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SUBJECT:     Opposition to Olowalu development – impacts on heavily used summer surf spot needs to be specifically addressed.

I am a surfer who regularly goes to the Olowalu surf break during the summer south swell season.  The proposed development appears to negatively affect the access surfers will have to a beloved surf spot.  Currently surfers access the beach by parking in the dirt on the Makai side of the highway.  There is no parking lot or facilities due to the current road.  Because there is no park, over flow parking is available because it is a free for all due to open space.

- If the open space is removed there will be no parking.
- If the highway is changed to 4 lanes, the currently access seems impossible.  Turning left will be difficult and dangerous.
- There is currently a parking shortage at the surf break when the swell is up.  At least 100 parking spaces should be added to the surf spot if the land is to be developed near the surf spot.  Use the parking shortage at Launiupoko, Ukumehame and Puamana as an example.
- The parking lot should be on the Makai side of the highway so that locals will have access.
- The parking lot should not be in the private community.  This would limit access to the greater surfing community.
- The surf spot, parking and beach access should be from the public road as it is now and has been for over 100 years.
- The four lane highway should be moved away from the surf spot and create a large beach park with parking and access for everyone.  Launiupoko is a good example of a problem.  People must cross the highway to access the park because parking is insufficient on the Makai side.  The frequent pedestrian crossings creates traffic all day long.

Bottom line, the plan needs to identify the surf spot, how much beach is available for surfers, how many parking spots are for surfers and how surfers will check the waves and access the beach park.