

Comments and Questions from the September 3, 2014 Puhi Road Public Meeting

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| Is it possible to put black dye in the concrete? The glare on rainy days creates visibility difficulties. | It would be too costly to put black dye into the concrete. With the lower speed on Puhi Road as opposed to the highway, glare on rainy days would not create visibility difficulties. |
| What happened to the truck lane? Highly needed from Leiliona to Kaneka St. | The pavement section of Puhi Road will be strong enough to support trucks. The traffic volume along Puhi Road does not warrant installation of a separate truck lane. |
| Do we truly need a "planter"? A safety rail would be more economical. | Planting strips provide many benefits including a buffer of pedestrians from traffic, space to install hydrants and utility poles, space to create driveway and curb ramp slopes while maintaining an accessible sidewalk, and space for parked car doors to open. Guardrail would be impractical given the number of driveways present. Guardrail would be more expensive and take up almost the same amount of space within the right-of-way, once shy distance is provided to pedestrians and car doors. |
| A number of residents on Puhi Road do not have sewer service. After or before road is done will they be addressing implementation of sewer? | A Grove Farm sewer project will be done prior to the Puhi Road project. This project is not for residential sewer service. There are no other known plans for sewer projects in this area. |
| Will a sidewalk be built from Villas at Puali to connect to Kaneka? Problem is no bus service for children that goes to Chiefess Kamakahalei to subdivision. They have to either walk with no sidewalk or parents bring them to school. | No sidewalk is planned as part of phase 1. The Department of Public Works Roads Division is mowing the grass more often so it is easier to walk on the shoulder. Engineering and Roads divisions are looking into constructing a temporary asphalt path as part of a nearby resurfacing project until Puhi Road Phase II can begin. A temporary gravel or dirt path is impractical due to drainage issues. |
| Would it be possible to at least extend sidewalk down to Villas at Puali so Hanalima Subdivision and Villa's residents can more safely walk to college, middle school, YMCA, new mall, etc. | |
| Create foot path to Villas at Puali for Temp walking access until phase 2 create concrete sidewalk. | |
| There should be a note sent to companies using big trucks that use Kaneka Road shouldn't be allowed. This includes bus and trollies. | The County is planning a future truck ban on Kaneka St, after Puhi Road phase 1 is completed (a resolution will be proposed to County Council). |
| Will all this make our property taxes higher? | There will be no direct cost or tax increase to nearby residents. We can't predict changes in property values. |
| What will the speed limit be? | Speed limit will remain 25 mph. |
| Can you guarantee parking on Kōloa side of street? With multi-family homes but no parking it's like you're try to make the homeowners sell. Is there a hidden agenda since it's a high traffic flow area people will see and zoning will change to commercial? Rich will buy. | We are maintaining as much parking as possible. There will be space (on concrete) for about 34 parked vehicles on the Lihue side, and a continuous grass swale (except where there are power poles and a few driveways) on the Kōloa side of the street. There are no plans to change zoning. |
| Is there going to be a speed bump? Hulemalu Rd in Niumalu has one and the straightaway length is much shorter. Is it because former councilman Asing owns property there? | Numerous speeding countermeasures were considered for Puhi Road. Due to the needs of emergency vehicles, speed bumps are not allowed on Collector Roads. |
| Speeding on Puhi Road is a problem | We will work with Kaua'i Police Department to help enforce the speed limit on Puhi Rd. |
| Possibility to speak to business about speeding trucks? Install speeding cameras? Periodic policing of road? Possible roundabout for traffic calming? | We will work with the Kaua'i Police Department to address the speeding trucks along Puhi Rd. No roundabout is planned for this phase of the project. |
| Can a question be posed to the bidding contractors. How much pavement will you be able to donate past Kaneka St? The answer could accompany their bids. | This will not be done during the bidding process. We will do what we can to extend paving during construction. The County will The County resurfacing project and leveling course will provide a fix until Puhi Road Phase II begins. |
| Any possibility of burying power lines underground along Puhi Road? | We recognize that there are many benefits of burying powerlines. However, it is too costly to bury powerlines as part of this project. |
| We are Kaua'i Gymnastics. We are located in the industrial park but the end of our building is on Puhi Road. Parents park along the grass by our building. Will the road workers or equipment be parking along our grassy strip? That will be a problem for us. | We will work with contractors to identify off-site staging areas for this project, minimizing the need to park along the shoulders of Puhi Road. However, we can't guarantee parking in any location within the public right-of-way for any business or resident for the duration of the project. |
| Should've done Puhi Road project before detours at Safeway roundabout. | We do not have control over when private developers build projects. This project was advanced as quickly as we can. |
| Wants conservative sight distance for turning out of Leleiona St onto Puhi Rd. | Intersection sight distances have been analyzed at the intersection between Leleiona St and Puhi Rd, and we adjusted the plans to restrict additional parking that would have blocked sight lines at this intersection. |
| Where do you place garbage cans on the new cross section? | Garbage cans can be placed in the parallel parking lane, adjacent to your driveway. |
| Resident is commercial fisherman and the new curb will prevent parking his boats in his yard. Any solutions? | We have worked with a few individual residents who currently access their property in more than one place, and made design changes as needed. |
| Concerned about keeping businesses open during construction. | Businesses will remain open during construction and access will be maintained. |
| Texture on concrete will wear down and truck won't be able to stop in time. Accidents will happen. | The project is using standard procedures and specifications to install the concrete pavement, used on thousands of miles of concrete roadways around the country, many with much higher speed limits than Puhi Road. |
| Ability to add bus service along Puhi Road? | The current design makes it fairly easy to add bus stops, if/when needed. |
| Concerns about planter strip maintenance and drain maintenance. | We hope residents will maintain planter strip as many do with the swale now. Otherwise, Roads Division will mow. Roads Division will maintain storm drains. |
| Wants to relocate large transformer to Kōloa side of Puhi Rd | Relocating the transformer is very expensive and the work is not in the current budget. The plans were developed to work around the transformer while maintaining access for all users. |
| Rediscuss with DOW regarding water projects along Puhi Road to prevent cutting of new road | This project was discussed with Department of Water as is the standard practice for utilities on planned projects. |
| Possibility of lighted crosswalks? | After the first meeting, the County added solar Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons to the plans for the crossing of Puhi Rd at Leleiona St. The other marked crosswalks within the project are regulated by stop signs. |
| Keep large vehicles off Leleiona Street. | We are in the process with County Council to create a resolution to ban trucks from Leleiona Street and Nani Street; we plan to have this completed before the beginning of the project. |
| Add speed limit sign at Kaneka intersection NOW, before the project. | A new 25 MPH speed limit sign has been installed on Puhi Road north of Kaneka St. |
| As a follow up to yesterday's meeting, while walking this morning on Puhi Road, I realized no one mentioned the residential mail box locations on the side of the road. The mail truck's continuous daily grind is a huge cause of the "ruts" in the dirt. If the mailboxes can be aligned with the road so that the mail truck stays on the roadway, it would be a productive move. | Mail boxes will be located in the planter strip, adjacent to the concrete surface in parking lane; the mail truck will no longer need to drive on the grass. |
| Can bicycle lanes be removed and a wider sidewalk be made as a multi-use path? | The bicycle lanes also serve the purpose of paved shoulders, which have many additional benefits, including better sight distance, better vehicle turning radius, a buffer between parked and moving vehicles (including trucks), etc. A cycle track or multi-use path is problematic due to power poles and other obstructions, and the number of driveways. Parking would need to be prohibited near driveways, in order to provide adequate sight distance between bicyclists and users entering driveways, resulting in a significant loss of parking spaces. |
| Can the cross section be modified to incorporate a cycle track? | |