

STIP Public Meeting, Round 2  
State of Hawaii Department of Transportation Highways Division  
Maui District Office Conference Room  
July 26, 2007  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

- Len Cappe: What “portion” of Kahului Airport Access Road is constructed already? There is currently no real traffic jam from the airport terminal to Dairy Road. He has taken travel times from the airport terminal to Dairy Road for the last five years and has found it takes 4.5 minutes. This is the second most expensive project in Maui’s budget and it should be taken out. Since there may be a funding shortage, the State should save the \$19M for another project that is needed.
  - HDOT response: We will begin the environmental process for the airport access road, which will include a traffic analysis. The Airport will construct a portion of the road. An overpass was discussed in the EIS, but since then, it was decided that an overpass was not necessary. Instead, a signalized intersection would be sufficient to service the projected capacity. However, if capacity requires an interchange, a separate project will have to address this.
- There was a concern regarding the timing of the construction of the Airport Access Road by both the Airport and HDOT.
  - HDOT response: HDOT is coordinating with the Airport so that the timing of both portions is in sync.
- Where did the 315 votes for MS12 come from?
  - HDOT response: The Kula Community Association submitted a petition containing 315 signatures. Charlene Shibuya will be setting up a meeting with the various bike companies to determine non-controversial locations for improvements.
- Certain projects require a detailed environmental process. An environmental assessment (EA) is an abbreviated version of a full environmental impact statement (EIS). The EIS process can typically take five years.
- Lloyd Lee: \$5.5 million for MC37 is not enough money, as mentioned at the previous meeting. This project is a high priority for the Mayor.
- When a project falls out of the STIP, how does HDOT determine where the money goes?
  - HDOT response: Changes are made through the amendment process. Priorities and ready-to-go status mostly determines where the money goes. The project with the least “path of resistance” is most likely to receive the available funds.
- Communities sometimes don’t understand that controversies can delay a project for years. However, if a project receives strong community support, an EIS can be done in as little as two years. Unfortunately, small problems can continuously delay a project. For example, Saddle Road was delayed for two years by one individual.