



WAILUA - KAPA'A  
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ASSOCIATION

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Kaua`i County Councilmembers  
County of Kauai  
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RE: Resolution 2013-54 to establish stop signs and stop lines on Olohena Road at its intersection with Ka`apuni Road, Kawaihau District

Aloha Council Chair Furfaro and Councilmembers:

The Wailua-Kapa`a Neighborhood Association (W-KNA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed stop signs and would like to see more opportunities for this issue to be vetted by the community. Based on the May 15, 2013 Council meeting discussion on this topic, we would like to provide the following comments:

- 1) Olohena Road is a main thoroughfare and a greater number of vehicles will be affected by the proposed stop signs than traffic from the side roads (Ka`apuni Road and Kaehulua Road) which already have stop signs.
- 2) Most maps, including those in current phone books, show Olohena Road as State Highway 581 which suggests it is a main thoroughfare, even if it is now considered a county road.
- 3) Accident count information for this intersection should be provided and evaluated.
- 4) The Olohena Road approaches to the intersection are uphill from both directions and stopping on a hill has risks.
- 5) As vehicles line up on the hill to reach the proposed stop sign, it will be challenging for drivers with stick-shift vehicles.
- 6) Drivers on Olohena Road accelerate uphill to reach the crest and if another vehicle is crossing the intersection, drivers slow down and yield.
- 7) Cutting back the overgrown vegetation between Olohena and Ka`apuni Roads will improve the line of sight for drivers.
- 8) Visitor confusion about the intersection is likely because signage is too small to read from a distance.
- 9) A roundabout for this intersection may be the best solution.

In the interest of safety, further consideration is needed to evaluate the merits of the proposed stop signs and to secure more public feedback.

Sincerely,

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W-KNA Board Chair

cc: Larry Dill, Chief Engineer, Public Works

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