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Hi Bets,

I would like to ask the committee that is reviewing the possibility of putting a new road on the south side of Sandalwood to please investigate and consider further some very serious issues before making any final recommendations.

There are a number of problems with this location that I would like the committee to consider. In the attached letter, dated March 22, 2004, from Leslie Agorastos, two concerns were identified. However, I would like to mention several additional concerns that I have:

1. The location adjacent to the south side of Sandalwood crosses the Waikoloa stream at the widest, most dangerous part. During the extreme weather in March 2004, the stream was a raging river easily 20-25 feet deep and probably about 50 feet across, easily moving 30-40 mph or more. I have an amateur picture that illustrates the problem to some degree. It is my understanding that this is the second time within about five years that this portion of the stream was dangerously high and fast moving with whole trees careening down river. In that specific location, the stream makes a sharp turn to the left. It is extremely wide and deep, like a gorge. I can't emphasize enough that the water during that storm was extremely deep and fast moving. Any bridge in that location would have been washed away.
2. At that specific location, the north and south banks of the stream are at very uneven elevations. This is also the widest diameter of the stream at any location along its length. Also, the steepness, width, and gorge-like characteristics of the Waikoloa stream at that location would contribute to substantially increased construction costs over other locations where the stream is more narrow with even elevations of the banks. And, if a bridge were washed away in a storm or raging waters flooded the bridge, there is increased replacement/repair costs plus greater liabilities if someone were injured or killed while on a collapsing or flooding bridge.
3. If the bridge were damaged or collapsed in a severe storm, the collapsed/damaged bridge could form a dam. This could back fill with water and debris and flood my property. I would not be a happy homeowner.
4. Any road across this portion of the stream and the planned bike trail pose a conflict in usage. I would hate for a child bicyclist to be hit by a car on the road as it crosses any bike path. Also because of that unsafe, gorge-like area, it could attract children who might see an opportunity to play under the bridge crossing and be injured or killed.

I can think of other concerns that I have, but these are the major ones. There are much better locations for this road to cross the Waikoloa, than this one.

STREAM

I would like to invite the members of the committee to visit my property and see first hand the problems that this proposed location presents.

**Because of my work hours in Hilo on Thursdays, I cannot attend the community meetings.**

**Would you call me at home in the evening or on a weekend or at work so we can set up a time and date that the committee can come to my property and see for yourselves the problems that this site presents.**

**My home phone is 885-5864. My Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday work phone is 334-4421. My work phone on Thursday and Friday is 934-4052.**

**I look forward to discussing and meeting with the committee on this important issue.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fran Tabor". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

**Fran Tabor**



## Parker Ranch Realty, Inc.

March 22, 2004

Ms. Fran Tabor  
c/o Gail Hutchinson

Dear Fran,

I wanted you to know the status of the road easement below your house as I know it.

At the March traffic safety committee meeting, there was a discussion about ways to alleviate traffic prior to the bypass being built. A number of short term suggestions were made, one being to pave the road below Sandalwood.

At the same time, the discussion included reasons why that was not a good choice:

1. Too narrow – Parker Ranch owns part of the easement for moving cattle. They thought if you are going to do a road, do not make it substandard to start.
2. Where the road would intersect Kawaihae Road, it intersects at less than a 90' angle, which would be required. It also intersects on a hill with inadequate sight distance.

I thought you ought to know this. Please call me if you want names of other people to discuss the issue with, or if I can be of further help.

Aloha,

Leslie M. Agorastos