

## LALAMILO FARMLOTS ASSOCIATION

### RESPONSE TO PARSONS BRINKERHOFF PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS

I. We agree with the short term improvements suggested

- a) intersection turn lanes
- b) widening of Mamalahoa
- c) traffic signal timing, phasing.

The Lalamilo Farmlots Association has submitted a list of suggested traffic mitigation and safety remedies which include most of the above mentioned improvements suggested by Parsons Brinkerhoff.

It was encouraging to see that computer simulations supported the benefits of these short term improvements to our existing roads.

II. Time frame of proposed state and county highways.

- a) Waimea and Kawaihae bypass highways 7-8 years away.
- b) Lalamilo connector is 5-6 years away.
- c) PR connector is dependent on development pace.

The Lalamilo and Parker Ranch connectors will not solve the problem of regional traffic passing through Waimea. If we concentrate our efforts on the Waimea and Kawaihae bypass highways and possibly speed up the completion by 1 or 2 years our town will be in a much better position to handle the increasing traffic volume in the next 5-6 years.

III. The Lalamilo Farmlots Association would like to reiterate our position that our isolation needs to be maintained in order for our agricultural businesses to continue. We are currently experiencing a significant increase in theft and burglaries in the farmlots. Increased traffic and accessibility provided by a connector road through or adjacent to the farmlots will be disastrous to our businesses.

## **SUGGESTED TRAFFIC MITIGATION & SAFETY REMEDIES IN AND AROUND WAIMEA**

### **COMING UP KAWAIHAE ROAD INTO WAIMEA TOWN:**

- 1) Waiaka Bridge: Widen & straighten.
- 2) Solid Waste Transfer Station Intersection: Add left turn pocket for cars coming down Kawaihae Road and warning signs/lights to alert drivers of slowdown when coming over the crest and down.
- 3) Lower School Campus HPA: Add left turn pocket for cars coming up Kawaihae Road, and add right turn lane for cars coming down Kawaihae Road that want to turn into campus.

### **COMING INTO WAIMEA ON HWY 190 FROM KONA:**

- 1) Waimea School & new Magoon Development: Add 2<sup>nd</sup> lane plus additional right turn lane to turn into the school, library/gym and to enable right turn lane onto Lindsey – while maintaining 2 full lanes of traffic across the main intersection and on past the hospital, past the Kamamalu intersection all the way to Don's Pake Kitchen.
- 2) Add right turn lane into hospital.
- 3) Remove all three islands in the center of the highway to accommodate additional lanes so 2 unobstructed lanes in both directions with necessary pocket turning lanes and right turn lanes.
- 4) Add left turn pocket at Keaka Kea Road (new Jack White subdivision).

### **COMING FROM HAMAKUA:**

- 1) Add 2<sup>nd</sup> lane from Keaka Kea Road all the way into town.
- 2) Add right turn lane into Keaka Kea.
- 3) Improve service entry for in and out movement of delivery trucks to KTA/Waimea Center.

### **IN TOWN:**

- 1) Develop connector from Church Row area back across the stream to Kapiolani Street to provide another route for that neighborhood to get out of the area in addition to Lindsey – especially since 40 new homes are currently under construction in the Parkside development.

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