

HPP & Puna Makai Alternate Route Presentation 2017

Hawaiian Paradise Park General Membership Meeting – June 25, 2017

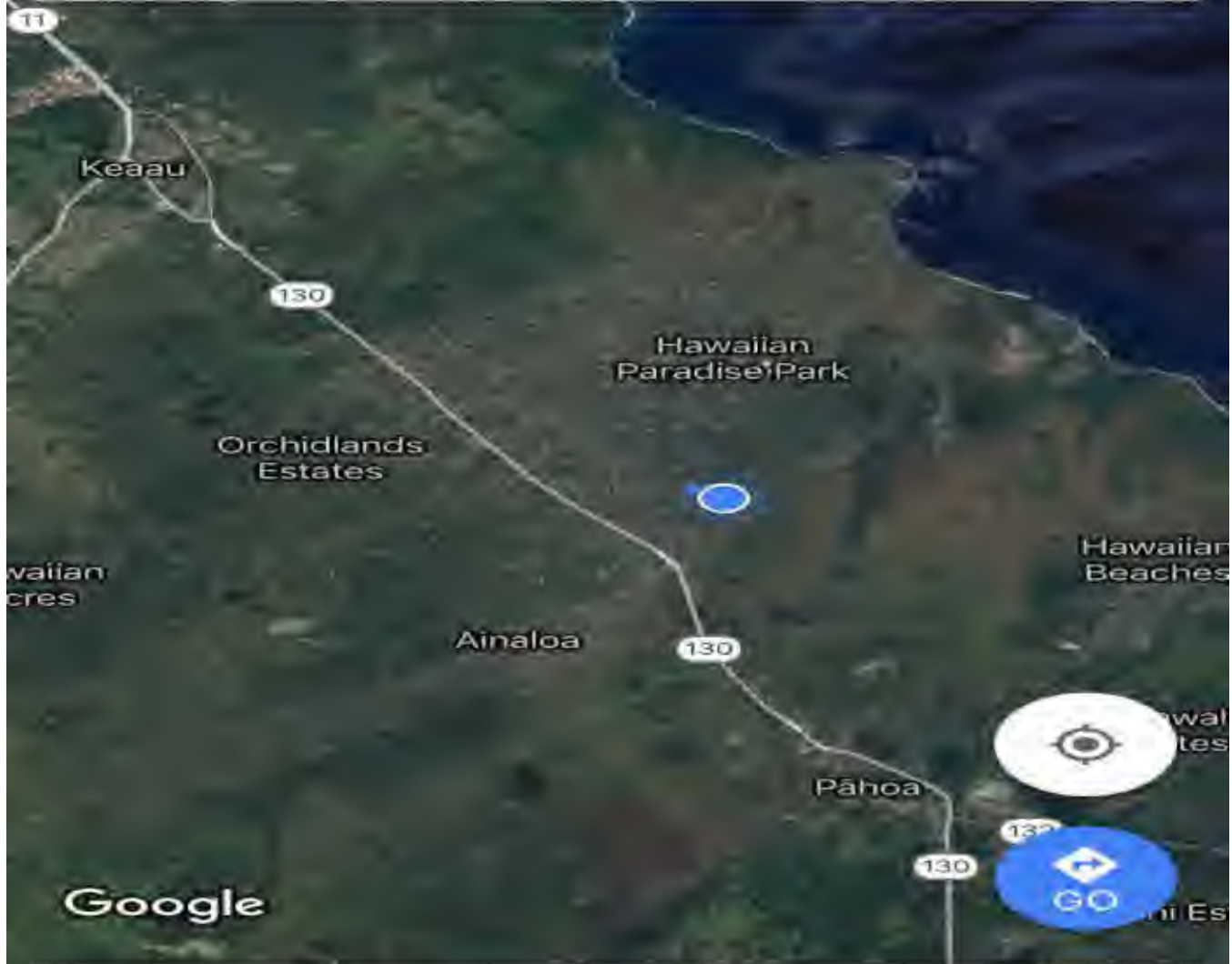
A Road That Would Divide Us



WHAT IS PMAR ?

- PMAR = Puna Makai Alternate Route – is a proposed alternate route (makai) below Highway 130. It's expected to be a two-lane County-owned road which would probably run from south of Hilo, through DHHL, over Shipman property, **bisecting HPP**, through Hawaiian Beaches and possibly as far as Nanawale.

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HISTORY OF PMAR

- Puna Regional Circulation Plan 2005
- Puna Community Development Plan 2008
- Federal-Aid Highways 2035 Transportation Plan for District of Hawaii July 2014
- Puna CDP Subcommittee on Connectivity & Emergency Response
- HPP PMAR Committee 2011
- HPP PMAR Committee 2017

Puna CDP 2008 – Why and When

- *“The rapidly developing subdivisions whose principal access is Highway 130 are of particular concern. To help alleviate traffic congestion along Highway 130 during peak periods and provide an alternate route, the **County of Hawai‘i General Plan and the Puna Regional Circulation Plan (2005) propose a Puna Makai Alternative Route (PMAR)**. However, these plans did not resolve the alignment and design for PMAR through Hawaiian Paradise Park (HPP). While the concept of a limited access parkway has merit, **it would be very difficult to acquire right-of-way for this through a large subdivision such as HPP in a timely and cost-effective manner**. Therefore, a shorter route through HPP is a more practical and less disruptive alternative to implement within the time-frame of this plan.” (Puna Community Development Plan, page 54 - Sept 2008)*
- **4.3.3 Actions**
- **a. Short Term (2008-2012)**
- 1) *Plan and design the PMAR alignment through an environmental impact statement process that meets Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) standards and therefore qualifies the project for FHWA funding;*
- 2) *Require building setbacks within HPP lots along the designated PMAR alignment, as necessary, to reserve the potential for a future PMAR extension through the remainder of HPP;*
- 3) *Establish emergency routes, using mostly existing road beds;*

Puna CDP 2008 – PMAR Build out

b. Medium Term (2013-2017)

- 1) Construct a two-lane PMAR roadway that connects Kaloli Drive between approximately 16th Avenue and 10th Avenue in HPP to either Highway 11 or Highway 130 in the vicinity of Kea'au;
- 2) Construct a two-lane, unpaved, gated emergency access roadway between Kahakai Boulevard to HPP which can later be converted into a future extension of PMAR;
- 3) Construct a two-lane roadway between Nānāwale and Kahakai Boulevard that can be used as both an emergency access route and a future extension of PMAR; and

c. Long Term (2018-2030)

- 1) Construct Phase II segments of PMAR, as generally depicted in Figure 4-1;
- 2) Acquire additional right-of-way via land pooling, exchanges, and other means to extend PMAR through Hawaiian Paradise Park; and
- 3) If increased traffic demand indicates, construct the PMAR extension through the remainder of HPP, as depicted generally in Figure 4.1, and convert the emergency access route from Kahakai Boulevard to HPP as a PMAR extension by removing the gate and paving the surface.
- (Puna Community Development Plan, page 55 - Sept 2008)

Transportation Plan: 2007-2012



POSSIBLE ALIGNMENTS



- PMAR Phase 1
- Extends Shower Drive from 22nd Avenue down to 3rd Avenue.
- Creates six connector roads coming into HPP from the north at 3rd, 7th, 11th, 15th, 19th and 25th Avenues – and one exiting 7th Avenue southbound towards Hawaiian Beaches.

POSSIBLE ALIGNMENTS









- PMAR Phase 2
- Connection from 25th Avenue to Kahakai Blvd & Lehua Road in Hawaiian Beaches.

Puna CDP Transportation Plan: Road Classification

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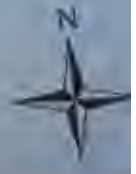
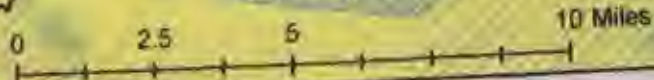
-  Arterial
-  Major Collector
-  Minor Collector
-  Shared Use Route
-  Scenic Road
-  Trail
-  Roads
-  DHHL Roads
-  Park & Ride Lots

Legend

-  Extensive Agricultural Land
-  Important Ag Land
-  HI Ag Lands of Importance
-  Reserves
-  Conservation land
-  Critical Habitat

Minor Collectors at 3rd, 11th, 15th, & 19th & Shower, Kaloli, Paradise, & Maku'u Drives

Major Collectors at 7th & 25th



ROAD CLASSIFICATION IMPACTS TO HPP

- Minor Collectors: 3rd, 11th, 15th, 19th, Shower, Kaloli, Paradise and Maku'u Drives.
- Major Collectors: 7th & 25th Avenues.
- Road Specifications: At least 60 foot wide, per County of HI, Dept. Public Works Road Standards
- HPP Current ROW: 40 foot wide

WHAT STOPPED PMAR IN 2011 ?

Dear Honorable Board Members:

20 July 2011

Dear Board Members:

The General Membership of the Hawaiian Homelands Park Owners Association formed a committee in October 2010 to research a proposal for building a high speed rail line along the coast of the island of Oahu. The committee has been working to inform the County of the benefits of the proposed high speed rail line. We are currently working to inform the County of the benefits of the proposed high speed rail line. We are currently working to inform the County of the benefits of the proposed high speed rail line.

We have held several public hearings and will continue to hold public hearings. We have also met with the Hawaii County Planning Department, the Hawaii County Board of Health, and the Hawaii County Board of Education. We have also met with the Hawaii County Board of Health, the Hawaii County Board of Education, and the Hawaii County Board of Health.

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Should any clarification be required, please call us at 808-952-5219.

Respectfully yours,

Hawaiian Homelands Park Owners Association Committee on the Puu Maku Affair

Jerry J. Carr, Chair

Members: Heather McNeill, James Wernick, Debra Brown-Crilly, and Judy Senter

- HPP PMAR Committee 2011 worked with W. H. Shipman Limited and Hawaiian Homelands
- Letter to Gov. Abercrombie – request to stop funding \$1.5M for PMAR.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON LOT OWNERS

Hawaiian Paradise Park - Number of Lots Per Road
Counted by Mary Couch for PMAR Committee - April 3, 2017

| Road Name | Number of Lots |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 3rd Ave. | 208 |
| 4 th Ave. | |
| 5th Ave. | 212 |
| 6th Ave. | 226 |
| 7th Ave. | 219 |
| 8th Ave. | 243 |
| 9th Ave. | 245 |
| 10th Ave. | 247 |
| 11th Ave. | 251 |
| 12th Ave. | 255 |
| 13th Ave. | 248 |
| 14th Ave. | 250 |
| 15th Ave. | 255 |
| 16th Ave. | 266 |
| 25th Ave. | 257 |
| Beach Rd | 208 |
| Railroad Ave. | 177 |
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- Building Setback Changes
- Cesspool conversion sooner than mandatory date – because lot size would be decreased below an acre
- Loss of ohana dwelling
- Left with a sub-standard sized lot
- Driveways right onto connector roads

MORE POTENTIAL IMPACTS

- Traffic congestion within the Park – after six roads come in from the north, and two roads going southbound (7th and 25th Avenues)
 - Noise
 - Pedestrian safety along roadways diminishes
 - Speeding drivers
 - Additional wear and tear on HPP roads
 - Build-out of road could be lengthy
- Increase in access may attract criminal elements
 - Increase in dumped trash and vehicles along roads
 - Lots on selected PMAR route stand to lose either all or a portion of property, including home, landscape and privacy
 - Decrease in investment value
 - Disruption of lifestyle / stress

A Public Road Through a Private Subdivision

- “Hosting” a county road through a private subdivision with substandard roads may bring expensive liability exposure to HPPOA
- Unintended consequence to HPP
- Virtually no way to contain or funnel traffic onto just the proposed county road.
- Drivers can take random detours throughout the HPP roadways

How the State Sees PMAR

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| 2780 | County | Mehaul Street - Koronada Street & Kilauea Avenue | Construct a two-lane road between Koronada Street and Kilauea Avenue | \$28,185,000 |
| N/A | County | Aie Highway - Kamehameha III Road to Queen Kaahumanu Highway | Construct a new 2-lane roadway between Kamehameha III Road and Queen Kaahumanu Highway | \$105,000,000 |
| N/A | County | Aie Kāhōkaha Highway - Hina Lan Street to Kamehameha Drive | Construct a two-lane highway between Hina Lan Street and Kamehameha Drive with bicycle facilities and sidewalks | \$35,937,000 |
| N/A | State | Kaunohiwi Parkway - Kaunohiwi Drive to Kapaemahu Street | Construct a 3-lane roadway extension between Kaunohiwi Drive and Kapaemahu Street | \$20,712,000 |
| N/A | County | New Kailua Drive - Hualala Road to Ali Drive | Construct a new 2-lane connector roadway between Hualala Road and Ali Drive | \$9,619,000 |
| N/A | County | Mā-Lū-Āiā Road (Puna Māka'i Aieaiki Road) | Construct a new 2-lane connector roadway making of Kapaemahu Road between Hualala and Puna | \$289,536,000 |
| N/A | State | Kaunohiwi Parkway - Memorial Highway to Akoni Pule Highway | Construct a new 2-lane highway with turn lanes at major intersections | \$264,702,000 |
| N/A | County | Aie Highway Extension (Hualala Bypass) - Hualala Street to Hualala Road/Memorial Highway | Construct a new 2-lane roadway between Hualala Street and Hualala Road/Memorial Highway | \$20,417,000 |
| N/A | State | Saddle Road Extension - Memorial Highway to Queen Kaahumanu Highway | Construct a new 3-lane road between the western terminus of the Saddle Road alignment and Queen Kaahumanu Highway | \$180,000,000 |

Note: This list is organized by State Route number and not by priority. Although not listed here, capacity solutions also include safety improvements and multimodal facilities. This list is not locally constrained and these solutions would have to be compared against those of other roadway projects, such as transit preservation and safety, when decision makers make funding recommendations.

- \$288M Est. Cost (2011)
- It's a County Project
- Found in Exhibit 4-4, Potential Long-Range Capacity of the Transportation Plan for District of Hawaii
- Page 4-10



IS RAILROAD TO BE AN EMERGENCY ROUTE ONLY, OR A FULL-TIME COMMUTER ROUTE ?

2014:

- Sept. 5, 2014, Gov. Neil Abercrombie signed emergency proclamation in preparation of June 27 lava flow.
- State and County work to reopen Railroad Avenue as an emergency access road
- Closed after Lava threat passed

Emergency Access Route 2014



RAILROAD AVENUE 24/7

- At its January 24, 2017, PCDP Subcommittee on Connectivity & Emergency Response meeting – said that they would seek the help of federal representatives to open Railroad Avenue “24/7.”
- Lots in HPP along Railroad Avenue would be “taken” as the road is narrower than county standards allow
- Railroad Avenue north of HPP belongs to W H Shipman

Advantages of PMAR

- Evacuation & emergency route in the event of natural disaster
- Alternate route in and out of lower Puna should a traffic jam occur on Highway 130
- Connectivity between neighboring subdivisions without using Highway 130
- Accommodate population growth and rising traffic levels
- Quicker way to Hilo

OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

- **WHERE DO THEY STAND?**
- Senator **Russell Ruderman** (District 2) SUPPORTS
- House Representative **Joy San Buenaventura** (District 4) SUPPORTS
- Hawaii County Mayor **Harry Kim** SUPPORTS
- Councilwoman **Eileen O'Hara** (District 4) SUPPORTS

HPP IS DISTRICT 4/ PRECINCT 1

- HPP had 6,340 registered voters – 2016
- HPP is the largest voting block in all of Puna District

- *We need to ask:*
Do our representatives reflect our concern over PMAR going through HPP?
- Our votes count in Election 2018

PMAR Survey 2017

**Hawaiian Paradise Park
Puna Makai Alternate Route (PMAR)
Committee Survey 2017**

Hawaii County continues to consider building a two-lane road somewhere maku and parallel to Highway 120 from Nanawale Subdivision to HIG, most likely cutting completely across HPP lots and borders. This project was first seen in the 2004 Puna Circulation Plan, and slowly continued to become a developed plan.

This in-house survey asks how you feel about this plan's impact on you and your HPP community. Please respond and return the completed survey as soon as possible to the HPP office at 15-1570 Maku'u Drive, Kaa Iu, HI 96749.
Mahalo for your kokua!

• Do you favor a county road cutting through HPP somewhere between 5th and 17th Avenues?
YES NO

• If so, would you have PMAR going down your street?
YES NO

• If you support this, do you anticipate increased road use due to traffic impacts?
YES NO

• Are you aware that local people supporting PMAR the result of HPP, with property owners north including WK Shomon and Hawaiian Homebirds, oppose it?
YES NO

• Are you a renter or an owner? Circle one.
RENTER LOT OWNER

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- Survey Results as of June 24, 2017
- Survey will continue until Labor Day, September 4, 2017.
- Final results will be posted on www.hppoa.net

WHAT CAN WE DO?

- Contact our elected representatives
- Attend county meetings on PMAR
- Fill out the survey and return it to the HPP office
- Share with your neighbors what you've learned about PMAR
- Get out and vote in Election 2018



UNDERSTANDING

- *“You can’t protect what you don’t understand, and won’t if you don’t care, and you can’t do it by yourself”*

- Nainoa Thompson, Navigator

Polynesian Voyaging Society, 6/17/17

UNITED WE STAND

- This is our community.
This is our home.
 - Even if we don't live on one of the proposed PMAR roadways, we will be affected
 - So many planners and politicians talk of PMAR, but few have come to address the issue to HPP lot owners
- HPP PMAR Committee 2017 members:
 - Alexa Von Alemann
 - Mary Couch
 - Shawn Merrill
 - Mike Dickerson
 - Leilani Bronson-Crelly, Chair

SOURCES:

- Puna Regional Circulation Plan – 2005
- Puna Community Development Plan -2008
- Federal-Aid Highway 2035 Transportation Plan for District of Hawaii – July 2014
- www.damontucker.com
- HPP Master Plan – 2015
- State of HI, Office of Elections
- Puna CDP Action Committee – Subcommittee on Connectivity & Emergency Response
- HPP PMAR 2011 (Chair Jerry Carr)
- HPP PMAR 2017
- Report on the Ad Hoc Committee on Puna Connectivity - 2016