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Community facilities districts—a new way to pay for public infrastructure projects in Maui County.

WAILUKU, Hawaii—Councilmember Alice Lee announced today she’s seeking to help neighborhood and community associations fund public infrastructure projects with community facilities districts.

Lee noted Chapter 3.75 of the Maui County Code, which took effect last December, allows communities to designate special districts to pay for public projects like streets, bike paths, parks and open spaces.

“I look forward to helping members of the public learn more about how community facilities districts work,” said Lee, who chairs the Water and Infrastructure Committee. “CFDs can be a way for residents to work with the county government to fund infrastructure needs in their neighborhoods.”

Lee said she encourages public attendance and testimony at the committee meeting she’s scheduled for Monday at 1:30 p.m. “We invite everyone, especially those interested in infrastructure financing, to attend this next meeting. The CFD is a very important tool we are adding to our tool box as a means to offset significant infrastructure improvements.”

The meeting will be in the Council Chamber, 8th floor of the County Building, 200 S. High Street, and will include presentations on how to form a CFD, applicable legal requirements and an overview of the timeframe and support needed to ensure community buy-in for district formation.

Members of the Planning Department and the Kahana Bay Steering Committee will provide the status of the Kahana Bay sand-renourishment project and explain how a community facilities district could help to complete the project.

Lee said more information about community facilities districts can be found at a website she has created, {HYPERLINK “mauicounty.us/CFD”}, and written testimony can be sent to wai.committee@mauicounty.us, referencing WAI-57.

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