

7.0 ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION

7.1 No Action Alternative

The No Action alternative involves no changes in the site. The trail project has been identified in the Lydgate Park Master Plan as one of the most important aspects of the park, and in Bike Plan Hawaii . Further, the project has been awarded TEA funds for the construction of the project, and there is high anticipation for the amenities of the trail and comfort station.

If the trail does not get built, there will be the entire south end of Lydgate Park that will become run down, and more and more, visitors to the park will be hesitant to use this end of the property, and will make this segment not be connected to the rest of the path system.

The golf course current use will remain the same, however, according to the coastal erosion studies, the beach in the area of holes # 17, 2 and 1 will continue to severely erode and the golf course will have to be re-designed and areas re-constructed.

If the project does not get built, the activities of the Marine Camp will continue with fishing and the motocross cyclists will continue to use the land for overflow for motocross cycling.

There will be no change to the activities at the Radisson or Kauai Beach Villas, to include a continuation of the homeless population that currently live in the drainageway south of the Radisson.

It is undetermined what the development plans are for the Ocean Bay Plantation with or without the completion of this project.

No action will certainly mean the further decline of the condition of the Hanama'ulu Historic Railroad Bridge.

There will be no changes for the Grove Farm, Airport, or Ahukini Point properties and facilities with no action on this project.

7.2 Alternative Development Options

At present, there are no other development uses for the property of the corridor of which we are aware.

7.3 Community Input

All of the park features of the corridor have enjoyed tremendous community input, consensus and support, despite that the park elements have never been available to pedestrians or cyclists.

As Lydgate Park lies in the middle of a dedicated bicycle/pedestrian path proposed to run seventeen miles from Nawiliwili Harbor to Anahola Beach Park, the community input asked for an opportunity to individuals and families for cycling, walking, or jogging in a safe place that is ADA accessible. The bike trail project is an outgrowth of this input, and not that the trail project idea was developed and presented to the community. This project is the product of the community expressed needs and vision.

The team has held a variety of meetings with stakeholders, special interest groups and have conducted two public meetings and has received support and suggestions for routing, materials, signage, educational opportunities, and extended uses to include equestrian.

Details about the first two public meetings is located in Section 13 of this document.