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To: County of Hawaii Planning Department
Aupuni Center, 101 Pauahi Street, Suite 3
Hilo, HI 96720
Attn: Puna Community Development Plan (CDP) Steering Committee Members

Re: Community Response to the Puna CDP Transportation Alternatives Presentation

Aloha,

On August 8, 2007 at the Keaau Community Center, Wayne Yoshioka, a consultant associated with the Puna CDP, gave a public presentation on Puna Transportation Alternatives. One of the proposals presented was a "Potential Long-Range Plan" that included a new road from Pahoa through the existing state Forest Reserve to the end of 8 Rd at G Rd in Hawaiian Acres. The proposed route then continued down 8 Rd and on to Hilo via additional new roads.

The members of the Board for the Hawaiian Acres Road Corporation (HARC) are adamantly opposed to this proposed route. We question what population base would be served by a route from Pahoa town through Hawaiian Acres to Hilo? We also ask who provided the community input to support such a route?

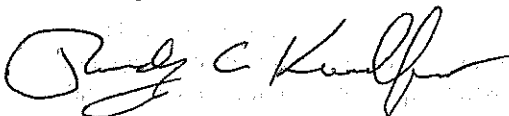
We do not think it is appropriate for a "major collector" to divide our agriculturally-zoned subdivision. Along this proposed route, there is the potential for driveways every 150 feet on both sides of the road, as well as six existing intersections. Additionally, 8 Rd has numerous blind hills and many areas flood during heavy rains.

We understand that options are being explored to remedy the lack of road infrastructure in Puna, and to provide alternative roadways to the overburdened Hwy 130. However, we sincerely believe that a direct route from Pahoa to Hilo through Hawaiian Acres is not the solution. In our view, considering the current and projected population densities in Puna, it would make more sense to pursue alternate routes that would serve the subdivision of Hawaiian Paradise Park.

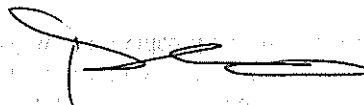
And further, the HARC Board would like to suggest that if more and improved roads are desired, then a route could be extended from F Rd & 8 Rd on the PEAR up F Rd to 1 Rd and along 1 Rd to South Kulani. This would avoid the forest reserve and the major flooding areas of 8 Rd by simply extending and improving on a route with roads that already exist.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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