

March 13, 2018

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RE: Invitation to Paia Town Assn Meeting, Tuesday, March 13, 2018 6-8 pm

Dear Noelani and the Paia Town Association,

Thank you very much for inviting me to the Paia Town Association meeting scheduled for this evening. Due to my schedule during the legislative session I am unable to attend, but would like to provide you an update on the Paia Bypass as it relates to legislative funding.

As many of you know the House of Representatives just passed **HB 1900 HD1 – The State Budget**. The bill now goes to the Senate for its consideration – and possibly some amendments (changes). The Budget bill will then go to a conference committee in mid- April for the House and Senate to work out the differences, and pass a final budget to send to the Governor.

The current version of the budget includes the following funding for the Paia Bypass:

Title	Description	FY18	FY19	MOF
PAIA BYPASS, MAUI	DESIGN FOR ALTERNATIVE TRAFFIC IMPROVEMETNS IN THE VICINITY OF PAIA TOWN. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		\$3,000,000	N
PAIA BYPASS, MAUI	DESIGN FOR ALTERNATIVE TRAFFIC IMPROVEMETNS IN THE VICINITY OF PAIA TOWN. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		\$750,000	E
PAIA BYPASS, MAUI	PLANS, DESIGN, LAND ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPMENT TO COMPLETE THE PAIA BYPASS.		\$72,487,000	N
PAIA BYPASS, MAUI	PLANS, DESIGN, LAND ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPMENT TO COMPLETE THE PAIA BYPASS.		\$21,230,000	N

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*MOF = Method of Financing
 N = Federal Funds
 E = Revenue bond fund

Also with regards to the Paia Bypass, here is a list of items my office has been working on:

- I Listed the Paia Bypass as one of my priority CIP projects for District 13 to the CIP Chair and Chair of the House Finance Committee. They both have been very open and receptive to the concerns I have raised and the importance to the Paia/ Haiku/ East Maui communities.
 - I have also been working with Senator English for his continued help on the Senate side.
- Questions about private donations:
 - There have been inquires made to my office about private donations for the bypass. My office has been in contact with the Department of Transportation (DOT), Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) and the Attorney General's office (AG) to find out the best way to accept this funding.
 - Currently the AG is working directly with DOT to work out the particulars and will update my office when they have an answer. (These things take longer than you would expect sometimes)
- I have also been in contact with Robin Shishido from the DOT- Maui division about the Paia Bypass. Robin has been very good about sending me updates as he gets them and he is also very responsive to me and my staff when we call and e-mail with questions.

I am also aware that many community members still have concerns and input to give on the route. I will defer to DOT on the procedures on community input and involvement on the design process. I know they do have rules and requirements in place and do not want to speak for them. I will work with them and our community to make sure everyone has their chance to voice concerns and input in a reasonable manner.

Other CIP projects included in HB 1900 HD1 that you may be interested in include:

Title	Description	FY18	FY19	MOF
HAIKU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MAUI	PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION TO REPLACE ROOF ; GROUND AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS; EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES	\$500,000		C
HAIKU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MAUI	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, AND DESIGN TO PLAN FOR SCHOOL EXPANSION TO ADDRESS THE GROWING SCHOOL POPULATION; GROUND AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS; EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES.		\$800,000	C
PAIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MAUI	DESIGN FOR A NEW CLASSROOM BUILDING; GROUND AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS; EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES		\$2,000,000	C
MAUI HEALTH SYSTEM, FACILITIES REPAIR, RENOVATIONS AND UPGRADES, MAUI/LANAI	PLANS, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE REPAIRS, RENOVATIONS, EXPANSION, AND UPGRADES TO MAUI MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER (MMC), KULA HOSPITAL (KH), AND LANAI COMMUNITY HOSPITAL (LCH)	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	C
		\$6,500,000	\$8,800,000	\$15,300,000

*MOF = Method of Financing
 C = General Obligation Bond fund

Again, thank you for the invite for tonight's meeting. If you send me a list of your future meetings I'll be sure to have them flagged on my calendar. Please feel free to contact my office with any questions, my staff and I are more than happy to assist.

Mahalo,

Lynn DeCoite
State House of Representative
District 13