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Mr. Matt K. Nakamoto Austin, Tsutsumi & Associates, Inc. 501 Sumner Street, Suite 521 Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Dear Mr. Nakamoto:

Subject: Draft Final Traffic Impact Analysis Report May 10, 2019 Kealia Mauka Homesites Kauai, Kealia, TMK: (4) 4-7-004: por. 001

The applicant, Kealia Properties, LLC, proposes to develop Kealia Mauka Homesites a residential development of about 235 lots on about 53.4 acres of land at Kealia, Kauai. The development would include infrastructure, such as water, drainage, wastewater, electricity, and telecommunications and transportation improvements. The development would access Kealia Road which will access Kuhio Highway, State Route 56.

The project will propose a land use district amendment from agriculture to urban. The State Land Use Commission will be the accepting agency. An Environmental Impact Statement is being prepared due to use of State and County lands associated with infrastructure related roadway improvements and due to the development being likely to have a "significant impact."

A draft final Traffic Impact Analysis Report (TIAR) by Austin, Tsutsumi & Associates, Inc. (ATA), dated May 10, 2019, has been transmitted to the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) for review and acceptance.

The HDOT has the following comments:

- 1. The TIAR is acceptable with the qualification that the applicant and ATA must work with HDOT to reach an acceptable final recommendation of a traffic signal versus a roundabout for the intersection of Kealia Road and Kuhio Highway.
- 2. The applicant shall be responsible for providing the final accepted recommended improvement at no cost to the State.

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If there are questions, please contact Ken Tatsuguchi, Engineering Program Manager, Highways Division, Planning Branch at (808) 587-1830 or by email at ken.tatsuguchi@hawaii.gov. Please reference file review number 2019-067.

Sincerely,

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