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Photos by Dennis Fujimoto/The Garden Island Heather Forester of SSFM accepts a haupia gelato from Maria Sutton of Papalani Gelato during the open house that preceded a public information meeting on Hawai‘i’s statewide transportation plan, Tuesday. Papalani Gelato had products on hand as a demonstration of how one small business’s success depends on Hawai‘i’s multi-modal and inter-modal network.



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LIHU‘E — Papalani Gelato was on hand Tuesday night not only to distribute samples of its product, but to serve as an example of how one small business is impacted by the state’s transportation network.

The public had an opportunity to learn more about the state Department of Transportation’s long-range plans during a public information meeting for Kaua‘i at the War Memorial Convention Hall.

While sampling the lilikoi and haupia offerings by Papalani Gelato, attendees at the meeting discovered that on-island ingredients and supplies are picked up by staff and driven to the South Shore store.

Remaining ingredients and supplies come from off-island sources and costs and timing are big factors for the small operation.

Other equipment and parts come in to Lihu‘e Airport by air freight, further adding to the cost.

Milk, cream, flavoring and packaging are shipped across the ocean first to Honolulu, then to Nawiliwili Harbor. This results in longer shipping times and containers are shared to reduce the expense.

Once at the harbor — located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, thousands of miles from the Mainland — trucks use Kaumuali‘i Highway to get the product to Po‘ipu.

Almost all of the Papalani Gelato products are sold at Kaua‘i outlets. About one percent are being shipped to other Hawaiian Islands and the Mainland, presenting unique challenges of how to get it shipped there frozen.

Using insulated containers with dry ice sounds easy and simple, but on Kaua‘i, there is only one place that sells dry ice and they do not deliver.

These are some of the problems the Hawai‘i Statewide Transportation Plan is intended to address, tying together plans for air, water and land.

The HSTP proposes eight goals, some of which are new, some rewritten from the previous HSTP in 2002.

Creating and managing an integrated multi-modal transportation system that provides mobility and accessibility for people and goods is the first of these eight goals.

Enhancing the safety of the air, land and water transportation systems is the second goal while enhancing the secure operation and use of the air, land and water transportation systems is the third goal.

Protecting and enhancing Hawai'i's unique environment and quality of life is the fourth goal.

The fifth goal is to ensure that the air, land and water transportation facility systems support Hawai'i's economy and future growth objectives.

The sixth HSTP goal is to support the state's ongoing effort to become more energy efficient by ensuring the reliability and security of energy sources.

The seventh goal seeks to create secure, flexible and sustainable revenue and funding sources for transportation needs.

The final goal is to implement a statewide planning process that supports decision-making and programming for Hawai'i's integrated, comprehensive, multi-modal transportation system.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the HSTP project manager, David Shimokawa, was joined by Faith Rex of SMS Consulting, Cheryl Soon, project manager for SSFM International, and Group 70, collaborative partners in the HSTP, in hosting an open house where detailed layouts were available for examination prior to the meeting.

Visit [www.hawaii.statewidetransplan.com](http://www.hawaii.statewidetransplan.com) for more information on the HSTP.

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