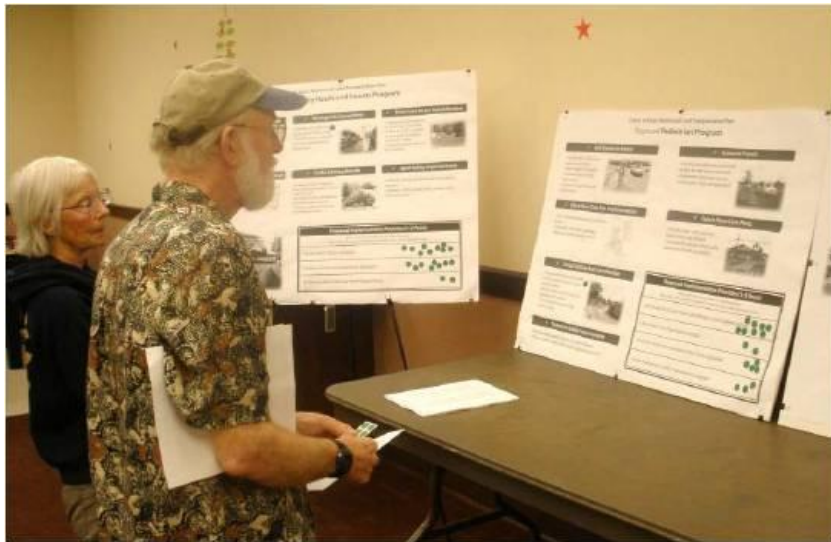


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**Marie Williams – Planner  
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The draft of Kaua'i County's first ever Multimodal Land Transportation Plan was presented to the County Council on September 20, 2012. The Plan represents a bold new policy direction toward a balanced transportation system that addresses not only



**Citizen participation in the MLTP process**

county roads, but Kaua'i's transit, bicycle, and pedestrian needs. The Plan sets ambitious goals through a preferred scenario that calls for no growth in total vehicle miles travelled (VMT) through the year 2035, despite forecast increases in de facto population. To achieve this, the Plan calls for actions such as strategically expanding bus service and developing local networks of pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

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**Public Outreach with the Community**

The Plan includes a land use section that recommends changes to the zoning and subdivision code, as well as a strict policy of not allowing zoning changes in areas adjacent to new alignment roadways built on agriculture, open, or conservation lands. The Plan also addresses the transportation needs of local, small-lot, diversified agriculture. Pivotal to the plan's implementation is a new transportation planner who will liaise between the departments of Planning and Public Works.

Analysis done for the Plan's transportation databook revealed that most of Kaua'i's households spend more than 50 percent of the household budget on transportation and housing costs. Jim Charlier of Charlier Associates, Inc., the project consultant, told Council that reducing household transportation costs may be one of the most important things the plan would accomplish.

The public outreach component involved two rounds of interactive regional public workshops in each of Kaua'i's five planning districts. In the first round, people completed travel diaries, discussed the impact of travel in their daily lives, and described their vision for future mobility and access on Kaua'i.

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"I was really taken back by the uniformity of people saying that 'we would like to be able to walk in our town and have our children be able to walk safely in our town,'" said Charlier.

In the second round, people "voted" on various solutions, such as constructing town connector trails, implementing the Līhu'e Town Core Urban Design Plan, and expanding bus transit service.

The \$400,000 project was funded by a federal grant and was managed by the County's Executive on Transportation, Celia Mahikoa. The draft is available for download at <http://movekauai.net/>.