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TO: J. Roger Morton
Director, Department of Transportation Services

RE: Questions for the Department of Transportation Services regarding Bill 20

Thank you for your continued collaboration on Bill 20 (2023), "Relating to Restricted Parking Zones" (RPZ). The robust discussion we had in our full council meeting on September 6, 2023 gave us and our colleagues a better understanding of how this bill will impact our communities.

In preparation for the Transportation Committee hearing on September 12, 2023, we respectfully request that the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) send a Departmental Communication that provides clarity on the notable discussion points raised in full council. Notable discussion points include: (1) Mechanisms for establishment, modification, and dissolution of an RPZ; (2) Fees; (3) The definition of "resident," as it relates to RPZs; (4) the appropriate number of annual residential permits; and (5) DTS' assessment and determination process for RPZs.

The following memo is organized in accordance with these discussion points, and includes a short summary of each and relevant questions raised in committee.

1. Mechanisms for establishment, modification, and, dissolution of an RPZ:

Summary: Three mechanisms are currently being considered for RPZ establishment: Council resolution, Departmental rulemaking, and Departmental study and creation.

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Questions:

- Of these three options, which creates the largest administrative burden?
- Which politicizes the process the most?
- Does the department have a preference among the options?

2. Fees

Summary: Bill 20 CD2 sets the base rate for the first permit at \$100.

Questions:

- What are the trade-offs in determining a fee amount?
- How much does the Kalihi Valley RPZ cost to administer?
- How much would the current fee structure generate in the Kalihi Valley RPZ?
- How much would Councilmember Kia'āina's proposed fee structure generate in the Kalihi Valley RPZ?
- Would DTS support having the fees for violation be directed to the City rather than the State?
- Would this program be self-sustainable, and if not, what would it take to be self-sustainable and would DTS support that?
- If there were a limitation of establishing a single new RPZ per calendar year, would this help to address DTS' concerns about ongoing subsidies?
- Is DTS aware of what other jurisdictions charge for annual permits?

3. The definition of "resident," as it relates to RPZs

Summary: The definition of "resident" impacts who will be able to purchase permits in an RPZ. Two options are currently being considered in which "resident" is defined as: (1) a person living within the council district in which an RPZ is located; and (2) a person living within the RPZ itself.

Questions:

- Is DTS aware of any other jurisdiction where a non-resident of a zone is able to purchase a permit, as if they were a resident of a zone?
- Which of these options is easier for DTS to administer?
- How will each of these options impact the current Kalihi Valley pilot program?

4. The number of annual residential permits

Summary: The current draft would limit the number of annual residential permits to two, but allows the director to waive the limit without limitation.

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Questions:

- Does DTS think that residents should be able to obtain more than two annual permits with a waiver?
- What is a reasonable amount of additional permits that the Director should be able to approve?
- There are different proposals for what criteria the Director should be able to consider when granting waivers, does DTS have an opinion on the criteria listed in the CD2 versus Councilmember Kia'āina's proposed FD?

5. DTS' assessment and determination process for RPZs

Summary: DTS has noted at different hearings that RPZs may be an appropriate tool, but may not be appropriate in all situations.

Questions:

- What are some situations that RPZs may not be appropriate?
- Should the ordinance further restrict when RPZs are allowed?

We look forward to working together in the Transportation committee to address Councilmember, stakeholder, and community viewpoints.

So that our colleagues have adequate time to prepare for the committee hearing on September 12, we ask that you submit a response to this communication **by September 11, 2023 at 2:00PM**. Please address and send your response to all Councilmembers, so that we may continue having this conversation in a transparent and collaborative fashion.

Please contact Councilmember Kia'āina's Chief of Staff Jocelyn Doane at x85015 or Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam's Policy and Communications Director Richmond Luzar at x85074 if you have any questions.

Mahalo,



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