

Hawai'i County Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Monday, April 11, 2005
Hilo DPW Conference Room & Kona Mayor's Office (Via Teleconferencing)
3:00 P.M.

Present

Members – DPW Conference Room

Richard Chamberlin
Laura Dierenfield
James Friday
Ronald Reilly
Herbert Soloway

Members – Kona Mayor's Office Conference Room

Mary Osborne

Ex-Officio

Pamela Mizuno, Deputy Director, P&R

Also Present

Bruce McClure, Director, Department of Public Works
Nathalie Santos, Department of Parks & Recreation

Guests

Doug Wilkerson
Jon Olson
Diana Miller
Stanley Tamura, Hawaii District Engineer, DOT

Guests-Kona

Peter Hendricks, Deputy Managing Director

Absent

Kelly Burke

CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Ron Reilly called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Guests Jon Olson and Diana Miller introduced themselves and said they were attending the meeting because of their interest in the Puna Circulation Plan and other bike/pedestrian issues.

Mr. Olson and Ms. Miller shared their concerns about inaccuracies from the State Bike Plan that is being used by the Contractor working on the Puna Circulation Plan. The central corridor going up through Orchidland and Hawaiian Acres through Fern Forest no longer exists, so there will be an impact on bike circulation. The private cinder roads are not paved and there are flooding concerns. If there will be a bike path, it will be next to a cinder road.

Chairman Reilly told both Mr. Olson and Ms. Miller that any comments and concerns should be addressed to Townscape representatives and not this committee.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES –DECEMBER 13, 2004

- The Minutes of the February 14, 2005 meeting were approved with one correction on Page 5 – Correcting the spelling of Ann Pederson to Peterson.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - BRUCE MCCLURE, DIRECTOR **UPDATE ON PROJECTS**

- **Kuakini Highway – Widening Project**
Project continuing well, meetings are held every Tuesday morning at 7:30 am at the Kona Mayor's Office and the public is invited to attend.
- **Kaiwi Street**
No report on status of signs.
- **Paniolo Drive**
Still working on design of left-turn pocket, having trouble coordinating. Very disappointed at the length of time its taking, will be in touch with folks on whether it's going to be shared or a natural bike lane.

Herbert Soloway stated that he felt the traffic light installation the developer of the Castle and Cooke project is installing is in a strange place at the bottom of a big hill. Feels that another busier location would make more sense.

Director McClure said that it's a requirement for the development and will check on the status and location of traffic lights in Waikoloa.

- **Bike Racks – Kona and Waikoloa**
Bike Racks (Lollipop Style)– 12 Total: 10 for Kona and 2 can go to Waikoloa. Laura and Mary will work on locations by obtaining merchants permission.
- **Manono and Kekuaaoa Streets**
Chairman Reilly requested that both streets be paved.
- **Puainako Extension – Wide Shoulders**
James Friday requested that Public Works install signs to inform/remind drivers that shoulders are for emergency use only.

Director McClure responded that if he installs signs on shoulders at Puainako, he needs to do the same for all other roadways and this is something learned during drivers license examinations.

- **Wide Shoulders – Various Roadways**

There was a lengthy discussion on wide shoulders and the safety issues especially on Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway. Stanley Tamura, Hawaii District Engineer, DOT shared that Queen Ka'ahumanu must have 10 feet wide shoulders because two lanes must be open at all times during maintenance, resurfacing, etc. Slow moving vehicles should also be able to use shoulders to let traffic pass, however, they shouldn't be driving on shoulder. Drivers should stop to allow vehicles to pass and return to roadway. Mr. Tamura said that signs would be erected stating something like "No Passing on Shoulder". Signs will be spaced approximately 2 ½ miles apart from Hapuna Beach to just north of the airport. Other wording suggestions were discussed. The committee voted on the following wording for signs: "NO DRIVING ON SHOULDER". Mr. Tamura will check if its not too late to change wording as signs may have been fabricated.

- **Signage – Pedestrians in Crosswalk**

Chairman Reilly said that signs are sometimes interpreted wrong. Such as "Stop for Pedestrians When Lights are Flashing" in crosswalks that have flashing lights. The sign should actually say "Stop for Pedestrians in Crosswalk".

QUEEN KAAHUMANU HIGHWAY

Consistency of Bike Lanes for Intersections

Mary Osborne asked if temporary measures could be taken to paint stripes on the intersections as soon as possible prior to Widening Project. Striping would inform drivers that bicyclists coming through and all intersections should be treated the same. Signs could say "Cyclists Merging". Costco is a good example of how intersections should be done.

Mr. Tamura will look at photo logs of intersections and will contact committee if he has any questions. Depending on how much striping would be needed it may not be possible.

VOLCANO HIGHWAY – Near Kamehameha Schools – East Hawaii Campus

Mr. Tamura said that they are still working with Kamehameha Schools on improving Volcano Highway 11 near the campus. Received a rough estimate of 1.7 million, which included a shoulder, extending the drain and relocating the guardrails. Kamehameha Schools will be assisting with cost.

HENRY STREET TO MAKALALA BOULEVARD

Laura Dierenfield asked about status of Multi-Use Path from Henry Street to Makalala Boulevard. Director McClure said they would be working on it, unsure about funding, but will be working with the state.

BIKE COORDINATOR POSITION

Action

Draft letter to Rodney Haraga, Director of State Department of Transportation requesting State Bike Coordinator position be filled was approved by Committee with addition of sentence: "What is the current status regarding filling this position?"

Opposed: Richard Chamberlin opposed the letter and requested to review posting of the position in order to know what the qualifications are.

Mr. Tamura said that it might be advertised for internal recruitment within the State first. Following a discussion, Chairman Reilly asked Mr. Tamura to obtain a copy of Bike Coordinator position information for committee.

ELECTIONS

Election Results: Laura Dierenfield elected as Chairperson and Ron Reilly elected as Vice Chairman.

MEMBERSHIP

Chairman Reilly shared that he received a call from Char of the Mayor's Office regarding appointments. She asked that we be patient while they fill other important committees first such as Police Commission, Planning Commission, etc. They are working on vacancies, but its taking awhile.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

1) Walua Road Extension

Chairman Reilly asked that Walua Road Extension be put on the agenda next month directed for Public Works response regarding right-of-way that was formerly County land and got disposed of possibly to landowner. Director McClure said that there was a big screw up and they apologized for this around 4 years ago.

2) Rocks and Shoulders on Hamakua Highway Gulches

Chairman Reilly asked that this matter be put on next agenda.

RAILROAD AVENUE – PATHWAY

An in-house exploratory meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 13th at 11:45 am at Public Works to see the direction Railroad Avenue Pathway project may take with change in leadership at W.H. Shipman. This meeting is being held at the request of Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee members.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on June 13, 2005 at 3:00 pm in the DPW Conference Room at the Aupuni Center/Teleconference at the Kona Mayor's Office.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nathalie Santos, Secretary