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Attn: New Alternative Corridors Task Partnership

C/O: Stephanie Bath
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Puna Community Development Plan

From: Devra Reeves 
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Re: Input for Community Planning Development

The Hawaiian Acres Road Corporation sponsored two community meetings to discuss transportation planning issues effecting the subdivision.

Results of these meetings reflected support for connector roads with staggered points of connectivity between adjoining subdivisions with certain terms being given consideration. The terms of concern are identified as follows:

- endorsement /agreement of adjoining subdivision members
- protection of cultural /historic sites that may be impacted by road development
- conservation of old growth forests

In the event that connector roads are adopted within the development plan, it was strongly expressed that community advisory groups made up of effected subdivision members be included to decide number of and location of the connector roads. Also, that buffer zones be created around the points of connectivity as conservation lands, development of future parks i.e., "open spaces".

The primary issue expressed in these meetings dealt with safety and efficiency of existing and future road development. Participants expressed the need to add a shoulder to the existing PEAR within Hawaiian Acres. There is also support for a second PEAR being developed given the same considerations listed above.

A survey was conducted in the Fall of 2006 by the Hawaiian Acres Community Association. Although the data from the survey has not been fully processed, a preliminary review revealed a 2:1 ratio in support of County bus service in Hawaiian Acres and a 3:1 ratio supporting park-and-ride bus service.

Other issues addressed in the survey that scored favorable are the retention of Agriculture Zoning; construction of a hospital in Puna; utilization of alternative energy sources; and stricter laws/enforcement of grubbing/grading of private lots.

Thank you for your time and effort for including this community input in the development plan.

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