

Motion for South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee  
Tuesday, March 14, 2006 Meeting

Whereas; The Lalamilo Connector Road Environmental Study proposed 'A', 'B' and 'C' alignments encroach on and threaten the future of commercial farming in the Lalamilo Farm Lots. The State of Hawaii set aside these lots for farming in an isolated locale southwest of Waimea town proper with promises to protect farming activities and,

Whereas; The Mayor of Hawaii County at a February 16, 2006 meeting with Lalamilo Farmers stated that;

- One of my (Mayor Kim) highest priorities as Mayor is the protection of Hawaii Counties' commercial agriculture.
- The purpose of County roads should not be merely to move traffic, but to adjust to the community and meet its needs. Displacement of commercially viable agricultural entities is not the intent and these lands must be protected.
- You have my 100% guarantee that none of the \$9.6 million balance of the \$10 million set aside for mitigation of Waimea traffic issues will be spent on the Kawaihae connector.
- None of the three (3) connector alignments is acceptable. The County is back to square one and we must rethink this effort.
- The (State) Waimea and Kawaihae By-Passes, originally identified as the "Mud Lane to Kawaihae Bypass", are my highest priorities.

and,

Whereas; The mayor's term is up in 2 years and a different mayor and administration may revisit this issue that has (to date) already invested \$400,000 of public money.

Therefore be it resolved; that recommendation is made to the Mayor and Department of Public Works that the Hawaii County Long Range Transportation Plan be revised and updated to current conditions. The Lalamilo Farm Lots specifically be protected from future encroachment by proposed road/highway projects. The "Plan" is updated every 5 years as recommended by the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation. Finally, that an alternative be explored for solving Waimea traffic congestion until the State Waimea and Kawaihae Bypass Projects are built.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Lalamilo Farmers Association