

County of Hawaii  
Department of Public Works

October 23, 2007

Facilitated by Ku`ikahi Mediation Center  
Catherine – Facilitator  
Noelani – Recorder

County Participants  
Jiro Sumada, Deputy Director, Dept of Public Works  
Ralph Fike Overseer, Puna Highways Maintenance Division

**Start Time: 6:00 p.m.**  
**Pahoa Community Center**  
**Puna, Hawaii**

Catherine introduced herself as a neutral party hired to facilitate a discussion regarding the community's opinion on whether Honolulu Landing should be asphalted or not. All items not pertinent to the discussion of the day would be placed on "Parking Lot" for possible further consideration and discussion by County and community members. Catherine advised community members that contrary to a news article everyone will be allowed to speak. The Honolulu Landing residents would be first, followed by neighboring communities.

Jiro Sumada explained that the County will consider the community's views in this matter in the decision making process. The Mayor requested Public Works listen to the community's interest on this matter. Jiro also advised community members that the decision to pave or not pave Honolulu Landing would be made by Public Works. The votes cast last night do not determine or persuade the outcome. The County, not the residents, has the responsibility to make decisions regarding the maintenance of Honolulu Landing.

Catherine advised all parties of the process to be utilized today. Each member will have an opportunity to speak for two minutes as to whether or not they feel Honolulu Landing should be paved. The following opinions were voiced:

Reasons to **Not Pave** Honolulu Landing

Safer as a dirt road  
Trees could be damaged  
Keep it country  
Discourages tourism  
Increases speeding  
Threat of development

Reasons to **Pave** Honolulu Landing

Safety (several voiced this concern)  
Lower maintenance costs  
Quicker response time for emergency vehicles

The following "Parking Lot" items are questions or concerns related to the question of whether or not to pave Honolulu Landing:

Parking Lot

Instead of paving the entire road, consider fixing the blind spots

Is an Environmental Assessment Required?

Maintain but not pave the road

This is part of a historic Puna Trail

Partially pave and keep the trees.

Will you cut down the trees?

Response from Jiro:

The Mayor's office must approve the cutting of any trees.

Will the road be 20' wide, if paved?

Response from Jiro:

It will be 12' wide.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 p.m.