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Kaua`i County Council
4396 Rice Street, Suite 209
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RE: November 28, 2012 Council Meeting regarding the erosion occurring at Wailua Beach and the impacts on the County's Multi-Use Path in that area

Dear Council Chair Fufaro and Council Members:

The Wailua-Kapa`a Neighborhood Association wishes to go on record about the proposed Multi-Use Path along Wailua Beach.

We concur that the path alignment can remain on the makai side of Kuhio Highway as there are many challenges with alternative routes. However, we would insist that the path encroach no further makai onto Wailua Beach and stay on the existing paved shoulder of the highway. Furthermore, we request that:

- 1) The Path does not encroach onto any sandy area of the beach which is experiencing severe erosion from wave action;
- 2) There is no tree removal; and
- 3) The existing rock wall remains in place.

We encourage the designers and decision-makers to find alternatives that will meet the above conditions. It is likely that possibilities exist for reducing car lane widths or condemning the frontage area of the Coco Palms property to move the highway more mauka.

If neither of these suggestions creates sufficient room for an 8-foot path, we recommend that the width of the path be reduced, even if this requires cyclists to walk their bikes along this short corridor. While such a solution might mean that Federal funding is forfeited for this section, we understand it will not jeopardize funding for other portions of the Path.

Thank you for your consideration of this constituency's point of view.

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On behalf of the Wailua-Kapa`a Neighborhood Association

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