

From: [Simmy](#)
To: [Planning CDP](#)
Subject: Fwd: New Message
Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 8:58:27 AM

Aloha Kona Community Development Members,
Thank you for all you do.

I would like to comment on your agenda for the May 12, 2022 meeting. Super Important are the two items, Infrastructure and Flood Mitigation. The Leeward Planning hearing of April 21, 2022 had many people who testified against new developments of Alii Drive for 62 units. Everyone complained of the emergency evacuation, traffic, and no one was in favor, for more development.

I have attached the video and hope this helps to know of this current situation. We need "Kuakini Highway" to be widened as a priority.

This Laipala project was a permit of 2009! It should not be extended because originally it was approved because the Alii Highway was suppose to be built.

It has not, yet, the 2008/2009 projects are being given a green light to proceed.

Two already are being built now on Alii Drive. We cannot continue.

I attached the traffic study as its shocking, 163,090 vehicles on Alii drive 2020! 203,300 by 2035! WE CANNOT HANDLE THIS, ITS INSANE!

Tsunami evacuation, there is NO PLAN!!?? KUAKINI WILL BE BLOCKED!!

WE NEED TO GET UP MAUKA, AND SERIOUSLY WE CANNOT RUN FAST ENOUGH.

We have less than 5 minutes. See attached!

The police chief letter is attached, no one seems to hear our CRY.

Another importance to know, Tsunami is triggered by Earth Quakes, and sitting here is MAUNA LOA, THE LARGEST ACTIVE

VOLCANO ON PLANET EARTH! (ALSO, ITS NOT ONLY TSUNAMI, BUT, ALSO BIG WAVE SWELLS AND FIRE!!!

SEA LEVEL RISE 2 FEET BY 2060.

 [Kuakini Hwy Draft EA 2013.pdf](#)

Regards to Flood Mitigation.

We need to Keep Agricultural Land in Agricultural. By allowing more density without our Roads is a Disaster. Planting Trees and Cultural Landscape is Crucial. Climate change we are already having more rain in Kailua Kona. More development Mauka already is affecting Makai.

Allow No More Rezoning of Ag lands, until our infrastructure is up to par.

Errosion and all the Excavating going on now, the next Big Flood, our Blue Ocean will be Brown. Run Off will Polute our OCEAN.

PLEASE PLAN FOR THE FUTURE GENERATION WELL AHEAD!!

MOTHER NATURE IS UNPREDICTABLE AND WE MUST BE PREPARED OR WE ARE DEAD AND OUR NATURAL RESOURCES.

GOT TO MALAMA NOW.

Mahalo,

Simmy McMichael

Kailua Kona

[Leeward Planning Commission - YouTube](#)



Alii Drive Traffic Forecast 2035

B. Volumes

1. Background Growth

The Federal-Aid Highways 2035 Transportation Plan for the District of Hawaii (CH2M Hill, 2014) forecasts a compounded annual increase of 1.48% in North Kona from 2020 to 2035 (see Table 7).

Table 7: Traffic Forecast – Daily Vehicle Trips in North Kona

Year	Daily Vehicle Trips	Growth Rate
2020	163,090	1.48%
2035	203,300	

203,300 Daily!!!

Source: *Federal-Aid Highways 2035 Transportation Plan for the District of Hawaii* (CH2M Hill, 2014)

Historical traffic volumes along Alii Drive show a steady increase after 2016 with 2017-2021 (excluding year 2020) volumes showing an annual increase of 1.68% along Alii Drive between Laaloa Avenue and Queen Kalama Avenue. Similarly, the 2017-2019 volumes on Route 11 between Lako Street and Naniloa Street increased by 1.75% annually. These annual growth rates of 1.68% and 1.75% are in line with the 1.48% growth projections from the Long-Range Transportation Plan.

Therefore, a 1.48% annual growth rate was applied to the through traffic along Alii Drive and Route 11



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March 11, 2008

Mr. Ron Terry
Principal
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Dear Mr. Terry:

SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment for Royal Ali'i Planned Unit Development,
Kaunamalumu, North Kona, Island of Hawaii
TMK: 7-7-04:57 & 58

Staff has reviewed the above referenced document and submits the following comments:

- Any additional development/project utilizing Ali'i Drive as its exclusive access will adversely impact traffic conditions throughout Ali'i Drive, particularly during peak traffic hours or during an emergency condition.
- Recommends against any further development/project in this area until such time as the proposed Kahului-Keauhou Parkway has been completed and is open to traffic.
- Recommend plan to include improvements at access intersections to the subdivision consisting of turning and acceleration lanes.

Should you have any questions, please contact Acting Captain Chad Basque, Commander of Kona Patrol, at 326-4646 extension 249.

Mahalo,

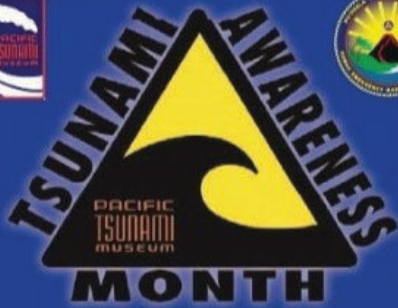
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KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS



FEEL the earth shake (earthquake) so strong that you feel you cannot stand.



SEE the ocean recede, swirl or act unusual. A tsunami is not one giant wave, but a series of waves.



HEAR the roar of the tsunami that sounds like a jet aircraft or freight train.

IF YOU EXPERIENCE ANY OF THE ABOVE:

Evacuate immediately to safe zones — inland to high ground and away from coastal areas, or vertically to the 4th floor or higher of a reinforced concrete building.

PLAN AHEAD, BE PREPARED

BEFORE

Know the evacuation zones.
Prepare an emergency kit.
Sign up for emergency wireless alerts.



DURING

If you are near the ocean and you feel the earth shake, move immediately to higher ground.
Monitor the situation from wireless alerts, TV, and radio.

AFTER

Return home only when authorities say it is safe to do so. There could be hazards & debris in certain areas, and roads may still need to be clear for rescue & recovery efforts.

ARE YOU READY?

Visit ready.hawaii.gov for information on how to prepare for an emergency.



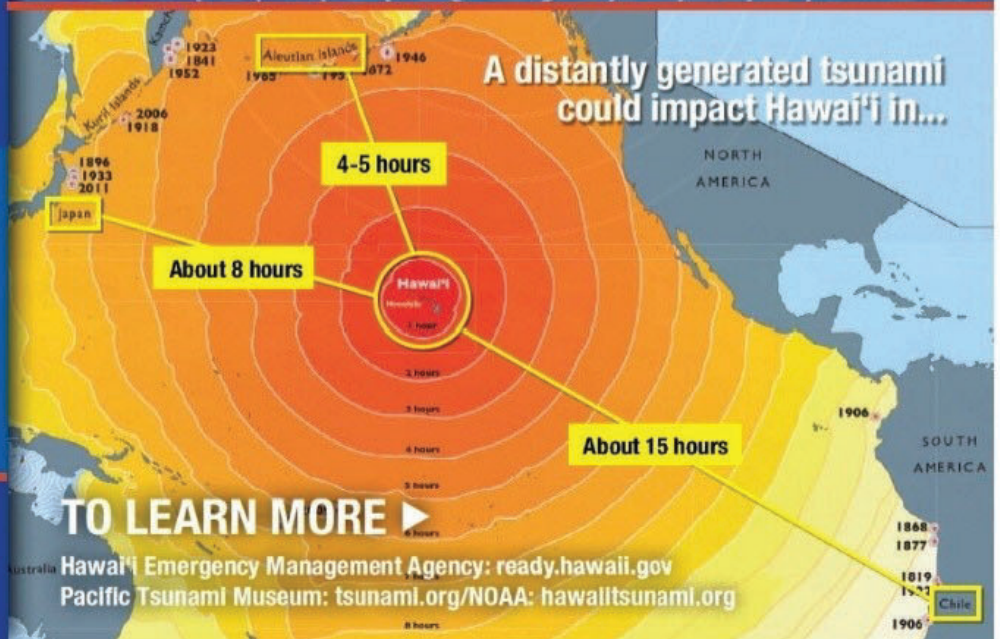
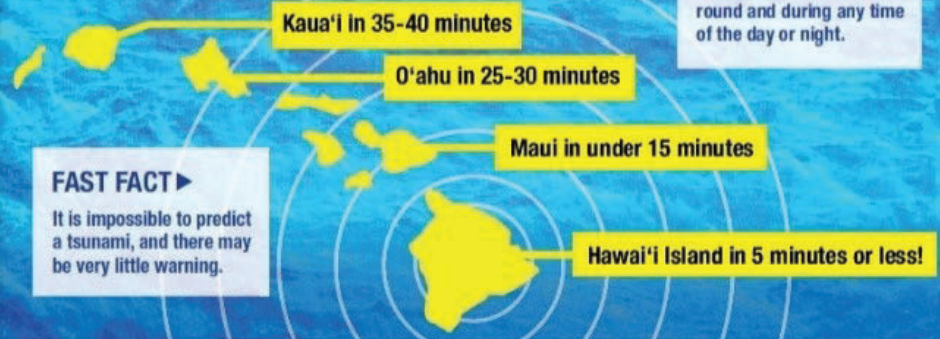
Communication No. 2022-11
MARCH 9, 1957: KNOW YOUR HISTORY

Sixty-five years ago, a magnitude 8.6 earthquake struck off the Aleutian Islands of Alaska, creating a tsunami. It hit the Hawaiian islands hours later and led to two deaths and generated wave run-ups over 50 feet high, causing damage to Kaua'i and O'ahu totaling \$50 million at current prices.

NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE

It is not a matter of if, but when, the next tsunami will strike.

A tsunami generated from the coast of Hawai'i Island could impact...



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For more information on current monitoring of Mauna Loa volcano, see: <https://www.usgs.gov/volcanoes/mauna-loa/monitoring>

Mauna Loa largest active volcano on our planet. Advisory Yellow

Background:

Mauna Loa is the largest active volcano on our planet, rising gradually to 4,170 meters (13,681 feet) above sea level. Its long submarine flanks descend an additional 5 kilometers (3 miles) below sea level to the ocean floor. The ocean floor directly beneath Mauna Loa is, in turn, depressed by the volcano's great mass another 8 kilometers (5 miles). This places Mauna Loa's summit about 17,000 meters (56,000 feet) above its base. The enormous volcano covers half of the Island of Hawai'i and by itself amounts to about 85 percent of all the other Hawaiian Islands combined.

Eruptions typically start at the summit and, within minutes to months of eruption onset, about half of the eruptions migrate into either the Northeast or Southwest Rift Zone. Since its first well-documented eruption in 1843, the volcano has erupted 33 times with intervals between eruptions ranging from months to decades. Mauna Loa last erupted in 1984.

Mauna Loa eruptions tend to produce voluminous, fast-moving lava flows that can impact communities on the east and west sides of the Island of Hawai'i. Since the mid-19th century, the city of Hilo in east Hawai'i has been threatened by seven Mauna Loa lava flows. Mauna Loa lava flows have reached the south and west coasts of the island eight times: in 1859, 1868, 1887, 1926, 1919, and three times in 1950.

More Information:

Mauna Loa activity summary also available by phone: (808) 967-8866

Mauna Loa webcam images: <https://www.usgs.gov/volcanoes/mauna-loa/webcams>

Mauna Loa photos/video: <https://www.usgs.gov/volcanoes/mauna-loa/photo-and-video-chronology-mauna-loa>

Mauna Loa maps: <https://www.usgs.gov/volcanoes/mauna-loa/maps>

Mauna Loa FAQs: <https://www.usgs.gov/volcanoes/mauna-loa/faqs>

LOCATION: Ali'i Dr btwn La'aloa Ave and Queen Kalama Ave

QC JOB #: 15515809

SPECIFIC LOCATION:

DIRECTION: NB, SB

CITY/STATE: Kahaluu-Keauhou, HI

DATE: Aug 19 2021 - Aug 19 2021

Start Time	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu 19 Aug 21	Fri	Average Weekday Hourly Traffic	Sat	Sun	Average Week Hourly Traffic	Average Week Profile
12:00 AM				28		28			28	
01:00 AM				13		13			13	
02:00 AM				11		11			11	
03:00 AM				12		12			12	
04:00 AM				22		22			22	
05:00 AM				70		70			70	
06:00 AM				276		276			276	
07:00 AM				616		616			616	
08:00 AM				533		533			533	
09:00 AM				555		555			555	
10:00 AM				598		598			598	
11:00 AM				611		611			611	
12:00 PM				633		633			633	
01:00 PM				679		679			679	
02:00 PM				667		667			667	
03:00 PM				701		701			701	
04:00 PM				725		725			725	
05:00 PM				641		641			641	
06:00 PM				474		474			474	
07:00 PM				303		303			303	
08:00 PM				227		227			227	
09:00 PM				161		161			161	
10:00 PM				91		91			91	
11:00 PM				65		65			65	
Day Total				8712		8712			8712	
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September 3, 2013

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Dear Mr. Terry:

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REVIEW FOR PARCEL 26 AT KAHALU'U
RESIDENTIAL PROJECT FOR TOWNE DEVELOPMENT OF HAWAII, NORTH KONA
TMK: 7-8-010:004 AND 7-8-014:013

The above-referenced Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) has been reviewed, and we have the following comments to offer at this time.

The main concern would be the congestion of traffic from a development of this size. A review of the DEA finds that the developer will prepare for future roadway infrastructure but the infrastructure will not be in place by the completion of the development. We request that the developer be required to complete the additional roadway infrastructure prior to the completion of the development as inadequate roadways for a development this size would hinder or cause a bottle neck type of situation should the need for emergency evacuation arise.

Should you have any questions, please contact Captain Randal M. Ishii, Commander of the Kona District, at 326-4646, extension 299.

Sincerely,

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POLICE CHIEF

PAUL H. KEALOHA JR.
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