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Statement of
RODNEY FUNAKOSHI
Planning Program Administrator, Office of Planning
before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Friday, February 22, 2019
11:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

in consideration of
HB 1457, HD1
RELATING TO TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the House Committee on Finance.

The Office of Planning (OP) **supports** HB 1457, HD1, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Administration's Executive Budget. HB 1457, HD1 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.

This investment could be transformative for the region: the proposed project would produce a plan to guide redevelopment and transit 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. Thus, we recommend the measure be amended to either direct funds to the County for expenditure, or to clarify that the funds are a grant-in-aid to the County. Please be advised that appropriating through a grant-in-aid could delay County receipt of the funds. OP is willing to assist the Maui Planning Department in implementation of the project to the degree that our resources allow.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



HAWAII INTERAGENCY COUNCIL FOR TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

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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.

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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



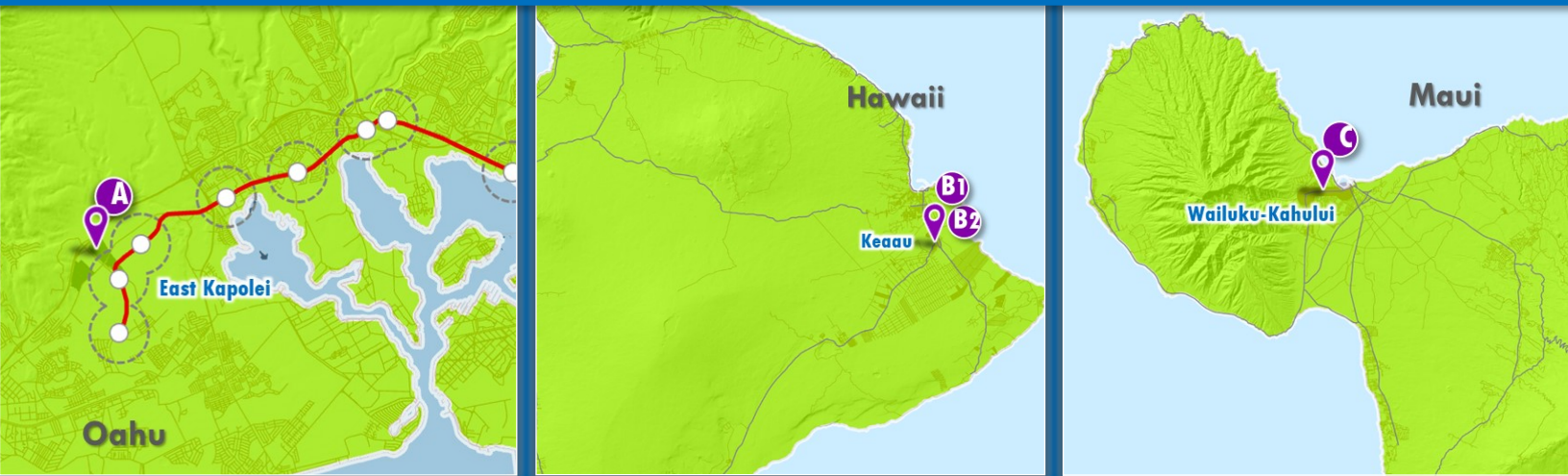
Craig Hirai
Co-Chair, TOD Council
Executive Director, Hawaii Housing Finance
and Development Corporation

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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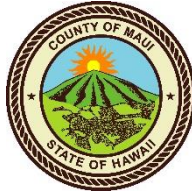
Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

MICHAEL P. VICTORINO
Mayor

MICHELE N. CHOUREAU MCLEAN, AICP
Acting Director

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Deputy Director



COUNTY OF MAUI
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

February 21, 2019

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

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Friday, February 22, 2019, 11:00 A.M.
Conference Room 308

HB1457 HD1 RELATING TO TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the House Committee on Finance

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB1457 HD1.

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.

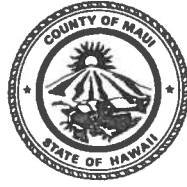
This TOD project will provide long-term benefits to Maui and the State and can contribute to creating more sustainable, livable, and complete communities that include more affordable housing, better access to public services, new business opportunities, and more revenue-generating opportunities for Maui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

For these reasons I **strongly support** the passage of HB1457 HD1.

Sincerely,

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

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February 21, 2019

TO: The Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Representative Ty J. K. Cullen, Vice Chair
The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Finance

Hearing Date/Time: Friday, February 22, 2019 11:00 A.M.
Place: State Capitol, Conference Room 308
415 South Beretania Street

FROM: Marc I. Takamori 
Acting Director of Transportation

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

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen 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
- 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.

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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.



MAUI
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
VOICE OF BUSINESS

**HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 308
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019 AT 11:00 A.M.**

To The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair;
The Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair; and
Members of the Committee on Finance,

**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

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February 21, 2019

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

Dear Representative Luke and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: Hearing of February 22, 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

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- 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,

Handwritten signature of Michael P. Victorino in black ink.

MICHAEL P. VICTORINO
MAYOR, COUNTY OF MAUI

LATE

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Testimony for FIN on 2/22/2019 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am the committee chair for the County of Maui, Multimodal Transportation and strongly support this measure to bring healthy transportation and living options for the Maui residents. These funds will plan these options and develop the discussion to become a reality.

Yuki Lei Sugimura

Maui County Councilmember

Chair Multimodal Transportation Committee