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8 MS. HALLEY: My name is Nancy Halley.
9 I've been a resident of Maui for 40 years and I have
10 listened to discussions about moving the highway
11 back for a long time. It's been going on for a long
12 time, so I've kind of excited about that. I could
13 see how it could really benefit the island.

14 I did have a question and I haven't read
15 the EIS statements, I haven't read the paperwork yet
16 so I really need to do that; and I will do that.
17 But I was wondering about things that came into my
18 mind were, you know, when all the -- unfortunately,
19 all the -- the debris was moved to the Olowalu dump
20 site and after the Lahaina fires and Bissen, Mayor
21 Bissen, said that that will also be transported over
22 to the Central Maui Landfill at one time.

23 And so I'm just kind of wondering in my
24 mind I was thinking how is that going to impact
25 these plans for the highway? There's been concern

1 about the dump site -- the current dump site
2 possibly leaching into the coastal waters off of
3 Olowalu; and so I'm just kind of wondering.

4 And then this whole movement of transport
5 trucks moving back and forth to get to the Central
6 Maui Landfill, so I'm just kind of wondering how
7 that all ties into your EIS.

8 Have you taken a look at that and do you
9 think that your highway proposal would affect that
10 in some way environmentally or, you know, I still
11 have some questions about that.

12 MR. DEL CAMPO: Okay. It seems like the
13 preferred alternative -- I know it's still not the
14 final, but it seems like our property will be
15 impacted in the Ukumehame subdivision. I was just
16 wondering if there's going to be someone contacting
17 us to understand the level of impact to our farming
18 operations or who would be the best person for me to
19 contact in order to have a discussion?

20 MS. DIAS: Okay. Aloha. My name is Saman
21 Dias and that is spelled S-a-m-a-n, last name D-i-a-
22 s.

23 And I am a Maui -- West Maui resident and
24 have been on Maui over 25 years on the west side.
25 And I'm also the chair for Maui Bicycling League.

1 So I would like to first start with thanking the
2 HDOT and FHWA and the consultants for a great job
3 that you folks are doing. You are very appreciated.

4 Maui Bicycling League do not oppose to the
5 realignment. However, we have -- we want to address
6 some points to ensure part of the realignment that
7 you folks do not forget the West Maui Greenway and
8 all of you are very well aware and the community, as
9 well. And Segments 3, 4, 5 and Segments 6 and 7 --
10 Segments 6 and 7 are getting affected by the
11 realignment. Segments 3, 4, 5 also received
12 recently acknowledgment for race grant, so this 6/7
13 is really important to us. We want to ensure that
14 I'm calling it old highway after the new highway
15 begins.

16 The old highway is getting realigned with
17 Segments 3, 4, 5 and the connectivity will continue
18 to connect 6, 7 to 3, 4, 5. So as part of the
19 design of the old highway; it's important that we do
20 not forget the West Maui Greenway 6 and 7; and it
21 should be part of the design to incorporate the
22 bicycle/pedestrian pathways specifically safe for
23 our children, as well as for Kupuna. So do not
24 forget that.

25 And, also, the new highway it is really

1 important that we incorporate somehow safe bicycling
2 and pedestrian crossing. Very important, do not
3 forget the pedestrian covered crossing to be
4 incorporated to the new highway.

5 And you all are aware of the Navahine
6 Settlement Agreement where HDOT has made commitments
7 to reducing the carbon footprint and please use this
8 as a opportunity to build that bike network that you
9 all are supposed to complete in year 2030.

10 So these are just reinforcing, I have been
11 talking to you folks on every opportunity. I also
12 had sent testimonies and I'm just stating this
13 opportunity as a way to remind again. And mahalo
14 and thank you so much.

15 MS. COMCOWICH: Aloha. This is Karen
16 Comcowich, K-a-r-e-n, C-o-m-c-o-w-i-c-h. I'm a West
17 Maui resident. I drive the Honoapi'ilani Highway
18 multiple times a week for commuting to and from work
19 and I fully support this project because I see the
20 wave impacts that are happening around the highway.

21 I would like to echo what Saman said that
22 it's really important to have pedestrian access that
23 goes across the highway and to ensure that the
24 bicycle alignments are respected and that safe
25 bicycling infrastructure is included in the plan.

1 I would also like to say that there should
2 be a location where there's some sort of passing
3 zone because one of the dangerous things that does
4 happen is getting stuck behind visitors who are --
5 who are sightseeing while people are commuting,
6 encourages people to pass in unsafe ways. So if
7 there's just a passing zone so people can get around
8 the slower drivers.

9 And past that, avoiding kuleana parcels as
10 much as impacts the kuleana parcels as much as
11 possible. I was impressed that archeological
12 resources and the environmental resources have been
13 thought about as much as they have in the plan.

14 And that's all my comments for now. I'll
15 submit written comments.

16 MS. ROY: I'm agreeing with everyone else.
17 I do drive the Pali a lot, like four times a week;
18 and getting stuck behind slow drivers and then
19 having crazy fast drivers trying to pass in the bad
20 areas I think maybe widening the roads in certain
21 areas for passing would be great.

22 And then also I just want to go on the
23 record; I don't really -- I mean, I understand Route
24 3 and 4 just from looking at the maps, but they do
25 worry me a little bit because they go by the

1 petroglyphs and recently the petroglyphs have been
2 getting vandalized. And so I'm afraid it would kind
3 of instigate more of that happening or maybe even
4 roadblocks or traffic jamming up there from people
5 pulling over to look; and that area doesn't really
6 have a lot of parking space for people to be pulling
7 over and looking at them.

8 So I'd ask you guys if you do go Route 3
9 and 4 to take that into consideration; and that's
10 all I really have to say.

11 I do want to read up more on this.
12 There's a lot to read up on. So -- but, yeah,
13 that's all I'd like to say.

14 MR. POTTS: Okay. Yeah, so my name is
15 Jason Potts, P-o-t-t-s.

16 Is there a way to ask questions on here or
17 it's just for comments? Sorry.

18 MR. SHISHIDO: Yeah, you can go ahead and
19 ask questions and I can answer.

20 MR. POTTS: Okay. My question was, like,
21 with the -- the highway that's already there,
22 specifically in Olowalu, what is going to be done
23 with that? I haven't heard anything about that so
24 I'm a little confused.

25 MR. SHISHIDO: Yes. So that would

1 probably get turned over to the County, you know,
2 even when the other segments of Lahaina Bypass were
3 constructed, you know, there was all that discussion
4 with the County once there's, you know, a longer
5 segment and we have dual parallel routes and the,
6 like, existing highway would be turned over to the
7 County.

8 MR. POTTS: Okay. And then my other
9 question was I noticed on the map that the -- where
10 was it? So it's your preferred build that's going
11 to go through two of those large rock mounds from
12 the old like sugarcane company, right?

13 I've been told that there's possibly bones
14 in that, so what will be happen -- like, what will
15 happen if you guys find bones during construction?

16 MR. SHISHIDO: So prior to construction,
17 you know, we will be doing some sub-surface
18 investigations.

19 You know, as I mentioned, there's going to
20 be a programmatic agreement to address that and with
21 all of that they will lay out the steps on what
22 happens if you should discover any burials.

23 MR. POTTS: Okay. Perfect, yeah.

24 And I did submit testimony. It was
25 through email. I'm not sure if you got it. My wife

1 did, also. Her family owns kuleana in the back near
2 the petroglyphs, so hopefully, you got our
3 testimony.

4 That's pretty much it. I just had those
5 questions, so appreciate your time. Thank you.

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