

West Side Path Alternatives Report

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Allow me to extend my deepest mahalo and congratulations to all who worked to produce the West Side Path Alternatives Report. It is a positive step toward creating more walkable, sustainable communities on the west side of our island home.

My Holo Holo 2020 vision calls for **“all organizations, businesses, residents and visitors on Kauai to be part of creating an island that is sustainable, values our native culture, has a thriving and healthy economy, cares for all – keiki to kapuna, and has a responsible and user-friendly local government.”** So many of our Holo Holo 2020 goals can be achieved by creating alternative modes of transportation for all communities on Kaua’i. Developing coastal, multi-modal paths are an important element in that effort. In the end, our people, our environment and our economy will benefit by putting these basic principles to work in our everyday lives.

I look forward to a continuing dialogue with interested parties on the west side as we seek to create a community that is better connected, healthier and more sustainable for generations to come.

Mahalo nui loa,

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.

Mayor, County of Kaua’i.

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Overview of Project

Health & Education Communication Consultants in collaboration with Design Associates Kauai was retained by Kauai Path, Inc. to work with a Citizens' Advisory Committee from the communities of Waimea and Kekaha to engage community members in the process of identifying possible multi-use trail¹ options for the communities of Waimea and Kekaha by convening two public input meetings. This West Side Path Alternatives Report is the summation of the project.

Health & Education Communication Consultants is represented by Joy Anne Osterhout, MS, MCHES and Design Associates Kauai is represented by Rodney Pascua and Scott Fiorovich. Ms. Osterhout was responsible for guiding the project process, including planning for community and key stakeholder input, facilitating the public input meetings, and drafting this Report. Design Associates Kauai was responsible for the development of the maps for the project, including those in this report.

¹ A **multi-use trail** is separated from the roadway for use by cyclists, pedestrians, skaters, runners, and others using non-motorized modes of transportation. A multi-use trail is also handicap accessible. The trail surface can be varied depending on local context and be used for multiple activities, such as recreational, getting back and forth to work, shopping, school, or other functional trips.

The Citizens' Advisory Committee

In May of 2011, Kauai Path, Inc. created a Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) with community members from Waimea and Kekaha to begin this project. A list of the CAC members can be found in the Appendix on page 23. The CAC held four meetings prior to the public input meetings. The table below provides an overview of each meeting. Meeting minutes can be found at the Kauai Path, Inc. website at [www. http://www.kauaipath.org/west](http://www.kauaipath.org/west).

Meeting Date	Meeting Overview
May 23, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member introductions• Review committee purpose and project overview• Development of a CAC charter (roles and responsibilities of members, meeting summaries, decision making, and public involvement)• Establish a screening committee to review consultant applications
June 20, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review screening committee consultant applicants• Introduction of consultant team selected
July 20, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of consultant scope of work• Identify possible multi-use trail options• Identify key stakeholders
August, 22, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Select public input meeting dates and locations• Discuss public input meeting logistics and requirements• Review and discuss plan for promotion of public input meetings• Review and discuss public input meeting agenda• Review maps containing identified multi-use trail options.

The meetings in June, July and August were attended by the consultant team.

Public Input Meetings

The public input meetings were scheduled for October 3rd in Waimea at the Waimea Theatre, and for October 5th in Kekaha at the Kekaha Neighborhood Center. Each public input meeting was scheduled to begin at 6 pm and end around 8 pm.

PROMOTION

Health & Education Communication Consultants developed the following materials to promote the public input meetings:

- An 8x10 flyer (see page 24 in the Appendix)
- A press release for newspapers and radio stations (see pages 25-26 in the Appendix)
- A letter to key stakeholders identified by the CAC (see pages 27-28 in the Appendix).

Flyers were printed and mailed to nine CAC members who volunteered to post and distribute them. A PDF version of the flyer was also sent to all CAC members to distribute via e-mail and print additional flyers as needed.

Health & Education Communication Consultants sent the press release to the following media outlets:

- The Garden Island
- For Kauai Online
- The Midweek Kauai
- KSRF 95.9
- KFMN 97
- KAQ 91.9
- KONG 93.5
- KUAI 720 AM
- KSHK 103.3
- KTOH 99.9

The PDF file of the letter to key stakeholders was sent to CAC chair Leland Ibara for distribution to those identified.

MEETING PROCESS

When participants arrived at the public input meeting, participants were asked to provide their name and e-mail address on an index card, place their name on a name tag, and take a personal survey (see pages 29-30 in Appendix) to complete and hand-in at the close of the meeting.

The agenda developed for the public input meetings was:

Agenda Item	Time Allotted (in minutes)	Person Responsible
E komo mai (Welcome)	10	Leland Ibara
Small group activity		Joy Osterhout
Identify points of interest	5	CAC table leaders
Review CAC trail suggestions	5	CAC table leaders
Add new trail suggestions	10	CAC table leaders
Identify trails that should not be considered	10	CAC table leaders
Choose preferred trails	10	CAC table leaders
Group activity report out	5 minutes/group	Joy Osterhout + meeting participants
Open Q & A	10	Leland Ibara + CAC members
A hui hou (Closing)		Leland Ibara + Joy Osterhout

Leland Ibara welcomed participants to the public input meetings and shared information about the CAC, Kauai Path, the consultant team, and the purpose of the meetings.

Joy Osterhout introduced the small group activities, and then participants were divided into small groups based on the colored dot on their name tag. Each small group was facilitated by a member of the CAC. Small group activities included the following:

1. Identifying points of interests: Participant small groups were asked to generate a list of points of interest in and around the communities of Waimea and Kekaha that they would like to access via the use of a multi-use trail.
2. Review CAC trail suggestions: Participant small groups reviewed possible trail options on a large map (see maps in the Appendix on pages 31-32) that had been identified by CAC members.
3. Add new trail suggestions: Participant small groups discussed and drew new trail options on the large map.
4. Identify trails that should not be considered: Participant small groups reviewed all possible and suggested trail options on the large map and identified trails that should not be considered and the reasons why.

5. Choose preferred trails: Each participant chose his/her first and second trail option for a multi-use trail from Waimea to Kekaha.

After the small group activities were completed, each group selected a spokesperson to share with all the meeting participants the results of their group work. When group reports were completed, Leland Ibara led an open question and answer period with all meeting participants and CAC members in attendance.

At the conclusion of each meeting, three participants received a give-away gift of a sports bottle after having their index card drawn from the pile of participants.

A PowerPoint presentation was utilized at the public input meetings, and can be found in the Appendix on page 33.

RESULTS

Attendance: A total of 27 community members attended the public input meetings, not including CAC members, consultants, and press. Eighteen attended the Waimea public meeting, and nine attended the Kekaha public meeting. A list of attendees can be found in the Appendix on page 34.

Points of Interests: A total of 39 points of interests were identified by the participants at the Waimea public input. A total of 9 points of interests were identified by the participants at the Kekaha meeting. The top five most popular points of interests identified were:

1. Schools
2. Places to shop and conduct other business
3. Parks (i.e., Russian Fort Elizabeth State Historical Park, Waimea Landing State Recreation Pier, Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor, McArthur Park, Lucy Wright Beach Park, Menehune Ditch, Hoffgard Park, Swinging Bridge, Waimea Athletic Field)
4. Churches
5. Transit venues (i.e., bus stops)

Add new trail options: Twelve new trail options were identified by the participants at the public input meetings. See the numbered trails 15 through 27 on the maps below for the new trail options identified.



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Trails Not to Be Considered: Using the maps with previously identified trail options and trail options added by the small table groups, small groups identified trails that they did not want considered for the multi-use trail and the reasons why. See the table below for summary results of both public input meetings. The column labeled **# of Table Groups** represents the number of table groups that did not want the trail considered.

Trail #	# of Table Groups	Reasons Why
1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No bridge separate
2	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to fishing by vehicles, horses already use beach Mouth of river erosion Space, tidal area
3	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should not continue after Plantation Cottages west to McArthur Park; too much traffic, dust, spraying, not scenic Traffic, want to protect existing character, no space due to erosion Safety concerns, mundane Not near highway
4	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dust, mud, no scenery No special reason to select this route Dirt, agriculture area
5	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dust, mud, no scenery Ongoing agriculture, spraying of pesticides (a definite no) No views, heavy erosion, landowner concerns Dirt, agriculture area
6	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spraying Wild animals, pig farm, safety issues, too far from points of interests Security Too far
7	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Longer route, not good for evacuation No use
8	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Too close to homes and lots of congestion Too long for kids to travel to school Maybe too small
9	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing roads No need
10	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing roads No need
11	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture issues, spraying, safety issues Existing roads Agriculture, dust, pesticides
12	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing roads No need

Preferred Path Choices: For the last activity in small groups, each person was given a form to vote for their first and second choices for a multi-use trail from Waimea to Kekaha. The table below shows the number of times a trail was chosen as first choice and second choice. It also shows the total votes received, and then the trails are ranked in order based on the total number of votes. The top 3 trail choices were: (1) Trail 3 which goes along the Kaunualii Highway; (2) Trail 1 which starts at the Russian Fort and crosses the bridge into Waimea; and (3). Trail 5 which starts around Waimea Canyon Park and continues West along the main cane haul road.

Trail #	# of Votes for First Choice	# of Votes for Second Choice	Total Votes	Rank in Order
1	20	13	33	2
2	9	8	17	4
3	21	14	35	1
4	0	1	1	13(tie)
5	17	15	32	3
6	11	4	15	5
7	3	6	9	6(tie)
8	3	6	9	6(tie)
9	0	1	1	13(tie)
10	1	1	2	12(tie)
11	2	0	2	12(tie)
12	1	0	1	13(tie)
13	0	0	0	--
14	0	1	1	13(tie)
15	6	1	7	8
16	0	0	0	--
17	0	0	0	--
18	0	0	0	--
19	2	1	3	11
20	0	2	2	12(tie)
21	0	0	0	--
22	1	0	1	13(tie)
23	3	1	4	10(tie)
24	2	2	4	10(tie)
25	4	1	5	9
26	1	0	1	13(tie)
27	5	3	8	7

Open Q & A: During the open question and answer period the following questions were asked and the following answers were provided:

Question	Answer
1. How far does the Ditch Road at the top of the map go west?	<i>The road goes all the way to Mana and maybe Polihale.</i>
2. Will trail 5 be a problem in the future?	<i>Yes, major problem. That proposed trail is right in the middle of active agriculture with long standing leases. In addition, there are tractors, chemicals, dusts, and flooding in the area.</i>
3. What will come out of the meetings and the committee?	<i>We are currently gathering all the information/input we can from the communities. We will have a West Side Alternative Report that will show the preferred trail options from the community. The report will be used by Kauai Path for funding and development.</i>
4. Is there a consensus who will use this path?	<i>We are gathering this information now. We have the survey in the lobby and will make it available on the Kauai Path website.</i>
5. Some of these path ways have more technical hurdles than others. How do you compare them with the desires of the community?	<i>We will take the input from the two public input meetings and look at what is most popular.</i>
6. Is there enough interest in a path? Where will the funding come from?	<i>This is where we get community input and wee where we can find funding opportunities. We may be able to get the State Transportation Improvement Plan to help with this. Another scenario would be, if Trail 3 is heavily wanted, there are state funds for safe routes to school funds that may be tapped into. Once Kauai Path knows what the community wants, and they get support from the County and State, they can then find matching funding opportunities. If we have the community desire and support, this gives Kauai Path the power to get the funding source.</i>
7. How was the feedback from Waimea?	<i>Very similar. Trail 2 was very popular.</i>
8. Will there be a follow-up meeting?	<i>No. The results will be posted on the Kauai Path website.</i>
9. How long will it take to build from Waimea to Kekaha?	<i>Thomas Noyes shared examples from the Kamalini playground and the East side trail. Once we get the plan, we can come up with the</i>

10. Will comfort station be part of the plan?	<i>money. Right now we are just looking at preferred trail options. As the plan develops, we want to think of it as a linear park with attractions, and making connections within the community. This path can be whatever you imagine. Once we get the park built, it is up to the community to help maintain it, by picking up leaves, volunteer stewardship programs, and community works programs.</i>
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Participant Survey

A personal survey was developed (as seen in the Appendix on pages x-x) and was given to all public input meeting participants, as well as was posted on the Kauai Path website and hard copies were disseminated via a student intern to community members who did not attend the public input meetings. A total of 135 surveys were completed. The table below shows the number of responses received through each collection method.

Collection Method	Number Received
Waimea Public Input Meeting	20
Kekaha Public Input Meeting	8
Kauai Path Website	27
Mail/Collected by Student Intern	80
TOTAL SURVEYS COLLECTED	135

Question 1: Reside

Sixty-eight percent of the survey respondents were from the communities of Waimea and Kekaha. See the table below for the locations that other respondents reside.

	Waimea Meeting	Kekaha Meeting	Path Website	Mail/Collected	TOTAL
Waimea	12	1	9	28	50 (37%)
Kekaha	2	6	9	25	42 (31%)
Other:					43 (32%)
• Hanapepe	2		3	8	
• Kaumakani	1		1	5	
• Kalaheo	1		4	6	
• Wailua			1		
• Pakala	1				
• Eleele	1			6	
• Lihue		1		1	
• Koloa				1	

Question 2: Bike, walk, or use other non-motorized transportation to get to or from places

The top two places that respondents' bike, walk, or use other non-motorized transportation are beaches and to stores/shops/run errands. These two places represent just over 50% of respondents.

	Waimea Meeting	Kekaha Meeting	Path Website	Mail/Collected	TOTAL
Work	2	2	4	19	27 (13%)
School	--	--	4	15	19 (9%)
Beaches	4	4	13	36	57 (27%)
Store/Shop/Errands	6	3	12	32	53 (25%)
Don't ride/walk/use other non-motorized transportation	6	--	5	18	29 (13%)
Other:					27 (13%)
• Exercise	3	1	4	5	
• Leisure	2		3	2	
• Health			1		
• To Bus Stop	1				
• To friends/family homes				4	
• Kekaha Community Garden				1	

Question3: Own a bike

Seventy-two percent of respondents own a bicycle.

	Waimea Meeting	Kekaha Meeting	Path Website	Mail/Collected	TOTAL
Yes	17	7	20	53	97 (72%)
No	3	1	7	27	38 (28%)

Question 4: Used the east side coastal trail

Fifty-eight percent of respondents have not used the east side coastal trail near Kapaa and Kealia.

	Waimea Meeting	Kekaha Meeting	Path Website	Mail/Collected	TOTAL
Yes	12	4	12	28	56 (42%)
No	8	2	15	51	76 (58%)

Question 5: Want a multi-use trail for Waimea and Kekaha

Ninety-one percent of respondents would like a multi-use trail for the communities of Waimea and Kekaha.

	Waimea Meeting	Kekaha Meeting	Path Website	Mail/Collected	TOTAL
Yes	20	8	26	68	122 (91%)
No	--	--	1	11	12 (9%)

Question 6: Reasons for wanting multi-use trail

The top two reasons for wanting a multi-use trail for the communities of Waimea and Kekaha are for health & physical fitness, and to spend time outdoors.

	Waimea Meeting	Kekaha Meeting	Path Website	Mail/Collected	TOTAL
Get to work	3	1	5	22	31 (7%)
Get to school	--	--	--	25	25 (6%)
Get to stores/shopping	2	4	10	33	49 (11%)
Health & physical fitness	18	7	25	53	103 (23%)
Reduce my carbon footprint	10	3	12	23	48 (11%)
Save money	4	4	13	34	55 (12%)
Save time	0	2	2	15	19 (4%)
Spend time outdoors	17	5	24	52	98 (22%)
Other:					18 (4%)
• Safety			3	1	
• Place to walk dog			1	1	
• Meet neighbors/friends	1			1	
• Family togetherness/Kids	1	1		1	
• Fun	1			1	

• Get to beaches	2
• Recommend to patients	1
• Ride bike more often	1
• Emergency bypass	1

Question 7: Preferred material use for multi-use trail

More than 50% of respondents preferred that the multi-use trail be made of asphalt and concrete.

	Waimea Meeting	Kekaha Meeting	Path Website	Mail/Collected	TOTAL
Asphalt & Concrete	7	6	14	36	63 (54%)
Permeable Concrete	6	--	7	19	32 (23%)
Coral, Gravel, or Similar Material	1	--	1	11	13 (11%)
Dirt Path	2	--	3	2	7 (6%)
Other:	--	--			2 (2%)
• Anything but gravel			1		
• Not if it means destroying another area/resource				1	

Question 8: Access for equestrian use

Respondents were pretty close to being evenly split on the issue of allowing access to the multi-use trail for equestrian use.

	Waimea Meeting	Kekaha Meeting	Path Website	Mail/Collected	TOTAL
Yes	8	3	12	36	59 (47%)
No	11	4	15	36	66 (53%)

Question 9: Open-ended comments

The vast majority of comments provided by respondents were in support of a multi-use trail and the benefits that it would provide to the community. Other comments that were noted more than once were about the location of the path, and access to the path for equestrians and dogs.

All open-ended comments provided are included below:

- Please do not desecrate any sacred sites where our ancestors reside.
- Concrete provides least maintenance expenses; could start with coral base and later concrete. Looking for this path to run from Poipu to Polihale. Come to fruition quickly. Biking options on west: 1) Ride dangerously with cars 2) Jump fences and trespass.
- Path usage visible so not being used by motor cross cycles. Simple location or shortest distance between Kekaha/Waimea for costs.
- We just need a walking/bike path along the highway as there are a lot of people who currently do that but it's dangerous, especially during dawn/dusk hours. I would bike to Waimea to shop if there were a bike path.
- Thank you to all those who are spearheading this great idea & for all your time and effort in making life healthier for us all. Mahalo.
- I hope the path will eventually connect to Hanapepe/Port Allen.
- Definitely include horse trail riding as many places have been closed off.
- Having a trail like this will benefit everyone.
- Not in favor of a bike path in Kekaha, but it looks like we are going to get one whether I want it or not. Any path should not inhibit or restrict vehicle access to the beach. I am very concerned about deliberately attracting people to the highway in Kekaha. There has been many serious and some deadly auto accidents in recent history. Attracting pedestrians to the highway in reality puts them in danger. Several options exist to minimize this danger. (1). Create an alternate route through Kekaha to divert vehicle traffic away from the highway. I say we turn the whole highway into a path. No cars or trucks allowed. (2) Put the path through Kekaha Road. (3). Reduce the speed limit on the highway to 25 mph. If not for all vehicles at least for commercial vehicles like trucks. Something really needs to be done to address the safety issue before any path goes in.
- I hope and pray that the path won't be coastal! I'd like the path to be from Waimea Park not from the Russian Fort, and the preferred trail I'd like would be the closest to the mountains basically nothing by the road or highway.
- Has to allow dogs (2).
- I fully support a multi-use path as a welcome addition to our island. Thank you for all your hard work in making this happen.
- I hope that a connecting island-wide trail could be constructed that doesn't seem possible given the lay of the land, but I applaud any attempts to do it. You'll never know if you don't try. For the west side I hope that a trail connecting Kekaha to Waimea would be top priority. Kids could ride to school every day, families to events in town, and a trip to the grocery store or post office would be great for residents' health. Mahalo for all of your efforts.
- I think a multi-use path would be great!

- This would be a really good project for the west side of Kauai. I feel it will bring the community even MORE closer.
- No horses on walking trail.
- Bike path—great idea.
- Please put a multi-use trail in our community. Do it now.
- Let's get it done. Make it wide enough. Pass right, drive left. Water for sanitation. Make ample time out/rest spots and places to yield to traffic and talk.
- This is a wonderful idea.
- For dog use also?
- I hope this will happen for the west side.
- Have horse trail on side of bike path.
- A lot of individuals do ride/run along highway. A path would make it safer and encourage bike riding.
- I would like to see a bike lane painted on the road between Waimea and Kekaha and a non-paved path-trail. The bike lane could be used for all rubber tired vehicles that went under 30 mph. The dirt/coral/gravel trail would be for walking, running, equestrian, skating, bikes and wheelchairs if people wanted. I would like to see a painted bike lane on the existing asphalt road instead of more concrete/asphalt.
- Kauai, especially west Kauai, is a rural place, with few safe sidewalks. Our older population will benefit from a safe and smooth surface to walk on. You will also be able to increase physical activity safely. This helps reduce falls for the elderly population and keeps younger people active to reduce obesity and sedentary lifestyles. As a Physical Therapist, I very much support outdoor paths and would like to be involved with increasing health and recreation in our community.
- Kids need choice of walking/biking safely between Kekaha and Waimea.
- This would be great for the community. Exercise is very important in our busy lifestyle. This would create an avenue to health/fitness.
- I would like a path with a scenic ocean view as much as possible. I do not want a path that goes through the field.
- We need a path along the beach side for exercising.
- Do it. I need a place to avoid cars and a quiet place to exercise and for the families.
- I like 'em.
- Providing equestrian access would be fine.
- It would be nice to have a coastal trail for people on the west side of Kauai to enjoy too.
- Please do this soon. Mahalo.

- Make a dirt bike track so that west side has a place for all the kids and adults to have something to do and keeps them out of trouble. There is nothing for the west side people to do. So we need a dirt bike track here.
- It better be helpful and a good means of transportation.
- Who will maintain walk/travel area? How safe will area be? Lighted for night
- use? How much will it cost?

Conclusion

Although the number of community members who came out for the two public input meetings in Waimea and Kekaha was small (n=28), the support for a west side path was clearly apparent—***Ninety-one percent of all survey respondents would like a multi-use trail for the communities of Waimea and Kekaha.*** The top reasons community members would like a multi-use trail is for their own health and fitness, as well as to have a place to spend time outdoors with family, friends, and neighbors. This support can also be seen in a majority of the open-ended comments for Question 9 (pages 18-20 above).

Through the two public input meetings, community members identified several points of interest that they would like to be able to access via a multi-use trail, with schools, places to shop and conduct business, and access to parks rounding out the top three points of interest. Also through the two public input meetings, the community members selected their preferred trails for a multi use trail. Their first three choices, seen below, were chosen about twice as many times as the trail ranking in position 4, and so on.²

- (1) Kaunualii Highway from Waimea River to McArthur Park in Kekaha;
- (2) Russian Fort Elizabeth Park Area over the Waimea River; and
- (3) the old cane haul road from around Waimea Canyon Park to McArthur Park in Kekaha.

One point raised by a CAC member, who is also a State Representative, is that the attendance at the public meetings could have been low due to the community members actually supporting the development of a multi-use trail in the communities, and that if they did not, they would have attended to voice their concerns.

² **Note:** The following are points about the preferred trail choices that are not congruent with top points of interest and trails not to be considered:

1. All three top choices for preferred trails do not provide access to the top three points of interests identified.
2. All three top choices for preferred trails were also chosen by a few groups not to be considered for trails for various reasons (see page 8).

Appendix

***West Side Path Alternatives Report (WSPAR)
Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC)***

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PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS NOTICE

TO DISCUSS A MULTI-USE TRAIL SYSTEM

FOR WAIMEA AND KEKAHA



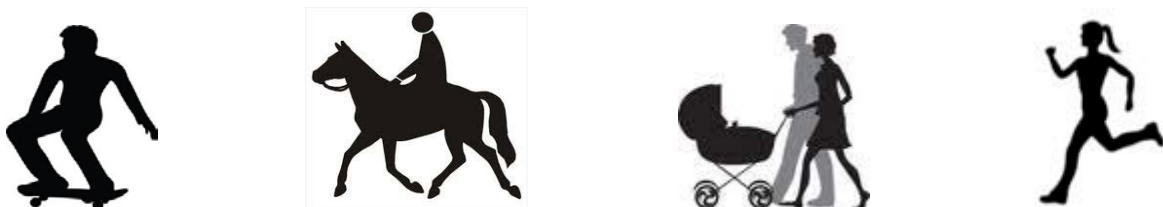
Waimea and Kekaha residents are invited to participate in public input meetings scheduled from **6 to 8 p.m.** at the following locations:

Waimea: Waimea Theatre: Monday, October 3

Kekaha: Kekaha Neighborhood Center, Wednesday, October 5

At meetings, residents will work in small groups to discuss possible options for a multi-use trail for the communities of Waimea and Kekaha, and complete individual questionnaires. Light refreshments will be provided.

If residents cannot attend these meetings, questionnaires will be made available at the Kauai Path website at www.kauaipath.org on Friday, October 7, 2011.



Meeting facilities are wheelchair accessible. Anyone with special needs requiring an American Sign Language interpreter or an auxiliary aid to participate in the meetings should contact Randall Blake at (808) 635-8823 or oneislandguy@mac.com at least 7 days in advance. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist those with special needs.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON A MULTI-USE TRAIL FOR THE
COMMUNITIES OF WAIMEA AND KEKAHA**

Kauai Path, Inc. is working with a Citizens Advisory Committee from the West Side to develop a report containing ideas for a multi-use trail for the communities of Waimea and Kekaha.

Residents from the communities of Waimea and Kekaha are invited to participate in public input meetings scheduled for the first week of October at the following locations:

Waimea: Waimea Theatre: Monday, October 3, 6 to 8 p.m.

Kekaha: Kekaha Neighborhood Center, Wednesday, October 5, 6 to 8 p.m.

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The facilities where the public input meetings are being held are wheelchair accessible. Anyone with special needs requiring an American Sign Language interpreter or an auxiliary aid to participate in the meetings should contact Randall Blake at (808) 635-8823 or oneislandguy@mac.com at least 7 days in advance. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist those with special needs.



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ALOHA !

Kauai Path, Inc., a community organization working with Kauai Residents to preserve, protect, and extend access to non-motorized multi-use trails island-wide, is working with a Citizens Advisory Committee from the West Side to develop a report containing ideas for a **multi-use trail** for the communities of Waimea and Kekaha.

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Your input in this process would be greatly appreciated. Public input meetings are scheduled for the first week in October at the following locations:

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If you have any questions, please contact Joy Osterhout of Health & Education Communication Consultants at o2joy@pil.net or at 808-742-8332. Health & Education Communication Consultants has been engaged to prepare a West Side Path Alternatives Report to Kauai Path, Inc. at the completion of the public input process.

Sincerely,

Randall Blake, M.D.
Kauai Path, Executive Director

Leland Ibara, Pharm.D.
Citizens Advisory Committee,
Chairperson



West Side Path Alternatives Survey for the Communities of Waimea & Kekaha

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The answers you provide as part of this survey will help inform the report.

MAHALO FOR YOUR TIME!

1. **Where do you live?**

- Waimea
- Kekaha
- Other: _____

2. **Do you currently ride a bike, walk, or use other non-motorized transportation to get to or from (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):**

- Work
- School
- Beaches
- Store/Shopping/Errands
- I don't currently ride, walk, or use non-motorized transportation for any of the above.
- Other: _____

3. **Do you own a bike?**

- Yes
- No

4. **Have you ever used the coastal trail on the east side of Kauai (near Kapaa and Kealia)?**
- Yes
 - No

5. **Would you like a multi-use trail for the communities of Waimea and Kekaha?**
- Yes
 - No

6. **If you answered YES to question 5 above, what are your primary reasons for wanting a multi-use trail for the communities of Waimea and Kekaha (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)?**
- Use to get to work
 - Use to get to school
 - Use to get to stores/shopping
 - Use for health and physical fitness
 - Use to reduce my carbon footprint
 - Use to save money
 - Use to save time
 - Use to spend time outdoors
 - Other: _____

7. **Which type of material would you prefer be used for a multi-use trail that connects Waimea and Kekaha?**
- Asphalt & Concrete
 - Permeable Concrete
 - Coral, Gravel, or Similar Material
 - Dirt Path
 - Other: _____

8. **Is it important to you that the multi-use trail provide access for equestrian use?**
- Yes
 - No

9. **Provide any additional comments in the space provided below.**

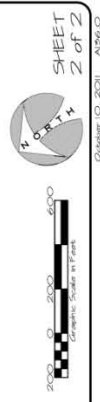
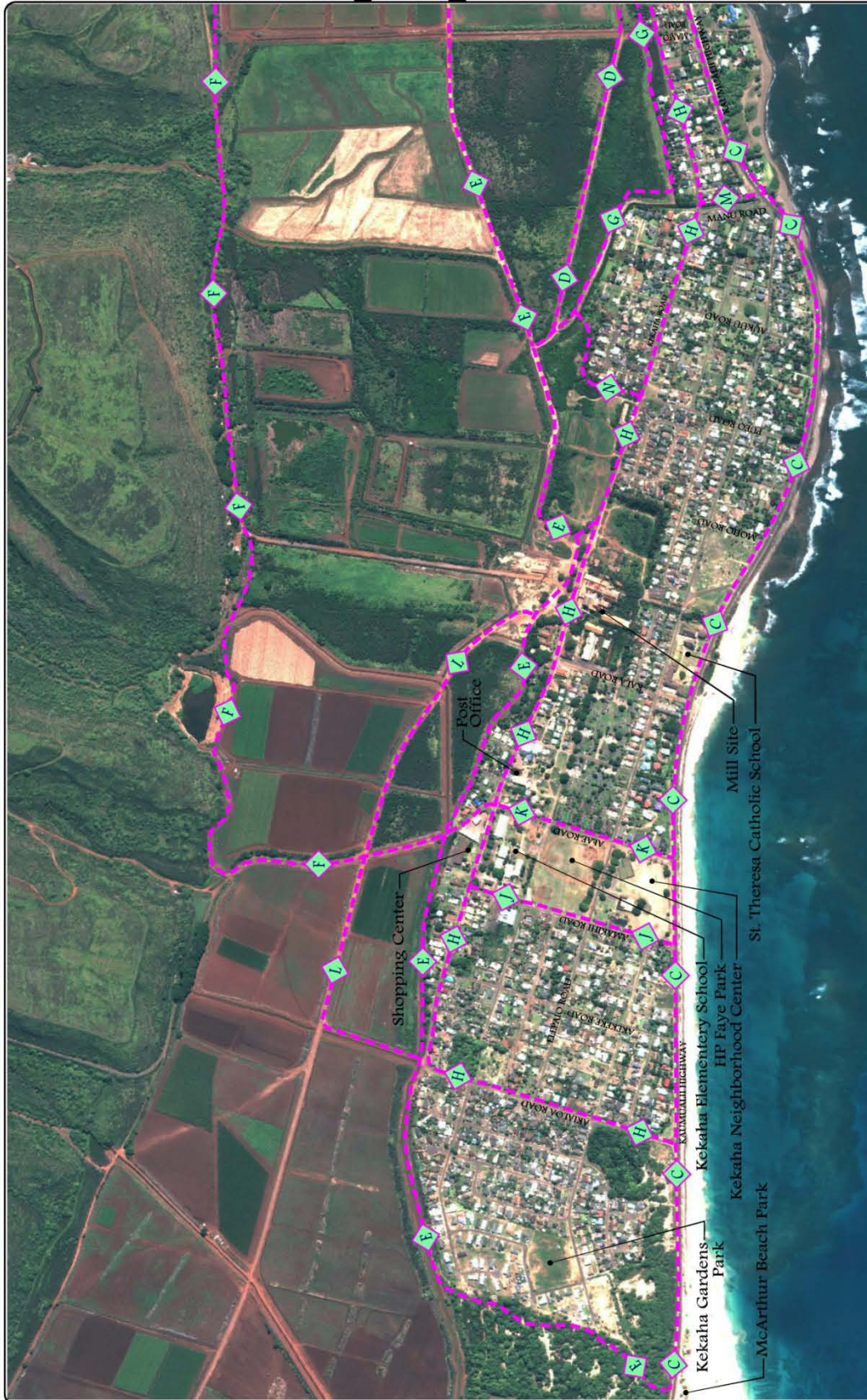


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WEST SIDE PATH ALTERNATIVES REPORT (KEKAHA PORTION)



Public Input Meeting Purpose



To gather ideas from residents for a multi-use trail for the communities of Waimea and Kekaha that can be included in a report for Kauai Path.

The report will be used by Kauai Path to seek approval and support for a multi-use trail for Waimea and Kekaha, as well as funding for its development.

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Tonight's Agenda

- E komo mai
- Group activity
 - Identify points of interest (5 minutes)
 - Review CAC trail suggestions (5 minutes)
 - Add new trail suggestions (10 minutes)
 - Identify trails that should not be considered (10 minutes)
 - Choose preferred trails (10 minutes)
- Group activity report out (5 minutes/group)
- Open Q & A
- A hui hou

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