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Comments:

I stand in support of this resolution. I am a lifelong resident of Makaha and throughout my life my family and I have made use of the Refuse Center in Waianae. I have seen increased usage of the dump and have also witnessed increased illegal dumping nearby and in other areas. On more than one occasion we've seen the line at a stand still and made the decision to try again later or another day and have sat in the line because we needed the truck bed emptied for another purpose. Me and my family are patient and I would like to think eco conscious, I know there are others who are not. On more than one occasion I've seen trucks and cars loaded with rubbish turn out from the road going to the Refuse center, then seen that same garbage on the side of the road further up the valley, I've even see people just fly right past the road to the dump and just keep on going uphill.

The refuse center needs more containers and drivers/trucks to haul away the full bins. The facility itself could use an upgrade as well, if not a small expansion. And the road itself (Ho'opuhi street) from the turn to the center could stand to be widened and improved as it's really a 1 lane road, which can be a problem when there's a line waiting, people leaving, and a truck with an empty bin stuck at the end of the line, I can't even imagine the residents trying to get in and out when it gets really busy there. It would also be good to have HPD or a relevant agency sweep the road weekly for the abandoned vehicles and other garbage dumped along that section of road.