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Press Release by:
Councilmember Michael J. Molina



Molina extends appreciation for road repairs to Makawao Avenue

WAILUKU – Today Councilmember Michael J. Molina transmitted correspondence to the Director of Public Works extending his appreciation for hearing his pleas for resurfacing Makawao Avenue.

During the Council’s Fiscal Year 2020 Budget deliberations Councilmember Molina requested, as one of his budget priorities, that Makawao Avenue be repaved, however the Department of Public Works advised that the project could cost as much as \$7.7 million and could also be available for Federal Aid. Accordingly, Councilmember Molina requested that the Council submit a request to the Maui Planning Organization (MPO) to list Makawao Avenue repaving project on the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for prioritization and federal funding.

The process for listing the Makawao Avenue repaving project on the STIP, then obtaining federal funds and construction could take a number of years. Therefore, the Department’s decision to provide interim hot mix asphalt to maintain road safety until the road can be properly repaved or reconstructed is appreciated.

“The condition of Makawao Avenue is seriously deteriorating, especially as a result of the heavy rains we experienced this year, said Molina. The interim road work will improve the public and vehicular safety until more permanent work can be performed.”

“I made the repaving of Makawao Avenue one of my Fiscal Year 2020 Budget priorities, because it needs serious attention, said Molina. I’m grateful the Director of Public Works heard my pleas and is willing to take immediate and appropriate action.”

The attached correspondence from Councilmember Molina to the Director of Public Works was transmitted today. Should you have any questions or require further information contact mike.molina@mauicounty.us or (808) 270-5507.

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