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SUBJECT: PARKING AUDIT WORKSHOP – 6 MONTH PROGRESS REPORT

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Below is our six-month report regarding the Parking Audit Workshop held on Kauai May 14th-15th 2014. The six month report is added to the one month report so we can track our progress. As we have moved forward, we are finding the parking audit workshop to be extremely valuable! Thanks again to Smart Growth America for this great Technical Assistance Tool.

Regarding the specific follow up actions noted in the “Next Steps” memo from Smart Growth America/Jim Charlier dated June 4, 2014:

a. Establish Līhu’e Town Core Database Layers in County GIS (timeframe: 6 months after workshop)

   **One Month Status:** The County has one summer intern working in Public Works Engineering and two interns in Planning. We plan to use our interns to help complete this task.

   **Six Month Status:** The GIS Database layer work has been completed! We can now access this data to evaluate parking and update the database.

b. Rice Street Design and Timing in Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) (timeframe: 6 months after workshop)

   **One Month Status:** We are finalizing conceptual design alternatives that will be presented to the public. We are also considering a TIGER grant to fund Rice Street and the Lihue Town Core Multimodal Access and Circulation Plan noted below.

   **Six Month Status:** Conceptual design was completed and presented to the community during Rice Street Week in November 2014 (see attached flyer). Rice Street Week was an incredibly fun and successful outreach, including an opening night celebration and the creation of a one-night parklet. The parking audit workshop helped to frame the parking discussion for both on-street and off-street parking on Rice Street. The conceptual designs were strongly supported. We are now moving forward with interim striping plans and are still considering a TIGER grant or the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to fund Rice Street improvements. Funding is being coordinated with our Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

c. Līhu’e Town Core Multimodal Access and Circulation Plan (timeframe: 9 months after workshop)

   **One Month Status:** Preliminary concepts have been discussed and yet another summer intern is working on graphics for this.

   **Six Month Status:** An internal design charrette is planned for this on Friday January 9. This will be followed by verification of property ownership, more detailed design, and potential incorporation into a TIGER grant.
d. Līhuʻe Community Plan (timeframe: 3 months after workshop)
   **One Month Status:** A draft of the plan has been received and it is being updated to incorporate relevant outcomes of the parking audit workshop.
   **Six Month Status:** The Līhuʻe Community Plan was approved by Planning Commission and the draft will now be reviewed by County Council. The draft incorporates relevant findings from the parking audit workshop.

e. Form Based Code/parking incorporation into South Kauaʻi Plan (timeframe: 3 months after workshop)
   **One Month Status:** A draft of the Form Based Code has been received and is being reviewed for consistency with the parking audit workshop recommendations.
   **Six Month Status:** The Draft South Kauaʻi Community Plan has been completed and approved by the Planning Commission. It will now be reviewed by the County Council. The Form Based Code incorporates the potential for shared parking between private parcels, however, the County did not feel it had the land resources in South Kauaʻi to provide significant off-street parking to supplement or fully replace off-street parking requirements. The parking approach in South Kauaʻi will be different than the approach in Līhuʻe, where a parking district with managed municipal off-street parking is more feasible.

f. Parking Management Plan (timeframe: 1 year after workshop)
   **One Month Status:** No action has been taken on this yet.
   **Six Month Status:** There has been some internal discussion of this issue, but no decisions have yet been made and a more detailed plan has not been developed.

g. Promotional Program (timeframe: 6 months after workshop)
   **One Month Status:** The Planning Department is piloting some of the promotional items this summer, including: walk to lunch day and bike/walk/carpool/bus to work week. The pilot will be for planning department staff only, but will be expanded based on what is learned from the pilot.
   **Six Month Status:** Much was learned from the pilot. Not many people participated in walk to lunch day, but those who did commented on how much easier and pleasant it was to walk a short distance than to drive. Bike/walk/carpool/bus to work week did not draw any additional participants other than those who already use alternative transportation. Discussions with some people who did not participate revealed barriers that had not been considered before, for example, the extra time needed to shower at work if walking or biking in the morning, or the complications to schedules when children need drop-off or pick-up at school or child care. Changing habits and trying new things is more difficult than anticipated. Future promotional efforts will require much more publicity and incentives to be successful, for example, local restaurants offering discounts to those who walk to lunch, or free breakfast for those who use alternative transportation to work. This will require the participation, organizing skills and leadership of our non-profit and community partners in order to be successful.