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WEST MAUI: UKUMEHAME TO LAUNIUPOKO

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ATTN: GENEVIEVE SULLIVAN, PROJECT MANAGER
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SUBJECT: JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF PLANNED FOREST RESERVE EXPANSION
HONOAPIILANI HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS,
WEST MAUI, UKUMEHAME TO LAUNIUPOKO
LAHAINA, ISLAND OF MAUI, STATE OF HAWAII

The State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) is providing this communication to the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT) regarding HDOT's in-progress Environmental Impact Statement for planned improvements to Honoapi'ilani Highway from milepost 11 in Ukumehame to milepost 17 in Launiupoko at the Lāhainā Bypass.

This communication is about the planned West Maui Forest Reserve expansion located mauka of Honoapi'ilani Highway at locations in Olowalu and Ukumehame. On March 24, 2023, as part of a broad state-wide initiative, the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) conditionally approved additions to the forest reserve in West Maui extending from the mountains towards the coastline exclusive of private lands or public lands with existing active uses, which include areas within Olowalu and Ukumehame. The BLNR affirmed that formal forest reserve designation by a Governor of Hawai'i Executive Order would proceed after HDOT defines and acquires the land it needs for the proposed new highway alignment and that this road right-of-way would be excluded from the newly designated reserve area.

BLNR is planning the forest reserve expansion jointly with HDOT as FHWA/HDOT complete the Honoapi'ilani Highway EIS, as evidenced through prior meetings and hearings. BLNR's planning process is based on designating the highway improvements before finalizing the lands that will be in the forest reserve.

Edwin Sniffen, Director

March 27, 2024

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The State supports building a road through the future forest reserve. The BLNR agreed that the land would not be formally converted to forest reserve until the road was complete because BLNR did not wish for the future reserve to be encumbered by Section 4(f) protections triggered by the change in land designation during the EIS development, as joint planning between the agencies is already occurring.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact Pua Aiu at Pua.Aiu@hawaii.gov.

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Joint Development of Planned Beachside Greenbelt Park Letter

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PARKS
HONOAPIILANI HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS, WEST MAUI,
UKUMEHAME TO LAUNIUpoko
LAHAINA, ISLAND OF MAUI, STATE OF HAWAII

The County of Maui Parks and Recreation Department is providing this communication to the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) regarding the Department of Transportation's in-progress Environmental Impact Statement for planned improvements to Honoapiilani Highway from milepost 11 in Ukumehame to milepost 17 in Launiupoko at the Lāhainā Bypass.

This letter is regarding the County of Maui's planned beachside green belt park in West Maui from Puamana Park to Papalaua Wayside Park. This planned park is identified in the *2022 West Maui Community Plan*¹ which is based on two decades of coordinated planning and initially established in the *2005 Pali to Puamana Master Plan*². The planned beachside park is makai of the proposed Honoapiilani Highway improvements and portions of the planned park will be within the study area for the highway's planned improvements currently being assessed in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The *West Maui Community Plan* states that the green belt park would be developed in coordination with the Honoapiilani Highway improvements, after the highway work is complete. The plan states "The *Pali To Puamana Master Plan* proposes to realign Honoapiilani Highway mauka of its current position between Papalaua Park and Puamana Park. Once the highway is moved, the land makai of the realigned road will be used for open space and park to buffer against the effects of sea level rise and climate change while providing recreational opportunities."

The County of Maui Parks Department is planning the future beachside green belt parks per the *Pali to Puamana Master Plan* and the *West Maui Community Plan* and is also planning the future parks jointly with HDOT as FHWA/HDOT complete the Honoapiilani Highway EIS. The joint development is reflected in the March 2006 quitclaim deed for properties transferred to the County. The deed states that "the property shall never be used for any purpose other than as a park for public recreation and exclusively for the purposes and uses set forth... provided, however, as to the portion of the property which is not subdivided and dedicated as a public road or highway, the foregoing limitation to use of the property as a park for public recreation shall apply and remain in full force and effect."³ The County of Maui's planning process is based on working with HDOT to designate the highway improvements and then utilizing the remaining land in this area for the future beachside park areas.

¹ County of Maui. West Maui Community Plan, 2022. <https://www.mauicounty.gov/2476/West-Maui-Community-Plan-Update-2022>

² County of Maui. Pali to Puamana Master Plan, 2005. <https://www.mauicounty.gov/DocumentCenter/View/83453/Pali-to-Puamana-Parkway-Master-Plan-Feb-2005?bidId=>

³ See attached quitclaim deed: State of Hawaii Bureau of Conveyances Recorded, Quitclaim Deed for TMK numbers (2) 4-8-002: 009 (por.), 028, 048 (por.), 068 (por.) and 070 (por.), Document number 2006-041618, 3 March 2006