

STIP Public Meeting, Round 1
State of Hawaii Department of Transportation Highways Division
Molokai
May 29, 2007
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

The replacement of Kawela Stream Bridge is needed. Big rains in the area often cause major flooding. More water needs to be able to pass to help prevent flooding. Pictures were submitted to show how bad the flooding can get... 4.6" of rainfall translated into 15" of flooding on one particular day.

Concern for the preservation of the inland forests was brought up. Fixing the bridge is only part of the solution. Coordination with other agencies such as US Soil Conservation Office or the State's Department of Land and Natural Resources is needed as they are responsible for what happens to rainwater above (mauka) of the bridge.

There was a suggestion to look at the possibility of raising the highway or perhaps re-routing the highway in these areas. Shoreline protection is needed.

The drainage system in the area can be better maintained (ditches along Kamehameha V Road and the culverts that cross the highway).