

STIP Public Meeting, Round 1
Lahaina Civic Center
May 21, 2007
7:00 pm – 8:45 pm

- Inquired how the survey results affect the prioritization process and felt the public involvement and survey were great. Ans: the survey will provided us with a better feel for what seems to be important to the public. If these surveys identify a lot of support for a project listed we will focus on NOT deferring it.
- Inquired what happens to projects that are deferred and if they are forgotten. Ans: not forgotten or dropped... just delayed... unless other funding sources can be found.
- Inquired why some projects that are 100% funded with local money are listed on the STIP. The STIP must also include regionally significant projects, even if they are not locally funded.
- There are many projects—flooding, housing, water line—that are dependent on MC9. All these projects are interrelated. Is there coordination between the flood control project and MC9? Ans: There should be.
- A traffic control center is still something that Maui wants. Encouraged to build it in order to get traffic feedback now, before traffic problems begin.
- Lights in tunnel do not work anymore. Currently looking for compatible equipment since the original equipment has been stolen and is no longer manufactured. Interim improvements include flashers.
- Inquired how estimates are determined for each project. More accurate estimates are made as project development gets closer to the implementation phase.
- There is a lot of interest in mass transit.
- Inquired how a developer could get a project off the STIP and how public-private partnership could occur.
- HDOT should revive the passing lane project, but rename it. Consider implementing a middle lane for turning movements.
- STIP could affect GPAC.
- Gordon C. Cockett:
 - Very concerned about the word “revetment” used for MS9. Instead “elbow” the road away from the ocean.
 - Community does not want the shoreline drive realigned mauka. Believes that a tsunami and erosion are easily remedied without the mauka realignment.
- Rory Frampton:
 - Echoes Mr. Cockett. Possibly re-describe MS9 from revetment to shoreline protection or improvements.
 - Paved roadways involve coastal needs, coastal access, shoreline preservation, and scenic desires. Advocates for separate bikeways, which do not go with a four-lane highway.
 - Feels there are too many guardrails on Maui—more than on any other island, maybe too many guardrails. Perhaps funds for guardrail projects should be used elsewhere.
- John Seebart:
 - Should offer better transit like free bus rides from 5 am to midnight.
 - Concerned speeding is an issue on Lower Honoapiilani Highway and that MC12 will encourage more to speed.

- David Boote: More bike projects than before, which only benefit the bike industry. Bike industry should pay for these types of projects.
- Dr. Lavenson: Would like the shoreline drive to stay in place, even if the realignment is built, the shoreline drive needs to stay in place and in-use. He may want to view the statewide shoreline study in which a hard copy is located at HWY-M.
- Bill Frampton, Representative of Olowalu Town:
 - Had many discussions with the Olowalu community on highway and traffic improvements.
 - Would like to pay for the construction of highway and traffic improvements, and dedicate land. Developer is open to discussions.
 - Feels lower highway should not be abandoned and the upper highway will be more heavily used.
 - Considered eight different alternatives and the preferred alternative is to have the necessary portions of the highway relocated mauka, but maintain 85%-95% of the lower highway.
- Wayne Cochran:
 - Supports Mr. Cockett. The mauka realignment will only benefit the developers so they should pay for the road.
 - Need left turn lanes into Buzz's and Puamana and Ukemehana Parks.
 - Many surfers park across the highway and run across. Suggests creating restricted parking with the existing bike lane and creating a new bike lane adjacent to this.
- Tom Blackburn-Rodriguez: An ex-Federal employee who cautions endorsing any temporary solutions or short-term fixes that will most likely become a permanent fix.