cajigal and Bob Spilker from the Maui District Office.

SSFM International, Inc. - Cheryl Soon, Doug Zang, and Heather Forester; **LPC Global** – Lowell Chun; 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
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
❖ David Goode	Director of Public Works
❖ Garret Hew	Hawaii Commercial & Sugar Company
Lance Holter	Sierra Club – Maui Group
Neal Kunin	Haiku Resident
Bill Kirton	Hana Bay Picnic Company

Name	Group
❖ Mark Lopes	Representing Hawaii Transportation Association
Philip Lowenthal	Disabled Biking Enthusiast/Haiku Resident
❖ Marcy Martin	Surfer/Kuau
Mike Molina	County of Maui, County Council
❖ Kai Nishiki	Haiku Resident
William Palmer	Full Circle Publishing/Pukalani Resident
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

Friends of the PRAG present included: Nikhi Lananda, Ellen Sioholm, and Kathleen Davis.

II. Status of Environmental Process for the Project – Cheryl Soon, SSFM Project Manager

There have been ten PRAG Meetings to date. The scoping for the project is complete. Next the consultant will prepare and submit the Draft EIS. HDOT and FHWA approval is required for submittal.

III. Adjustments to Alignments based on Civil Engineering Session – Breakout Session

The three build alternatives were overlaid on an aerial map of the study area for participants to view. Each station was manned so that alignments could be discussed.

IV. Environmental Studies being Conducted – Doug Zang, SSFM

This Draft EIS will evaluate the following resources: faunal, botanical, aquatic, cultural, socioeconomic environment, traffic and transportation, air quality, noise, utilities hazardous materials, and others. An update on status was given for each resource (see Appendix A).

V. Next Steps in Environmental Impact Statement Preparation – Lance Manabe, HDOT Project Manager

The next step is to publish the Draft EIS which begins a 45 day comment period. From the, the selection of a preferred alternative will be made and a Final EIS and Record of Decision will be published.

Attachment A

**Presentation by Project Team
on May 9, 2011**