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Re: Kawaihae Bypass, Waimea to Kawaihae
Island of Hawaii, Project No. HWY-H-07-99
South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee – November 14, 2006 Presentation

Hawaii Belt Road, Mud Lane to Kamuela Racetrack (Waimea Bypass)
Island of Hawaii, Project No. 19E-01-98

Dear Mr. Morioka:

The Lalamilo Farm Lots Association is most appreciative for the opportunity to be updated November 14th by Nelson Sagum and Brian Ishii on your department's progress with these projects. We are most certainly aware of your department's hard work and commitment to helping resolve the connectivity of the Big Island of Hawaii's East and West communities with this highway.

As a renewed reiteration of our Association's July 7, 2005, and January 17, 2006 written communications to you as well as our May 10 and November 14, 2006 oral testimonies before your department's representatives, the Lalamilo Farm Lots Association is in support of these two projects. However, we are now very seriously concerned with the progress being made favoring corridors A-4 and A-7 as the Recommended, contained in the November 14 meeting handout, routes in the Waimea and Lalamilo sections of this highway. There is considerable concern within our overall community for this highway's very close proximity to both of these areas and the absence of any serious visionary concerns of the negative impact it will create.

Our written communications and oral testimonies have all strongly expressed our support of this long awaited community bypass and we have consistently stressed our desire and the necessity to retain our communities rural solitude, our remaining farms active and

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hopefully, as much of our surrounding ranch lands dedicated to grazing as is possible. Our Association has also brought to your attention the necessity for adequate buffer zones of up to 1,000' for our agricultural lands in Lalamilo to promote the safety of procedural applications to crops as well as, safe-guard against the invasion of outside contamination. We are pleased to hear in the November 14th presentation that these concerns are acknowledged and appear to be taken into consideration within your planning.

However, our requests to relocate the stretch of Project No. 19E-01-98, between the west boundary of DHHL and Mamalahoa Hwy, on the south side of the Waimea-South Kohala Airport and Project No. HWY-H-07-99 on the south side of the Puu Pa/Puu Huluhulu cinder cone complex, southwest of the Lalamilo Farm Lots, is in our opinion being deflected and now, ignored.

Your planners have gone to great length in their explanation of Grade Requirements and Costs of Construction as the primary steering forces of your departments decision process when determining and selecting the final corridor of this highway. They were even kind enough to submit Line-of-Sight Elevations in an effort to disarm our concerns of the noise, air and light pollution that will be immediately introduced to the community with this 50 MPH two-lane highway that has been acknowledged would someday, grow to four. I cannot stress enough how critical it is to also consider Long Range Responsible Planning for our community's best interest in addition to Grade Requirements and Costs. Routing both projects to the south, as requested, will most certainly not inflict excessive costs!

The short westerly section of Project No. 19E-01-98 along with its Lindsay Road connection is but a minimal re-alignment while the relocation of the co-terminus to Project No. HWY-H-07-99 being no more than one (1) to one and one-half (1½) mile farther south on Mamalahoa Hwy.

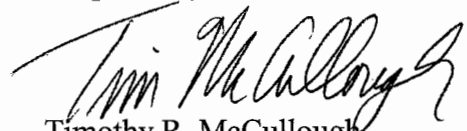
We find the Grade limitations excuse for not routing the corridor south of Puu Pa/Puu Huluhulu an unacceptable determination on your part. Deputy Director, this is definitely not a thread-the-needle project! The State of Hawaii and adjoining Parker Ranch lands

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are massive. With several thousands of acres available to accommodate these Projects safely, efficiently and cost effectively, we do not have the impression that your planner's scope of vision is seriously taking the points we have stressed above into consideration for all parties involved.

Our State Department of Transportation has funded and built many spectacular and in some cases, breathtaking highways throughout our island home. Some of these are feats of engineering, construction and financial marvels. We are not seeing any breathtaking marvels for the southerly alignment of the Waimea-Kawaihae Bypass highway. We want to save our community and all that she signifies in our rapidly evaporating rural island lifestyle. Please be bold and make the right decision on these two (2) projects. Our community is at stake.

Respectfully submitted,



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