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Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, Director  
Department of Public Works  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Dagdag-Andaya:

**SUBJECT: NORTH SHORE GREENWAY ALTERNATIVES  
ANALYSIS**

Thank you for forwarding me the North Shore Greenway Alternative Analysis (Study). I appreciate you providing me the opportunity to comment on the draft Study.

I'm pleased that five alternatives were presented in the Study which included the recommendation in the Hele Mai Maui Long Range Transportation Plan 2024 as a potential option, especially since this route had been previously presented to the community.

First, I wish to note some drafting concerns:

1. On page 11, its noted "there are three off-street public parking lots, two of which are paid parking only." I do wish to point out that the parking on Hana Highway at the entrance to Paia Town is public and is not "paid parking."

Additionally, the parking on Baldwin Avenue adjacent to Mana Food's is public and is not "paid parking."

2. In the discussion of the five alternatives, option 2 does not specifically disclose how the route will end at Ho'okipa Beach Park. The other alternatives each note that the route will terminate at Ho'okipa Beach

- Park. To maintain consistency, the end of the route should be disclosed in all alternatives, therefore more clarity for the end of alternative 2 would be helpful. Even though the routes may be identified on the maps, readers should not have to flip back and forth to determine the end of the route.
3. In alternative 3, page 31, it notes the Greenway “will continue parallel to the highway until Ho`okipa Beach Park.” However, in the other alternatives it does not make that claim. Therefore, can you clarify if the Greenway, at its terminus near Hookipa Beach Park, will be a parallel path separate and apart from Hana Highway for all alternatives?
  4. I may have missed this, but I could not determine if the Study discussed if any land acquisition will be required for each of the alternatives?
  5. The Environmental Impacts section notes that a determination should be made if a Greenway is a permitted use in Residential R-3 zones and whether a Major Special Management Area Permit “may be required.” Moving forward it would be helpful to know specific entitlements required for each alternative.
  6. As further assessment and analysis is performed consideration should be given to pairing down the alternatives to options that are considered safe and preferable to the community before determining costs, entitlements, acquisition, planning and design requirements.

#### Cycling Friends Thoughts-

I have consulted with the cycling community on the Study to assist in providing comments on the proposed alternatives in the Study. Below is a discussion of their thoughts:

1. In a previous review of the Paia By-Pass, use of Hamakuapoko Road was raised as a concern because of potential historical and cultural value of the site. Use of this option should consider further archeology and cultural review and should be noted in the Study.
2. The final draft of the Study should include a cost estimate for work to complete the environmental review phase for the project.

3. During the environmental review phase the public should be engaged and permitting requirements be further addressed.
4. Bike paths should be separated from the highway or roads.
5. Members of the cycling community that have reviewed the Study show a preference to alternatives 2, 3 and 4.

Non-related to the Study-

1. Cyclists have raised concerns on the following:
  - a. The trees along the existing Greenway near Kaunoha Senior Center are causing root damage on the path and should be repaired or re-aligned.
  - b. Welcome signage should be install at the entrance to the Greenway near the airport. The gate on the roadway can be a deterrent, therefore appropriate signage could help encourage the use of the path.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the Study. I look forward to the final version of the Study and working with the Department and the community to determine the next steps and potential funding requirements. Should you have any questions please contact me or Gary Saldana, Legislative Analyst at [g.saldana@mauicounty.us](mailto:g.saldana@mauicounty.us).

Sincerely,



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Councilmember

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cc: Mayor Michael P. Victorino