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COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE/ INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE September 17, 2008

A meeting of the Community Assistance/Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Council of the County of Kaua'i, State of Hawai'i, was called to order by Councilmember Shaylene Iseri-Carvalho, Chair, at the Historic County Building, Room 201, Līhu'e, Kaua'i, on Wednesday, September 17, 2008, at 10:08 a.m., after which the following members answered the call of the roll:

Honorable JoAnn A. Yukimura
Honorable Tim Bynum
Honorable Shaylene Iseri-Carvalho
Honorable Ronald Kouchi
Honorable Mel Rapozo
Honorable Jay Furfaro, Ex-Officio Member
Honorable Daryl W. Kaneshiro, Ex-Officio Member

There being no objections, the meeting was recessed at 10:08 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 2:41p.m. and proceeded on its agenda items out of order as follows and as shown in the following Committee report which is incorporated herein by reference:

CA/IGR 2008-14 Communication (7/23/2008) from Committee Chair Shaylene Iseri-Carvalho, requesting that the Administration be present to discuss the County's legislative proposals to be submitted for the 2009 State Legislative Session and to provide an update on the status of bills that passed the Legislature during the 2008 session.

[This item was deferred.]

SHAYLENE ISERI-CARVALHO, COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE/INTER-GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR: What I'll do at this time is... We didn't even read the agenda item. Let me go ahead and do that. CA/IGR 2008-14 which is the communication from myself requesting that the Administration be present to discuss the County's legislative proposals to be submitted for the 2009 State Legislative Session and to provide an update on the status of bills that passed the Legislature during the 2008 session. I'll suspend the rules.

There being no objections, the rules were suspended.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: Anyone who wishes to testify on this matter? If not, Mr. Heu. And I understand that the status of the bills that passed the legislature, that will be handled by Lani Nakazawa and she has requested a deferral. So, we will defer that portion of the agenda item and the balance is for you.

GARY HEU, Administrative Assistant: Okay, thank you very much. For the record Gary Heu. Good afternoon, Chair Iseri-Carvalho and Committee members. This agenda item has a number of different components. The Chair just referenced a portion of the agenda item is for a recap of the bills that successfully passed the last legislative session and Lani Nakazawa, I believe, transmitted a report and will be, she did ask for a deferral of her portion of the presentation, but she will be

available at a future Committee meeting to provide that to you. Another portion of the agenda item was to deal with proposed legislative requests for the upcoming session and usually we take that in two different parts and one would be what I would call non-CIP initiatives or legislation; proposed bills and the other would be CIP-related requests. This year from the Administration, we have no non-CIP proposals to put forward. What was hopefully passed out to you folks is a communication indicating that the Administration would like to discuss with the Committee and the Council two proposed requests for CIP projects. Now, I guess, the first thing I want to do is I kind of want to do the lay of the land and how we got here. We had been getting signals from members of the legislature indicating that, and this was prior to last week's announcement on the revised numbers from the Council on Revenues, we had been getting signals saying that, you know, the legislature may not be as open to requests from counties as in past years because of the financial condition of the State. Obviously, when news hit last week that the Council on Revenues had adjusted their revenue forecast to show a \$2.5 billion decrease in State revenues, I think there was a lot more discussion in the media about how, you know, the State was going to be in a really tough position and there was even mention of having to lay off warm bodies, which is something that nobody ever wants to do, but again, these are things that are floating around there.

So what we have done is we have been trying to schedule a meeting with our four legislators, three representatives and Senator Hooser. Unfortunately, that wasn't able to happen as of this point, but we'd still like to have that discussion. Instead, we've made some individual contacts because what we didn't want to do is we didn't want to arbitrarily come before the Council and say, hey look, you know we got this package of 10 projects that we think we should send up to the legislature only to have our representatives not on-board and willing to support our recommended projects. So, we were able to sit down with Representative Tokioka, who sits on the Finance Committee with the House of Representatives as does Representative Sagum. And he's been a real good... Representative Tokioka has been a real good contact for us in the State Legislature. He appears to have his finger firmly on the pulse of what is happening relative to money matters and so we again, as in past years, we're looking for projects that had some sort of State government nexus as we did with the lights for the endangered species, the birds.

And so the first project that you see that we are recommending consideration of and welcome discussion on is the emergency bypass road that parallels Kūhiō Highway between the heiau right by the Wailua River and Hanamā'ulu. And the reason, although you won't find that particular project on any CIP list that we have, so in other words on our approved CIP list or our draft 6-year CIP list, is we had basically been addressing any work on that road with maintenance dollars. But it's become very apparent that the condition of that emergency road is not the condition that we would like it to be in in order to facilitate good traffic flow and what makes matters worse is because there's only so much maintenance that we can do on a road like that without dumping a lot of...without dumping capital into it is that it's in a condition that becomes a liability for not only the County but for the landowner if we let traffic go on let's say after dark because, again, of the condition of the road. There are no guardrails in some areas that really should, you know, have them. So what we're proposing to do is to see if the State would be willing to enter into a project with us on a 50-50 basis. And what we would propose to do is there needs to be some actual structural repair work done to the roadway and then pave the roadway, install guardrails as well as reflective signage, so that we could use it during daylight hours and move traffic through at a more rapid pace, as well as after hours or in the evening hours because we would have guardrails installed and the necessary reflectors along the roadway for safe passage.

Mr. Furfaro: Excuse me, Gary.

Mr. Heu: Sure.

Mr. Furfaro: Could we just get a little clarification?

Mr. Heu: I'm sorry, yes.

Mr. Furfaro: So, you're talking about going from, in distance here, you're talking about going from the great marae/heiau to where?

Mr. Heu: To where it exists by Roberts.

Mr. Furfaro: Okay, so that...and what is the length?

Mr. Heu: You know, I have that somewhere. I don't have it...

Mr. Furfaro: Okay, that's good. I just want to make sure we're talking about that whole strip.

Mr. Heu: Yup, yeah.

Mr. Furfaro: Thank you.

Mr. Heu: Additionally, what we propose to do is amend the agreement that we have with Hawaiian Homes and Visionary Properties in order to establish some connectors to the highway, so that in some instances we may not need to traverse the whole length of the bypass to get around the accident but rather use the emergency bypass road for a shorter distance, so we'd be able to again flow more traffic through. Now, as you folks may or may not know, currently the existing emergency road can only accommodate the flow of traffic in one direction at a time. The improvement that we're proposing will not provide for two-lane traffic. So, I just want to make sure, you know, you're clear that we're not going to make improvements to a two-lane road which would be very, very, very expensive.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: That would be too expensive. This would be very cheap for that.

Mr. Heu: So, anyway, that's that first project that we're proposing and what I want to do is just talk about the second one very quickly and then we can get into a discussion.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: It'll be quick? Okay.

Mr. Heu: I'd also like to say that these are the two that we're proposing that we consider. Certainly if councilmembers have other things that or other projects that you feel merit consideration, then we'd be more than happy to take that back to our representatives, have that discussion, come up with the appropriate estimates and then come back and review it with you folks. So, I guess, what I don't want is for you to think that this needs to be the, yeah, the only set of projects that would be considered. But it is the set of projects that we've had discussions with several of our representatives already.

The second project is the Waimea Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades and

what you'll find is that in our CIP, as far as wastewater treatment plants go, this will be prioritized as number one. And just to let you folks know, I mean, I don't have all the, unfortunately, all the gory details on this particular project, but I do know that the design work on this project is nearing completion. And so what we're asking for is we are asking for a cost sharing at 50% for a \$12 million construction project. So that would be \$12 million to the State and \$12 million to the County.

Mr. Furfaro: \$24 million project.

Mr. Heu: No, no, I'm sorry. It's, it's...I misspoke. It's a total of \$12, it's \$6 and \$6.

(Inaudible)

Mr. Heu: Yeah. I did a quick look at our Sewer Trust Fund and so I zoomed in on Waimea and I saw six comma two whatever, two nine something, and I thought, oh, man, we've already got \$6.3 in there, we've got our match already, but then when I checked with Public Works Fiscal, unfortunately, that was six thousand two hundred ninety something dollars. So, we're a little off there and so we're going to have to make the necessary appropriations. I've talked to the Finance Director that that is one of the projects that we will be proposing to the Council for the proposed bond float. So, anyway, the...it might be a little bit of a stretch, but we feel that the State nexus there is that there is a State hospital in the area and also two State DOE schools and the impact to those schools would be if they are looking at increasing their flow in any way, shape or form to accommodate any kind of expansion of facilities, they would not be able to because of our capacity issues with the wastewater treatment plant currently. So, again, those are the two that we're currently proposing. You know, I had a real brief discussion with Vice Chair Rapozo yesterday and he asked about the possibility of also looking at an emergency road on the west side and we believe that is something that needs to be done. When Alan Smith was still with Grove Farm, we had worked out a tentative agreement on one route. My understanding is that there have been discussions with our Police Department folks and they are actually looking at another route and so once we've got that kind of narrowed down, we'd like to enter into some discussions with the landowner and then that may be a possible request for the coming...for not this coming session, but the following year, if we're successful in, you know, convincing the State that this is a good sort of partnership.

So, anyway, those are the two projects that we're, you know, we're suggesting that we submit as part of our CIP legislative package for the coming year. Again, I think it's real important that in the coming months as we, you know, if we agree on these projects that, you know, we collectively engage our representatives to make sure that we have their total support. And what I'd also like to say is that although we offer these two up currently that in the next few weeks if there are other needs that come up, which I don't really anticipate, but you know, who knows that we would submit additional projects for further discussion with this Committee and the Council. One last thing before I stop is that again, you know, we're trying to be somewhat sensitive to, I mean it's interesting because, you know, you hear things in the hall and when I say in the hall I mean, you know, down in the State Capitol. You know, there's...there are people at the Capitol who feel like, hey, the County has the ability to raise funds on their own, you know, and the County should not be coming to the Legislature to ask for, you know, funds. But that's why we think it's really important to establish that nexus between County issues and State facilities, which we've tried to do for the last, I believe, three or four years now. But still being sensitive relative to the Waimea Wastewater Treatment Plant, we were

thinking of...we were thinking of adjusting the language to read, as far as a match, up to 50%, which would give the Finance Committee and Ways and Means Committee the opportunity to funds something less than the 50%. But in our mind, you know, we were going to come in for the full cost in the proposed bond, so \$12 million in the proposed bond. Anything that the State could provide us, obviously, would be more than welcome, so we may adjust the verbiage to reflect that.

(Inaudible)

Mr. Furfaro: Quite frankly, I would like to see both the west and the east side bypass like the highest items on the radar screen. But, do you have, you know, with the hos...State hospital system talking about a \$60 million shortfall, \$29 million of that is in payables, that they're going to be looking at that hospital's longevity?

Mr. Heu: I couldn't say.

Mr. Furfaro: Okay.

Mr. Heu: But, you know...

Mr. Furfaro: I think it's a wonderful strategy, but yet...

Mr. Heu: Yeah, it's a strategy...

Mr. Furfaro: ...kind of wondering how they're getting out of the financial dilemma that they have from the hospital system and I like your quote; I wrote it down. "We have been getting signals that in light of last week's State announcement, funds may be limited."

Mr. Heu: Yeah. There were signals before last week and now they are...

Mr. Furfaro: This is a clear one.

Mr. Heu: It's pretty loud, yeah. They're ringing pretty loud right now. So, but, you know, we believe it's worth a try and certainly if our own legislative team had called us off, we would have, you know, we probably would've been coming in here having a different discussion today. But, you know...

Mr. Furfaro: No, I just really want to say and if you could bear with me one more moment Council, I really think that's a good strategy about the hospital because it sends a message that we support that hospital in the west side of our community. You know, here is the nexus with the State, you know, the facilities, the emergency needs, proximity to, you know, things going on with the base. You know, I think it's a really good strategy that we clearly try to add on everything else we can to make that point.

Mr. Heu: Well, thank you, and we do have Representative Sagum's, like I said who's also on the Finance Committee, full support. In fact, he had offered to be here today to lend his support if necessary and I said I didn't think it would be and I wasn't sure when this agenda item was going

to hit and so I told him but if in the future, you know, the Committee or the Council wanted to speak with him on this particular issue, we could sure get it back on the agenda, so.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: That's right. Anyone else has any questions of Gary?

Mr. Rapozo: Any questions?

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: Any questions? There's only two, so.

Mr. Rapozo: Okay, I get a couple of questions. One is...let me just start with the easy one. Gary, the...you guys are planning to submit something for the HSAC package as well?

Mr. Heu: No, we are not.

Mr. Rapozo: You're not going to.

Mr. Heu: As far as bill proposals, no.

Mr. Rapozo: None? Okay. Then the other question is as far as the bypass road, the Wailua Emergency Bypass Road, is that something that we gotta wait to see whether or not we get State funding or is that something we're moving and hopefully be able to maybe reimburse our account?

Mr. Heu: Well, actually we're having some ongoing discussions right now and in fact, the Mayor is interested in being part of those discussions in terms of how to improve that roadway to make it more usable. He's drawing upon his emergency response experience from Hawaiian Telephone and we're having all kinds of discussions as in terms of things to do, providing emergency lighting for, you know, for use in the evening, that sort of thing. But those are ongoing discussions, so. I think, you know...

Mr. Rapozo: You guys must have an idea that you guys are putting down the amount of \$1.9 million.

Mr. Heu: Yes.

Mr. Rapozo: So there must be some...I mean, how did you guys come to \$1.9 million.

Mr. Heu: There was an assessment done by our Roads Division people.

Mr. Rapozo: Okay, so we kind of know what needs to be done.

Mr. Heu: Yeah, yeah.

Mr. Rapozo: And are we...

Mr. Heu: The actual estimate was lower than that a few days ago and I asked them to go back and take a look at it and I told them that I would rather, you know, I would rather over estimate than continue to under estimate, so they went back and I believe, you know...

Mr. Rapozo: And that \$1.9 would cover the paving, structural improvements and fixing the washouts as well as guardrails?

Mr. Heu: Guardrails and some reflective signage, I believe.

Mr. Rapozo: Okay, but now I guess the question is if we cannot get assistance from the State, is that something are we going to pursue?

Mr. Heu: I think that's a discussion between the Council and the Administration. I think...

Mr. Rapozo: Well, we had this discussion during the budget and Administration said no. So, I'm asking you now is that something that the Administration...

Mr. Heu: Well, yeah, I think the discussion during the budget was to be able to use that as a...for contra-flow purposes and that sort of thing, which to me indicated a much more improved type of roadway, and I think we were thinking about something on the west side, but...

Mr. Rapozo: But the west side, but this one, I'm not talking, I'm talking about the Wailua one.

Mr. Heu: Yeah.

Mr. Rapozo: The Wailua one was to improve for this specific reason.

Mr. Heu: Yeah and I...what I would say is that, you know, it just comes down to a matter of the \$1.9 million. And so if this Council is willing to support the 950 for 50% and/or the 1.9 million for a County stand alone project, then I would say we'd be very open to that discussion.

Mr. Rapozo: Well, if it's up to the Council, then I'll introduce the money bill next week, if it's up to us. I'm asking you. Is the Administration supportive of fixing that road so that we can open it up? And let me just, this is May 15, 2004, Mayor Bryan Baptiste, various County officials and dignitaries gathered for a blessing at the northern end of Hanamā'ulu Town Friday morning to mark the official opening of an emergency bypass road between Hanamā'ulu and Wailua. The former cane haul road is anticipated to provide motorists an alternate way to get from Kapa'a to Līhu'e should an accident occur on Kūhiō Highway between Wailua and Hanamā'ulu, and halts or significantly slows traffic down. And it goes on to talk about the whole history and they got a nice picture of everybody cutting the maile and the road is not open. So, I mean, if you're telling me it's up to us, then I'll instruct staff to put together a money bill next week and we'll introduce the money bill and should we get some money from the State, we can reimburse our County coffers, but...I'm asking you. Is that something that you guys could make happen if you had the funding?

Mr. Heu: Yeah, I believe, you know, I've, you know, we've obviously discussed this project with the Mayor and the Mayor is supportive of us moving forward with this 50% cost sharing on the project. I've not had the discussion with him on the County stand alone project, but I would think that he would be open to that discussion. And I just want to clarify that, you know, the emergency road has been used on a number of occasions.

Mr. Rapozo: Very few.

Mr. Heu: Not as many as we would have wanted.

Mr. Rapozo: Right.

Mr. Heu: And that stems from a number of reasons including operational reasons with the Police Department. So, but certainly some of the safety issues, so what this would do is allow us to use it on a more regular basis, you know would be my hope, so.

Mr. Rapozo: Thank you.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: Any further questions? Councilmember Yukimura.

Ms. Yukimura: Thank you. Do you know what, if any, plans are in the works for the road system on a permanent basis.

Mr. Heu: Regarding Kūhi'ō Highway?

Ms. Yukimura: Yes.

Mr. Heu: That depends where...Are you talking about the...

Ms. Yukimura: The stretch that parallels the proposed bypass.

Mr. Heu: You know, I know a number of years ago there was talk of a widening project.

Ms. Yukimura: Right.

Mr. Heu: I'm not sure where that is. Most recently and this is just, you know, I don't know if this is rumor mill more than anything else. I mean, I have heard people talking about the use of those cement dividers. I mean, the real issue is a safety issue.

Ms. Yukimura: Right.

Mr. Heu: That's been brought on by, you know, the numerous fatalities that we've had on that roadway. But nothing, nothing has, in terms of what I would say, is concrete at this point in time. And I think, you know, I do have a call in to Steve Kyono and wanted to engage him in some of that discussion, but I couldn't really say that I know of any...any real plans, solid plans.

Ms. Yukimura: I ask because I was talking to the Chief rec...Police Chief recently and, you know, one of the ways to prevent those head-on collisions is some kind of a divider. And I just wondered how much that would cost. I mean, here you would be preventing. I don't know. I don't know if that would be in fact the case, but preventing the accident that causes the need for the bypass.

Mr. Heu: Right.

Ms. Yukimura: And I was just wanting to weigh the different costs and where you would apply the resources first. If it's a comparable cost, like \$2 million say, what are the options and how do we apply it? So, that's my question as we look at this.

Mr. Heu: Yeah and I think that's a really good question. I think that...even to...and I'm not an engineer, but even to install those concrete dividers, I think, would require a road widening and perhaps relocation of some of the poles along Kūhiō Highway.

Ms. Yukimura: And it would affect probably the contra-flow issue. So I don't know how that works, but I just ask the question because it seems like we should at least know some broad parameters of that. It may be totally out of the ball park of \$2 million in which case this may be the best use of the money and maybe my question is just to eliminate that option from consideration for quick fix money so to speak. But I...Anyway, if there's a chance to inquire and get some ball park figures, it seems that would be important.

Mr. Heu: Sure, okay.

Ms. Yukimura: And then on the Waimea Wastewater Treatment Plant, is this...this is with respect to existing capacity or is it going to increase the capacity?

Mr. Heu: It's going to increase the capacity.

Ms. Yukimura: To what level?

Mr. Heu: I don't have that. Unfortunately, our Wastewater manager's been out of town and...

Ms. Yukimura: Okay.

Mr. Heu: So, we're just trying to package based on (inaudible).

Ms. Yukimura: So, could you make that available? I mean, is this really...okay. It does say plant upgrades. I mean I'm totally in favor of the upgrade to effluent quality that will enable reuse because I think that's...that is moving us toward our goal of a more sustainable kind of infrastructure.

Mr. Heu: Okay, so your question is what is the capacity once the upgrade is done?

Ms. Yukimura: I mean...because we want to make sure it's aligned with the General Plan goals. Of course, you know, there was a proposal from Planning to update the Waimea-Kekaha Plan, so that plan is pretty dated. But just making sure we have some match or par...you know, consistency or coordination with the land use plan. And then, my question is, are the estimated construction costs, do they also include improvements to make the plant energy self-sufficient? Waimea has so much solar insolation or exposure and if there's a way...if there are pumps and you can include for a small cost...a way, you know, either photovoltaic, I don't know what would be the most cost effective renewable energy source as part of the improvements. You might be able to keep the energy cost down or reduce them and thereby the costs for them too.

Mr. Heu: That's a good question and I don't know the specific answer. I do know that Ed Tschupp, the Wastewater manager, has been looking at PV solutions for various plants and one would assume, but I don't want to assume in this case, so I'll go back and validate that. But there has been a lot of discussion and they...he's actually been working with Glen Sato in terms of power purchase agreements for our wastewater facilities.

Ms. Yukimura: And that's very commendable and I'm aware of that too. So, it may very well be included, but it would be a real opportunity to include it because Waimea has again so much solar exposure and if you're doing a project that involves design and retrofit or additions, that would be the time to do it.

Mr. Heu: Right.

Ms. Yukimura: And it may be for an incremental cost that's not much at all. I don't know. Especially because these things pay back for themselves pretty quickly.

Mr. Heu: Well, like you said, maybe best case scenario is that it's included.

Ms. Yukimura: Yeah, okay, thank you.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: Anyone else? Yes, Councilmember Furfaro.

Mr. Furfaro: Yes, I want to re-emphasize, I do think both east and west bypass should be on our radar screen. But as we go forward here and I think Councilwoman Yukimura touched on it as it comes to the wastewater treatment plants with looking at solar, is there anything that should be on our package sight that parallels us to be working on a public projects with the State about energy in general? Like, you know, solar lighting for roadways, parks. You know, we have moved forward with money to have this discussion ourselves with Kaua'i stakeholders, but is there anything that should be on a radar screen with the two political subdivisions working jointly on an energy project?

Mr. Heu: Well, you know, I would hope that because the energy sustainability plan that you're talking about would include all stakeholders on the island, including federal and State government entities, so I think, that would be certainly an opportunity for us to take a look at, you know, what kind of initiatives could be proposed and I think, you know, without getting into specifics, I think that that's one area that we're really...we are really concerned about. We feel that the plan that is designed, is generated for Kaua'i should be very heavy on the implementation section. You know, it's one thing to have a plan, but, you know, where the rubber hits the road and we need to implement recommendations to the plan. We really feel strongly that that section of the plan needs to be very strong.

Mr. Furfaro: Well, I'm glad to hear that because at the Energy Conference, you know, the three levels of government kind of got, you know, a jolt about getting some of these things together. And I know just in our County with economic development, we have the opportunity for the coop farm out in the north shore of which one of the issues for the farmers is going to be water and retention ponds for water which have to be driven possibly by pumps. Well, here's an idea or project that we could look at that would offset some of our cost to get some solar

activity incorporated into that plan and look towards the State about some component of that agricultural park that could be a pilot program for energy...especially circulating water. Thank you, Councilwoman.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: Anyone else that has any further questions on both of these items. If not, thank you, Gary.

Mr. Heu: Okay, thank you.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: And we'll be getting back to you if there's any other items that we want the Administration to consider. And then, you wanted...

Mr. Heu: Yeah, I'm on the agenda also for...

Mr. Furfaro: In Ron's Committee, but I'm going to run his Committee, so.

Mr. Heu: Did you want to...

Mr. Furfaro: Yeah, I'm going to do that now and then I want to go to...

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: Wait, wait. We gotta take care of this matter...

Mr. Furfaro: No, no, no, I know we have to take care of it, but he's asking the question before he walks away from the chair and the short answer is stay in the chair.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: You can stay in the chair if you want to.

Mr. Kaneshiro: Mr. Mickens is raising his hand.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: Yeah, so...sorry. I think...I don't believe I asked for public testimony, did I?

Mr. Furfaro: No.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: So, Gary, you may have to vacate that chair. Thank you, Gary. Public testimony. I'll suspend the rules.

There being no objections, the rules were suspended.

GLENN MICKENS: Thank you, Shay. For the record, Glenn Mickens. Gary's talking about that emergency road. For me, that emergency road paving from the river to Hanamā'ulu in particular, I know it was brought up about other places. I agree 1,000% with that, but I think it should be top priority. Long ago, Bill LeGro—I don't know if you guys all remember Bill LeGro, he was one of the best investigative reporters we had on this island—suggested that this road could be one-way south bound and Kūhiō one-way north bound or some combination of that. This format would prohibit head-on collisions and would certainly be a prohibition to serious accidents. As Mel keeps on saying, we have to open these cane haul roads to alleviate the horrendous problem we have with traffic. We can't wait for the State to sit out here and say, we're gonna make this road four-lane, this highway four-lane. We've been sitting here since 2000 trying to get the State to do something about this. I sat there in 2000 when they started talking about...we

don't ha...let's go ahead and get 7 different or 8 different things and we pick...You saw a letter in the paper the other day by my neighbor John Love saying the same thing. We picked out a route and they said, well we don't have the money to go ahead and do it. Then they said later on 8 years, 7 years later, they said, well, let's go ahead and do it, but we don't have the money to build it. So, we're going to sit here spinning our wheels while more people get killed on that, what's it called, blood alley or whatever it happens to be, and it's criminal to see this happen. But I think that something should, you know, again a combination with the County and the State to be able to do something about it. But, you know, that poor road that bypa...that emergency road one time it wasn't open and we quizzed why, they said, well, it's Hawaiian Home Lands; they got the key to the gate. They didn't have the key to open the thing. So, you know, we've been sitting here with this problem for a long time. So, anyway, I don't think there's anything in this island...it's only going to get worse, all these Kūhiō road coming out onto the highway in places. As more people come on this island, the traffic is going to get more and more. You're going to see more and more accidents happening (inaudible).

Mr. Furfaro: But I hope you heard Gary. Very clearly, this is what I heard from him. Yes, we've been requesting the State, as this process goes, and Mr. Rapozo has been working on it and we're saying, are we willing to go to the point if they give us the hardship of them having money. The question was posed to this Council, are we willing, guardrails, lights, length, paving, are we willing to put the whole thing...

Mr. Mickens: Sure.

Mr. Furfaro: ...in this bond request? That's what I heard from the Administration and that's what I understand here at the table. Some of us are willing to risk that.

Mr. Mickens: Sure.

Mr. Furfaro: But we first need to ask.

Mr. Mickens: Right.

Mr. Furfaro: And that's the whole process that's in Iseri's Committee.

Mr. Mickens: Well, you've asked Gary the question and I presume...

Mr. Furfaro: Right, but he said it's the number one priority on their radar screen.

Mr. Mickens: Okay, okay, good, hope it happens.

Mr. Furfaro: At least that's what I heard, but...

Mr. Mickens: Thank you.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: Hi, Bruce.

BRUCE PLEAS: Bruce Pleas for the record. Well, I gotta hope that the State has some money for any of these projects. I think that's my big question is

whether there's going to be any money to be able to come over. So, it's good try. I think basically to back it up with as much hard work and facts and figures that you can to, you know, for our legislators to present to the legislation is good. Emergency bypass, yes, the east side and, you know, wherever we can, they're needed. On the west side, you're asking about KVMH. At this point my understanding is they did have a 3-story building going in. There were improvements going to be done. Whether that's going to come through or not is to be seen. They were going to get a new facility there. They are one of the lowest in deficits across the whole hospital, so that's a good point. As for the wastewater treatment plant, it's a good idea, but I would really like to look at alternate ways to do it. When Kikiaola was doing their expansion plans, we looked into having a biodegradable or one that you have a series of ponds, that has been used to...

Mr. Furfaro: It's called a constructed wetland.

Mr. Pleas: Yeah, a constructed wetlands. There you go. I haven't looked at this for...I presented this 10 years ago. So, I'm not up on it right now and I can get you that information. A person in Hanalei who was familiar with that came down to a meeting down there and gave—this was about six years ago—a cost of \$1.8 million and it would have worked very well with their development plans of Kikiaola of the ponds in the golf course. So, I would hope that the Administration looks at this because \$12 million is a lot to spend. It seems to me that if you could find, get the information on this and present it to the Legislature as half of the cost, it could be a good point. Also, too, at the end run you have clean water, it's usable, you have ponds that could produce tilapia, could produce products. As for the alternate energy, it's a very good idea and you need to look into, and I'll try to find some information, again I looked it up a year ago, there are sewage plants in the United States that use the methane and the biodegrading of the solid waste to produce electricity. And with the moneys from the federal government that are coming over, hopefully, that could be, you know, a plus, where it's for alternate energy. We really need to look at that as a good strong point for getting these projects going. As for Waimea, yes, it's needed but also another place that is...could be needed is Kalapakī. There's some pollution and there's some source in that area which Cheryl has presented for years and that may be another area that needs to be looked at too. Thank you.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: Hold on, any questions for Bruce? No? Thank you, Bruce. Anyone else in the audience who wishes to speak? If not, I'll call the meeting back to order.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the meeting was called back to order.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: Any further comments? What we're going to do is defer this matter as part of it contains a request by Lani Nakazawa to provide the status on last year's bills. But also, I would use this time that if any of you have any amendments to the Administration's proposals on their two projects that they intend to submit, by all means have that to the staff within a week and then we'll have that up for discussion as well, so. Anything else? If not, can I get a motion to defer?

Upon motion duly made by Councilmember Rapozo, seconded by Councilmember Yukimura, and unanimously carried, CA/IGR 2008-14 was deferred.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: We are going to recess my Committee to take Gary Heu out of order. He's got one short item, I believe.

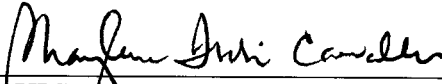
There being no objections, the meeting was recessed at 3:23 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 5:14 p.m.

CR-CA/IGR 2008-16: on C 2008-203 Communication (7/18/2008) from Councilmember Shaylene Iseri-Carvalho, requesting agenda time to provide a report on the recent National Association of Counties (NACo) 2008 Annual Conference.
[Received for the record.]

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma Akiona
Wilma Akiona, Secretary

APPROVED at the Committee Meeting held on October 15, 2008:


SHAYLENE ISERI-CARVALHO
Chair, Community Assistance/Intergovernmental Relations Committee