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Statement of
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before the
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
AND
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**
Friday, February 8, 2019
11:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 423

in consideration of
HB 1457
RELATING TO TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.

Chairs Aquino and Brower, Vice Chairs Hashimoto and Matayoshi, and Members of the House Committees on Transportation and Housing.

The Office of Planning (OP) **supports** HB 1457, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Administration's Executive Budget. HB 1457 would appropriate general funds to the Office of Planning to assist the County of Maui Planning Department in the development and implementation of the Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor Master Plan. The project is one of the transit-oriented development (TOD) capital improvement project (CIP) funding requests the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD Council) has recommended for funding in Fiscal Year 2020. A copy of the TOD Council letter to the 2019 Legislature of its TOD CIP request endorsements is attached for your reference.

The proposed project would examine and plan for the redevelopment potential and corridor improvements needed to increase community livability and accommodate affordable housing along the transit spine between Wailuku Town and Kahului—essentially linking key State and County of Maui TOD projects identified in the TOD Council's *Strategic Plan for Transit-Oriented Development*.

This is a worthy project in line with State sustainability and Smart Growth objectives. However, the County of Maui Department of Planning—not OP—is the appropriate entity to implement this measure. OP is willing to assist the Planning Department in the execution of the project to the degree that our resources allow.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



HAWAII INTERAGENCY COUNCIL FOR TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

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February 1, 2019

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President
Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker
House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 208
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 306
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Chairs Dela Cruz and Luke:

Subject: Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development,
Support for Transit-Oriented Development CIP Requests, Fiscal Year 2020

On behalf of the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD Council) established pursuant to Act 130, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, we are pleased to transmit for your consideration a list of recommended State and county agency transit-oriented development (TOD) capital improvement project (CIP) budget requests, which are being requested by the respective entities for State funding/appropriations for Fiscal Year 2020.

The TOD Council is charged with reviewing TOD-related CIP budget requests to the Legislature pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Section 226-63(b)(5). At its January 8, 2019 meeting, the TOD Council reviewed and endorsed the projects on the attached list for funding by the Legislature for Fiscal Year 2020. The Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Hawaii County projects are projects in the *State TOD Strategic Plan* issued by the TOD Council. The Maui County project funding request would fund planning for a transit corridor master plan that would link major TOD projects included and discussed in the *Plan*.

As co-chairs of the TOD Council, we are fully cognizant of the budgetary constraints the State faces. We respectfully submit that State investment in these TOD projects will provide long-term benefits to the communities they will serve—laying the groundwork for more affordable housing, better access to State services, more livable communities, new business opportunities, and more revenue-generating opportunities for the State and its counties.

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, Scott K. Saiki, Donovan M. Dela Cruz, and Sylvia Luke
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We hope that legislators also find these projects worthy of funding.

Sincerely,



Rodney Funakoshi
Co-Chair Designee, TOD Council
Planning Program Administrator,
Office of Planning



Craig Hirai
Co-Chair, TOD Council
Executive Director, Hawaii Housing Finance
and Development Corporation

Attachment

c: David Y. Ige, Office of the Governor
Roderick Becker, Department of Budget and Finance

Transit-Oriented Development CIP Funding Requests Fiscal Year 2020

Recommended for funding by the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD Council)



A DLNR 101—Proj LNR906—ENVTL STUDIES VARIOUS PROJECTS, STATEWIDE: [East Kapolei Master Plan EIS] ▶ \$1M
DLNR Request, East Kapolei Lands TOD: \$1,000,000 in Lump Sum CIP for preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the East Kapolei Lands Master Development Plan. DLNR is currently preparing a master plan for approximately 175 acres of prime State lands at and surrounding the Keone`ae rail transit station at UH West Oahu. East Kapolei is a priority TOD area for the State. Revenues generated will help the DLNR to fund its conservation programs. The master plan is expected to be completed in late 2019, after which an EA/EIS will need to be prepared for subsequent development of these prime parcels. Funds to be allocated from Lump Sum CIP as needed.

B COUNTY OF HAWAII—KEAAU VILLAGE PROJECTS, KEAAU, PUNA [See projects below]
Two projects identified in the *State TOD Strategic Plan* are being pursued to support the County's disaster recovery efforts in the wake of the destructive 2018 Kilauea Volcano lava flows. The projects are consistent with the County's *Puna Community Development Plan*, and are needed to create residential and mixed-use opportunities in Keaau Village Center to enable it to become a public transit hub and commercial and residential center for outlying communities in the Puna District.

B1 KEAAU VILLAGE TRANSIT HUB ▶ \$200,000
County of Hawaii Request: \$200,000 in planning funds for the preparation of plans for a public transit hub in Keaau, a large commercial area at the crossroads of upper and lower Puna. The project is facilitated by a willing major landowner and is consistent with the County *Puna Community Development Plan* and the County's transit plan.

B2 KEAAU VILLAGE WASTEWATER SYSTEM ▶ \$500,000
County of Hawaii Request: \$500,000 in planning funds to study and prepare plans for the construction of a wastewater system for Keaau Village to catalyze the development of affordable housing in a mixed-use village center supported by urban infrastructure and public transit. The project is facilitated by a willing landowner and is consistent with the *Puna Community Development Plan*.

C COUNTY OF MAUI—WAILUKU-KAHULUI TRANSIT CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN, KAHULUI ▶ \$500,000
County of Maui Request, Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor: \$500,000 in planning funds to prepare a master plan for public facility and multi-modal transportation improvements for the transit corridor connecting Wailuku and Kahului, and related civic improvements and affordable housing to increase livability of the Wailuku and Kahului town centers. Capitalizes on the construction of the new Central Maui Transit Hub that will be the transit focal point for the Kahului end of the corridor, as well as redevelopment initiatives in Wailuku Town.

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Testimony for TRN on 2/8/2019 11:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lauren Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF LAUREN ARMSTRONG

MAUI MPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Before the House Committee on Transportation

February 8, 2019 at 1:15pm

Conference Room 423

HB 1457

Honorable Henry Aquino, Chair

Honorable Troy Hashimoto, Vice Chair

Honorable Members of the House Committee on Transportation

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB1457. The purpose of this bill is to finance the planning of the Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor Master Plan in the County of Maui.

The Maui MPO Policy Board has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as Executive Director.

A Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor Master Plan would enable Maui County to apply for a federal BUILD grant to finance the construction of multimodal transportation improvements. Ka'ahumanu Avenue serves over 50,000 vehicles daily, connecting Maui's primary commercial area in Kahului to its government seat in Wailuku. Imagine Ka'ahumanu Avenue transformed into a bus rapid transit corridor with

safe walking and biking connections from surrounding communities and institutions to the transit stops. This is one of many alternatives the study would vet through technical analysis and public involvement.

Providing residents and visitors with multimodal options will help alleviate traffic congestion and encourage good health through walking and biking. County of Maui, Maui MPO, and community partners are working in coordination to promote walkable communities and transportation options through Hele Mai Maui 2040 Transportation Plan, Maui Bus service, Complete Streets and Community Plan updates. We are prepared to plan and implement a Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor.

Passage of this bill would accelerate Maui's ability to leverage a transportation corridor improvement to attract investment in housing and walkable mixed use development in Central Maui. Please support HB1457 to fund the Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor Master Plan.

Sincerely,

Lauren Armstrong

Executive Director, Maui MPO

MICHAEL P. VICTORINO
Mayor

SANDY K. BAZ
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February 7, 2019

The Honorable Representative Henry J. C. Aquino,
Chair, Committee on Transportation
The Honorable Representative Troy N. Hashimoto,
Vice Chair, Committee on Transportation

Dear Representative Aquino, and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: Hearing of February 8, 2019:
Testimony in **SUPPORT of HB 1457**, Relating to Transit Oriented
Development. Appropriates funds to the Office of Planning for the
planning and development of the Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor
Master Plan in the County of Maui.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT of HB 1457**. This important measure appropriates funds to the Office of Planning for the planning and development of the Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor Master Plan in the County of Maui. Maui County faces significant challenges in responding to population growth, limited amount of developable land, high cost of living and aging infrastructure, especially in the Central Maui Corridor.

Through collaborative efforts, Maui County and the State of Hawaii have recently found common ground on projects and agreements to reduce these challenges in Kahului and Wailuku, including:

- County and State appropriations for the Wailuku Civic Complex
- Lease agreement between the State's Department of Accounting and General Services and Maui County to develop office space in Wailuku
- Funding from the State and County to construct the Central Bus Hub and affordable housing in Kahului

Maui County continues to embrace the State's transit oriented development initiatives and is seeking to reinvest in the Wailuku and Kahului's communities and infrastructure. Redevelopment opportunities between the transit corridor include:

- **Transportation improvements for the transit corridor connecting Wailuku and Kahului**
- **Capitalizing on affordable housing along the transportation corridor**
- **Linking public services, businesses and medical care**
- **Creating walkable communities**

Please support Maui County and the State of Hawaii's transit-oriented development initiatives by supporting appropriations to fund for the planning and development of the Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor Master Plan in the County of Maui.

Mahalo for your consideration of HB 1457.

Respectfully Submitted,



SANDY BAZ

Acting Mayor, County of Maui

Council Chair
Kelly T. King

LATE



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February 8, 2019

TO: The Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
House Committee on Transportation

FROM: ^{KG} Kelly T. King
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY , 2019; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HB 1457, RELATING TO TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Office of Planning for the planning and development of the Wailuku-Kahului Transit Corridor Master Plan in the county of Maui.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. While transit-oriented development is often thought of with the Honolulu Rail Transit Project in mind, the other counties also have opportunities to integrate transit-oriented development in their communities. The transit corridor between Wailuku and Kahului presents a unique opportunity for transit-oriented development in Maui County.
2. Kahului is the commercial center of Maui, while Wailuku serves as its civic heart. Implementing transit-oriented development to connect the two areas could provide more housing opportunities to our residents while creating critical access to both Kahului and Wailuku via the Maui Bus and other transportation options.
3. As the County's population grows and visitor counts rise, our roads endure more stress and traffic becomes more congested. A master plan for the Wailuku-Kahului transit corridor will help the County mitigate these impacts in the years to come.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

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Testimony for TRN on 2/8/2019 11:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura	Maui County Council	Support	No

Comments:

I am the Chair of the County of Maui's Multi Modal Transportation and we support this bill

which provides planning support to connect our two main municipalities via Kaahumanu Avenue.

This will provide needed planning funds to bring communities together through transportation options and bring people through housing options.

Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura

Chair Multi Modal Transportation Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

COUNTY OF MAUI
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February 07, 2019

TO: Committee on Transportation
Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
Representative Troy N. Hashimoto, Vice Chair

Committee on Housing
Representative Tom Brower, Chair
Representative Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair

Hearing Date/Time: Friday, February 8, 2019 11:30AM
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 423
415 South Beretania Street

FROM: Marc I. Takamori 
~~for~~ Acting Director of Transportation

SUBJECT: Testimony in SUPPORT of HB1457 RELATING TO TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

Dear Chair Aquino, Chair Brower, Vice Chair Hashimoto, Vice Chair Matayoshi and members of the committee,

The County of Maui, Department of Transportation (MDOT) **SUPPORTS** HB1457 which promote transit-oriented development by appropriating funds to the office of planning in the development and implementation of the Wailuku-Kahului transit corridor master plan in the county of Maui.

MDOT has been working closely with the County of Maui, Department of Planning, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Public Works, Department of Management, Department of Housing and Human Concerns and the Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization in looking at ways to:

- Reduce transportation costs for residents
- Reduce dependence on automobiles
- Increase the efficient use of existing roads and highways

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Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
Representative Troy N. Hashimoto, Vice Chair

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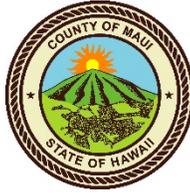
- Encourage compact development by concentrating higher density housing around transit centers and routes
- Promote the development of walkable communities where residents can live, work and play.

With the proposed planning funds of \$500,000.00, the County of Maui, Department of Planning along with the other departments and the community will be able to examine the feasibility of a transit corridor linking essential state and county services in Wailuku with its commercial and retail centers of Kahului, with improved transit service and other multi-modal transportation options being an integral part of improving access to jobs and services throughout Maui. This will examine redevelopment opportunities in Wailuku and Kahului, including transportation improvements for the transit corridor, capitalize on the potential for co-locating affordable housing, jobs, public services and other amenities to create walkable, bikeable and transit-supportive communities.

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

MICHAEL P. VICTORINO
Mayor

MICHELE N. CHOUTEAU MCLEAN, AICP
Acting Director



COUNTY OF MAUI
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

February 7, 2019

TESTIMONY OF MICHELE CHOUTEAU MCLEAN, AICP
ACTING DIRECTOR, PLANNING DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF MAUI

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
AND
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Friday, February 8, 2019, 11:30 A.M.
Conference Room 423

HB1457 RELATING TO TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.

Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
Rep. Troy N. Hashimoto, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the House Committee on Transportation

Rep. Tom Brower, Chair
Rep. Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair
Honorable Member of the House Committee on Housing

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB1457.

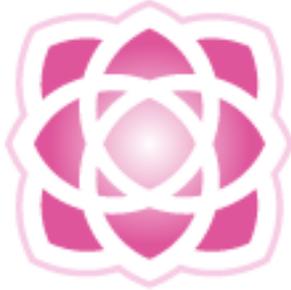
The purpose of this measure is to promote transit-oriented development by appropriating funds to the Office of Planning to assist the County of Maui in the development and implementation of the Wailuku-Kahului transit corridor master plan. The funds would provide a forum for the State and the County to work together to promote growth of compact, mixed-use communities that are integrated with public transit.

This TOD project will provide long-term benefits to Maui and the State and can contribute to creating more sustainable, livable, and complete communities that include more affordable housing, better access to public services, new business opportunities, and more revenue-generating opportunities for Maui County and the State.

For these reasons I **strongly support** the passage of HB1457.

Sincerely,

Michele Chouteau McLean, AICP
Acting Director, Department of Planning
County of Maui



MAUI
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
VOICE OF BUSINESS

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**HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 423
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2019 AT 11:30 A.M.**

To The Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair;
The Honorable Troy N. Hashimoto, Vice Chair; and
Members of the Committee on Transportation,

To The Honorable Tom Brower, Chair;
The Honorable Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair; and
Members of the Committee on Housing,

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1457
RELATED TO TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT**

Aloha, my name is Pamela Tumpap and I am the President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce with approximately 650 members. I am writing share our support of HB 1457.

The Maui Chamber of Commerce supports revitalization and redevelopment efforts in Kahului and Wailuku. These areas are huge centers of commerce for Maui Island, so we support modernizing and making these areas transit-oriented as this will help local businesses, spur economic activity and help draw more residents and visitors to these areas. In addition, we appreciate that this bill includes looking at ways to co-locate housing, jobs, amenities, etc. to create more green, walkable communities.

Mahalo for your consideration of our testimony and we hope you will move this bill forward.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique

HB-1457

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Testimony for TRN on 2/8/2019 11:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Saumalu Mataafa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Relating to Transit Oriented Development; Office of Planning; Appropriation; TOD (\$)

House Committee on Transportation
02-08-19 at 11:30am, House Conference Room 423

Chair: HASHIMOTO, BELATTI, BROWER, CABANILLA ARAKAWA, HOLT,
KITAGAWA, MATAYOSHI, MCKELVEY, QUINLAN, TARNAS, TODD, WOODSON

Position: **Support**

My name is Lauren Loor I live in Kahului and I am an individual submitting testimony on behalf of HB1457. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony as I am unable to be there in-person at this time. I strongly **support HB1457** because by appropriating these funds Maui County will be able to identify opportunities for transportation improvements to connect Wailuku town and Kahului commercial retail center. By making the connection of these two areas easier with better public transportation there is potential for more walkable communities, jobs, and affordable housing. There are also schools in this area and students would benefit from transportation improvements. When there is more public transportation available there is less dependence on cars and this would increase walkability in both of these communities, this increases safety since there will be less cars and hopefully decrease pedestrian accidents. This also boosts the local economy for the civic center of Wailuku and the commercial retail center of Kahului.

I implore you to **support HB1457** for the benefit of the people of Hawai'i. To cast your vote to support this bill will only be beneficial to your constituents. This is a wonderful opportunity to create more connection between Kahului and Wailuku and can only lead to safety, health and economic expansion.

Mahalo for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Lauren Loor

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arthur Suyama	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
stacy crivello	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please consider supporting HB1457. This measure aims to plan for the Kahului-Wailuku transit corridor and phase 2 includes affordable rental units.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kauanoë Batangan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: