

Hāna Business Council

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Status Update - August 2025 - This PDF linked at HanaMaui.com/HBC

Program Areas

- 1. Social Web Care & Community/Visitor Messaging and Communications
 - a. HānaMaui! Website
 - b. Hānaside News Partnership (HSN)
 - c. Hāna Pathway Project Study support / work with Maui MPO
 - d. Hāna Community News Email List
 - e. Adopt-a-Highway Designation in Hāna Town Maintenance
- 2. Hāna Hub Project
- 3. Hoʻomakaukau Maui Hikina / East Maui Ready (EMR)
 - a. Visitor / Community Safety Messaging
 - i. "Hot Spot" Location Awareness
 - ii. Ham Radio Promotion
 - iii. Resilience Hub Networking
 - iv. Updates from area leaders and ahupua'a
- 4. Broadband Committee
 - a. Middle Mile Construction
 - b. Digital Equity



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Hāna Hub & EMR

Links to Program Areas

HanaFood.org Website

Hoʻomākaukau Maui Hikina Page

Goals

- 1. Maui County FY26 Site Acquisition through Open Space Funding
- 2. Develop Site Plan & Native Hawaiian Plan Nursery Programs
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EAST MAUITECH UPDATE

JOIN US TUESDAY, MAY 13 FROM 4:30PM VIA ZOOM

LISTEN TO FEATURED PRESENTERS AT THE MONTHLY HBC COMMUNITY AND MEMBER MEETING

BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE & ACCESS

- University of Hawai'i will share statewide updates about the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program.
- Kimberly Thayer with SR Partners along with Claudine Perry, County of Maui Broadband Officer, will talk through broadband resources for Maui.
- Q&A with Hawaiian Telecom sharing current broadband developments in East Maui
- Spectrum Letter Writing Campaign with Bill Sides
- Free Computer Classes at the Hāna Library with Marc Sanders



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Join us on Zoom

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83762572739 Meeting ID: **837 6257 2739**



HBC Broadband Committee

Overview

East Maui businesses and the public have been suffering for years with substandard broadband service as defined by the FCC. Millions of dollars of taxpayer money have been spent over the past five years to improve service. As we understand it, the main fiber optic backbone cable is necessary to meet the FCC requirement for the government grant funding. This same cable that will finally bring us high speed internet service has not been completed yet due to lack of necessary easements and permitting issues.

Discussion & Questions with County of Maui Leadership

Maui of County Collaboration - Claudine Perry

- 1. What can be done at the county level to move this process along?
- 2. Those in East Maui are the ones who have been waiting years for the benefits of high-speed internet and feel left out. Could it be made more transparent as to where we are in the process.

Specifically:

- a. Where is Hawaiian Tel in the permitting process with the County?
- b. What has been the cause of the long delays?
- c. What is left to be done?
- d. Can the process be fast tracked?
- e. When can we expect the permit to be issued to Hawaiian Tel?
- 3. In general, we hope you and your office can reach out to the Planning & Permitting Department and assist in whatever it takes to get this project permitted to facilitate completion. Those of East Maui would certainly be grateful.

Bill Sides

Hana Broadband Committee
Sub-Committee of the Hana Business Council