

# COMMUNITY PLAN PROCESS

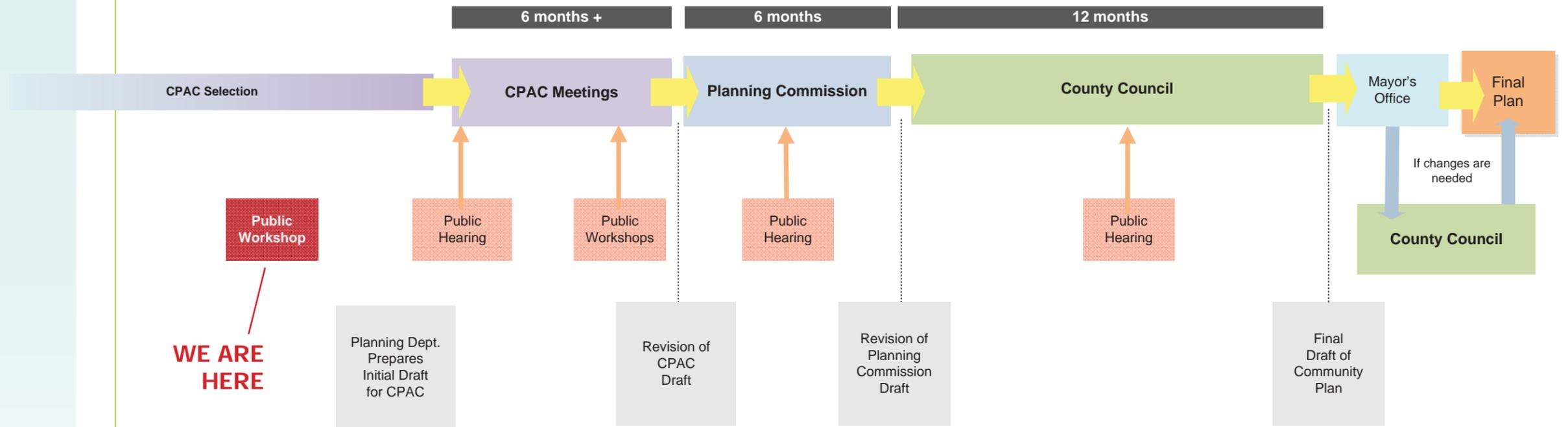
The schedule for the next two years

The specific steps to prepare the community plan update are defined explicitly in the Maui County Code - Chapter 2.80.B

### COMMUNITY PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC)

The CPAC comprises 13 members who are appointed by the County Council and the Mayor.

The group's purpose is to review and recommend revisions to the community plan draft.



# CONTENTS OF THE COMMUNITY PLAN

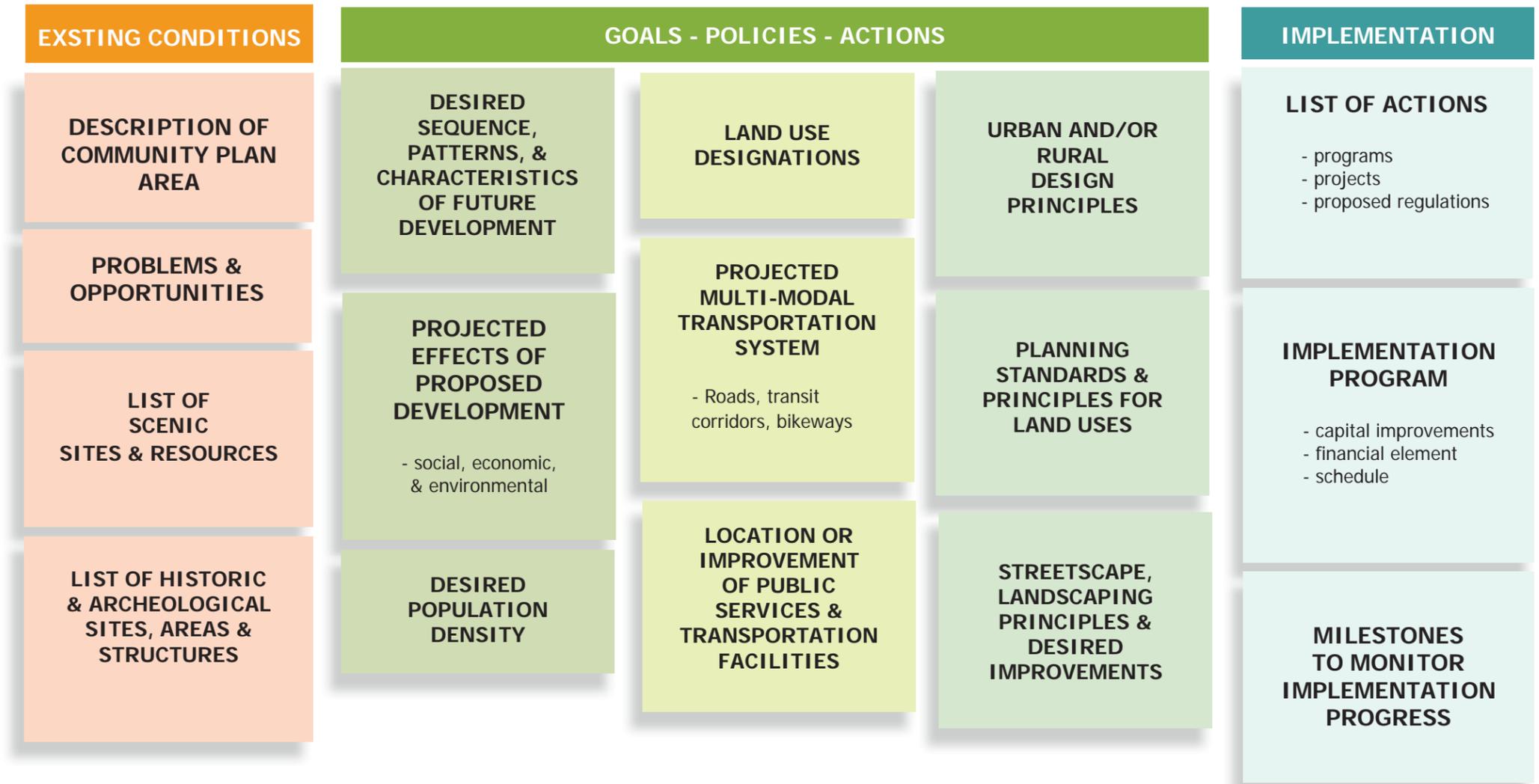
*What has to be in the Molokai Community Plan*

**Maui County Code Chapter 2.80.B also specifies what topics have to be included in the community plans.**

**The first draft of the Molokai Community Plan will be prepared by the county's Department of Planning and will likely be organized as shown below.**

Preliminary Table of Contents

- 1 Introduction
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## WHAT WE'VE HEARD

Information from previous workshops

A workshop was held on Saturday, June 26, 2010. It was organized so that residents could express their thoughts on a variety of topics and questions.

Some of the main ideas and comments are shown at right.



### PROBLEMS

- Major problems on Molokai stem from environmental degradation, erosion, and flooding.
- Dust storms generated from bare soils at large agricultural operations.
- Dependence on Young Brothers.
- Improvements needed at the airport.
- Kaluakoi Hotel is deteriorating.

### OPPORTUNITIES

- Encourage a real diversification of the economy, especially with jobs that meet the needs of local residents, such as agriculture and "green" jobs.
- Recharge the economy with cheaper agricultural water rates and more interisland travel options.
- Use existing agricultural lands and resources for activities that protect natural resources and create jobs.
- Use ag lands for bio-fuels or food crops for human or animal feed.
- Enhance watersheds and arid areas to prevent erosion and create jobs.

### IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE

#### HOUSING

- Limit the size of new houses to fit in the local, rural style.
- Provide assisted - care housing for seniors.
- Provide more affordable housing and land - low loan rates for locals.
- Create a diverse and affordable mix of housing for residents.

#### CULTURAL

- Celebrate the island's heritage through events and programs.
- Express Molokai's Hawaiian culture through the arts, music, dance, theater, and community events.

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

- Maintain and improve the basic infrastructure of the island.
- Improve public infrastructure by upgrading the airport, bus system, recycling system, and consolidate the water systems.
- Keep infrastructure at a level that's appropriate - no street lights and no multi-lane roads.
- Use abandoned houses and hotels before building any more.
- Plant trees along main street in Kaunakakai.

#### EDUCATION

- The island's educational system should support industries that are relevant to Molokai.

#### ECONOMY

- Diversify Molokai's economy with jobs in eco-tourism and agriculture.
- Promote renewable energy for residences to enable people to live off the grid.
- Renovate existing hotels before building new ones.

#### ENVIRONMENT

- Protect Molokai's environmental health through a variety of measures including: replanting native forests; protecting wetlands; increasing recycling and composting; promoting solar and wind energy; implementing the East End Policy Plan; and discouraging the expansion of GMO.

- Protect the island and its watersheds, fishponds, and reefs.

#### TOURISM

- Support eco-tourism, agritourism, and cultural tourism.

#### DEVELOPMENT

- Control new development and reuse existing structures.
- Ensure that new development "fits" into the island.

## WHAT WE'VE HEARD

Information from previous workshops

Two additional workshops were held in October 2010 to gather comments from Molokai residents on a variety of questions and issues.

Participants reviewed the Vision Statement in the current community plan, which is shown at right.



### VISION STATEMENT

#### Vision Statement from the Current Molokai Community Plan

*Molokai is the last Hawaiian island. We who live here choose not to be strangers in our own land. The values of aloha 'aina and malama 'aina (love and care for the land) guide our stewardship of Moloka'i's natural resources, which nourish our families both physically and spiritually. We live by our kupuna's (elders) historic legacy of pule o'o (powerful prayer). We honor our island's Hawaiian cultural heritage, no matter what our ethnicity, and that culture is practiced in our everyday lives. Our true wealth is measured by the extent of our generosity. We envision strong 'ohana (families) who steadfastly preserve, protect and perpetuate these core Hawaiian values.*

*We are a wise and caring community that takes pride in its resourcefulness, self-sufficiency and resiliency, and is firmly in charge of Moloka'i's resources and destiny.*

*We envision a Moloka'i that leaves for its children a visible legacy: an island momona (abundant) with natural and cultural resources, people who kokua (help) and look after one another, and a community that strives to build an even better future on the pa'a (firm) foundation left to us by those who 'iwi (bones) guard our land.*

**Is there anything you would change or add to the vision statement?**

*Add your comments on a sticky note and place it below.*

Most of the workshop participants agreed with the vision statement. Some revisions were proposed but the overall ideas and themes seem to be supported by those who came.

# WHAT WE'VE HEARD

Information from previous workshops

At the workshop, people had the chance to participate in several discussions that were led by county staff or consultants.

One of the sessions asked people to describe what they thought Molokai's most critical issues are. A summary of responses is at right.

## ISSUES & CHALLENGES

**Water** is a major issue on Molokai.

The presence of six water purveyors makes for an uncoordinated and unreliable system. Most of the transmission infrastructure is old and leaky. There currently is no coordinated and sustainable management of the island's water resources.

**Feral ungulates** are a major threat to Molokai's watersheds, nearshore waters and reefs. They cause major deforestation in mauka regions which increases erosion, runoff and sedimentation in streams, wetlands, fishponds and the ocean.

**Streams, springs, wetlands and fishponds** are threatened by inappropriate grading, grubbing, filling and development.

There is no comprehensive inventory of **cultural and historic resources** which makes them vulnerable to damage.

**Air and sea travel/transport** options between Molokai and other islands is a challenge for promoting diversified economic development, in particular agriculture and tourism. The limited carrier options make travel and transportation of goods inconvenient and expensive.

Major barriers and challenges to growth of the **agricultural industry** include limited access to markets, high transportation costs, high agricultural water rates and **limited technical support** and agricultural job training, particularly for youth.

Limited guest rooms and lodging options are challenges for promoting **tourism**.

Vocational and post-high school **educational opportunities** are limited and do not provide for the needs of the community. Improving educational levels and job skills will be a key to strengthening the island's economy.

The current **high cost of electricity** is a challenge for island residents and businesses. Alternative, renewable energy options are needed but the limitations of the electrical grid must be addressed first.

The County's **permitting process** is complex, time consuming and expensive. It is a major challenge for local businesses and residents and is an obstacle to the development of affordable housing.

The lack of an on-island zoning and building permit inspector and planner prevents timely and efficient **permitting and inspections**.

The prevalence of **interim zoning**, unclear TMK and SMA boundaries and lack of a publically accessible zoning map are major challenges.

Existing **zoning and subdivision codes** do not meet the needs of the community. The codes do not allow for extended family living options, a range of housing types, appropriate rural development and small-scale business opportunities such as home-business and B&B's.

Current **housing** options do not meet the community's needs. More multi-family and senior housing options are needed.

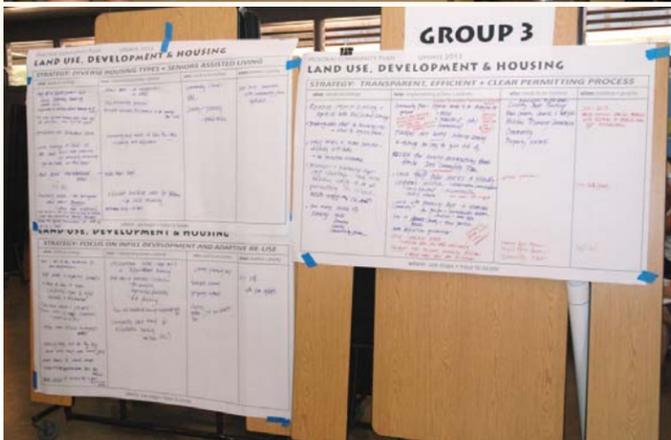
Many County **parks** are in disrepair. More parks with restroom facilities and camping options are needed for the community, especially on the East End.

# WHAT WE'VE HEARD

Information from previous workshops

Participants at the October 2010 workshops also discussed what they thought could be done to address the island's most important issues.

A summary of the main ideas is shown at right.



## STRATEGIES & ACTIONS

The need for **local control** over decisions that affect the island, ranging from natural and cultural resource management to land use and economic development decisions.

Develop a plan to integrate the island's six **water systems** to increase reliability, provide back-up and manage the island's water resources more holistically.

Develop a diversified **energy strategy** to lessen reliance on imported fossil fuels.

Promote more flexible and affordable **shipping** options between Molokai and Maui and Oahu.

Work with the State DOT to study the need and feasibility for an **alternative harbor** on the island.

Support the development of **vocational and post-high school education** programs. Educational opportunities related to jobs appropriate for Molokai, such as agriculture and alternative energy, need to be developed and supported.

Support **small business** and entrepreneurship.

Allow for and encourage **home-based businesses** by way of the zoning ordinance and other mechanisms.

Develop an **Agricultural Plan** to facilitate diversified agriculture.

Support small-scale **niche tourism** (i.e. ecotourism, agritourism, cultural tourism, etc.) that creates local businesses and jobs.

Revive **west end hotels and golf courses**.

Implement the **Master Plan for Malama Cultural Park**.

Utilize **existing buildings** and infrastructure. Prioritize and provide incentives for infill development.

Improve the **permitting process** to make it more efficient, transparent and affordable. Changes should include:

- providing full-time on-island planning and permitting staff;
- implementing a time limit on permitting turn-around; and
- allowing for more administrative decisions, without Molokai Planning Commission involvement, where appropriate.

Develop specific **building, zoning and subdivision codes** appropriate for Molokai.

Research and implement appropriate zoning designations for **Interim-zoned** parcels.

Implement the **Main Street Plan** for Kaunakakai.

Develop and implement a **Drainage Master Plan**.

Develop a **Parks Master Plan**.

Enforce use of best practices to: (1) support **reforestation and feral animal control activities**, and to (2) control **soil erosion and runoff** into streams, fishponds, wetlands and nearshore waters.

Develop and implement an **Island-wide Shoreline Management Plan**.

Support community-based **resource management and enforcement** strategies such as Aha Kiole.

Recognize the importance of **subsistence**. Hunting, fishing, gathering and planting feeds local families.

Support fishpond and taro loi **restoration** activities.

Create a **cultural and historic resources inventory**.

Develop a **diversified energy strategy** to lessen reliance on imported fossil fuels.

# 3

## RANKING KEY ACTIONS

Key steps to achieve the community plan's vision and goals

The Molokai Community Plan will have policies and actions to address the issues identified and to implement the plan's vision and goals.

**Policies** provide guidance to county decision-makers, departments, and landowners/developers.

**Actions** are specific programs, projects, or proposed regulations. They should be realistic and achievable by a county agency within the community plan's timeframe of 20 years - to 2035.

Policies and actions should not be a wish list but should define key steps to achieve the plan's vision and goals.

Help us identify the key actions needed to make the community plan a reality. Please place a sticker dot in the box below the 5 actions that you feel are the most important.

Infrastructure & Public Facilities				Economic Development			Land Use & Community Design				
Identify and fix/replace leaking water infrastructure.	Treat and reuse wastewater rather than using injection wells.	Develop a Diversified & Renewable Energy Strategy.	Study the need and feasibility of an alternative harbor.	Support small businesses and entrepreneurship through business training and loan programs.	Develop a Tourism Strategic Plan to support small-scale niche tourism.	Develop an Agricultural Master Plan that identifies strategies for the long-term viability of agriculture.	Adopt appropriate zoning for interim-zoned parcels.	Identify areas within existing communities that are appropriate for infill development and provide incentives.	Develop a Strategic Retreat Plan for Kaunakakai. Assess Kaunakakai's hazard threat (i.e. flood, tsunami, sea level rise) and identify future growth areas.	Create a Prime, Productive, and Important Agricultural Lands Overlay District that is linked with a variety of agricultural land protection methods.	Conduct a feasibility study to assess the establishment of a traditional cultural landscape overlay district.
Housing			Natural & Cultural Resources						Hazard Mitigation/Climate Change Adaptation		
Establish a community land trust to keep homes affordable.	Amend the zoning code to allow a greater variety of housing types including mixed-use, mixed housing types, co-housing, prefabricated homes, and small lots.	Develop assisted senior housing in Kaunakakai.	Promote and educate best management practices to control soil erosion and runoff into streams, fishponds, wetlands, and nearshore waters.	Support watershed partnerships and other resource partnerships to restore native ecosystems and control invasive species	Develop a Public Access Management Plan.	Establish the island as a community-based subsistence fishing area pursuant to HRS 188-22.6.	Implement the Master Plan for Malama Cultural Park, taking into consideration appropriate design given coastal hazards, flood areas, and sea level rise.	Create an archaeological and historic resources inventory.	Identify critical infrastructure, government facilities, and roads that are vulnerable to wildfires, flooding, and coastal hazards including sea level rise and study feasibility of relocation.		

## ADDITIONAL KEY ACTIONS

*Key steps to achieve the community plan's vision and goals*

What other key actions do you think are needed in the community plan?

**Are there any key actions that are not shown in the previous panel?**

**Please add your ideas on what other key actions are needed.**

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# 3

## RANKING KEY ACTIONS

Key problems and opportunities that should be addressed in the community plan update

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Help us identify the key actions needed to make the community plan a reality. Please place a sticker dot next to the actions (in the table below) that you feel are the most important. If you think a critical action is missing, please write in the table below.

Promote more flexible and affordable <b>shipping</b> options between Molokai and Maui and Oahu.									