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To: Members of the Hawaii County Council

Re: Agenda item #8 - Communication #2012-7 (Roadway Connectivity and the PEAR)

Thank you for this opportunity to share some of my concerns regarding the management and maintenance of Moho Road also know as Road 8. in Hawaiian Acres, Kurtistown.

My residence is one-tenth of a mile makai of Moho Road, located in a forest of Ohia trees and foliage. Yet, it seems that road traffic is in my parking Lot area. The noise of speeding vehicles including braking sounds as the vehicle tops the limited sight distance rise just at my driveway entrance is nearly constant. The most annoying times are early - going to work and early evening - pau hana time. While I imagine fellow Acres owners may also be at fault, the majority of the speeders are transiets from Pahoa, Ainaloa and villiages further South who transit Moho Road to bypass the ever increasing traffic on the Keaau-Pahoa Road and those who are taking a "short cut" to the Volcano Highway going Mauka.

Certainly our Keaau area Police Officers have a vast area to protect and I praise them for a fine job. However, the question of County Road versus Private Road is ever present. May Law Enforcment enter the Acres only upon invitation such as a 911 call or one of the many car wrecks along the road? Or may they set up road blocks and other enforcment tactics such as what we often see at the top of Ainaloa Blvd.

Speed bumps have been suggested - are they truly effective as a speed deterrent or merely an annoyance for the Acres residents?

Another question is who is responsible for maintaining Moho Road? Periodic patches appear from time to time filling many of the frequent chuck holes that appear after every rain. But, it seems that they are the same chuck hole over and over again. What quality of materials is being used, sand with oil? Suspected culprets to the road deterioration could be the many "heavy" trucks carrying gravel, cindars, water, bulldozers, and removal of junked cars from the Acres. These vehicles are needed but, Moho Road isn't designed for such heavy weights and usage.

In conclusion, with trying to avoid the chuck holes, the speeding vehicles and no sight of correction anywhere in sight or on someone's agenda, and as an eight year resident of Moho Road, I ask for your help in looking for and promulgating some relief regarding these issues.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to share my concerns.

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