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Subject: PMAR

Aloha,

I am writing in regard to the proposed Puna Makai Access road (PMAR). My husband and I live on 2nd Ave in HPP. We are opposed to the PMAR proposal in it's current state. We feel that this process is being rolled through without a complete plan for the areas that will be impacted.

I understand future need for access to link subdivisions to provide alternate routes to help traffic concentrations. But putting (one) highway directly through our private subdivision would to create adverse conditions and would certainly have a great impact on life as we know it.

I moved to the big island in 1981. I remember when highway 130 was a beautiful 2 lane road. I marveled at how litter free and scenic it was. Then over the years it got wider, noiser and covered in trash. By putting a freeway through our neighborhood it is inevitable that the same progression would follow. There would be much more traffic on our private roads by motorists cutting through to get to the new highway. We would now have to hear constant road noise at ALL hours of the day. Our beautiful coastal area would have more people accessing without any responsibility for upkeep.

So what problems are actually solved here? This would be a guarantee that more development would follow. Which would bring even more people to the area and create more traffic. What happened to the idea of trying to get people to drive less by creating community infrastructure so they don't have to always get in the car to go to outside their area? Why not have a bus system that actually serves the PAYING public? What about preserving our scenic island by building new roadways that have green spaces around them? Why should we shoulder the burden of roadway costs for our own subdivision while a publicly funded highway brings more outside traffic to drive our roads? With all of the empty houses and lots in existing subdivisions why do we need more? Why not preserve some wide open spaces for public use for future generations before we end up like Oahu?

We can only remain opposed to this roadway until the county addresses these concerns and comes up with a complete plan that would incorporate good ideas. It should not be a *highway*. There should be several roads connected to keep traffic less concentrated. Speed bumps should be mandatory for controlling speeders and discouraging drivers who are just trying to cut through to get to a faster route. At the same time we would like to see a plan

on the table to address all the other adjoining subdivisions on the island which lack access between them.

Mahalo, Jean Brodman

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