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Aloha Mr. McCormick,

Thank you so much for your presentation in September. We are not looking forward to having the disturbance occur, but we are happy that we are dealing with this problem in a more permanent way.

My name is Alvin "Bino" Castelo and I am a native plant specialist currently employed as the botanical manager for the Kauai Miniature Golf and Botanical Garden. Formerly I was the living collection manager for the National Tropical Botanical Gardens at Limahuli. I serve on the KNA board and Beautification Committee and I am eager to bring my expertise to the table. Upon reading the plant list, I would like to augment it with suggestions that might be better suited for this specific site, while keeping in mind the need and desire of the local community for preservation of view planes and understanding safety issues.

I would like to make myself fully available to you and your staff to help come up with the best and most appropriate landscape that will require the least maintenance. Perhaps we can address maintenance and funding issues with community assets to help keep this project within your allotted budget. It can also be the beginning of a partnership between communities and DOT highway projects. Attached is a list of plants and concerns that will help make this project a success.

If you have any questions, please call me, Alvin Castelo, at 808-652-5652 or email me; bino@anainahou.org.

Mahalo,
Alvin Castelo
Vice President, KNA