

To: Hawai'i State Land Use Commission
From: Laura Dunham
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Subject: Written Testimony - Kihei / South Maui High School
Proposed Underpass

Aloha, Kakou. My name is Laura Dunham. I am a 33-year resident of Kihei, Maui, a parent, & community networker. I write my testimony today in support of the Kihei / South Maui High School underpass.

The United Nations has published 17 World Sustainability Goals to decrease the effects of climate change on Earth. Our state of Hawaii has embraced 6 of the U.N. goals. One of them, SMART SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES, increases the livability and resilience in the built environment through planning and implementation at the State and County levels.

Hawai'i Green Growth monitors Hawaii's progress towards the U.N. goals. This organization also monitors Hawai'i's progress on 100% Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) by the year 2045.

The Hawai'i Aloha + Challenge goals are the most aggressive in the country. Hawai'i is making steady, on-target progress displayed by the Hawai'i Green Growth's website dashboard.

<https://aloha-challenge.hawaiiingreengrowth.org/aloha-goals/>

This is how our Island State connects to the world's sustainability program. Hawai'i has a continued opportunity to grow smart, clean and livable communities through planning and implementation. The addition of a walkable underpass to the new Kihei / South Maui High School allows all of us to partner together on a small, yet very important, step to build more resilient communities which produce less GHG emissions and noise.

Rather than counter-intuitive thinking, together we can continue our progress. Together, in our small ways, we work to decrease the effects of climate change. Together we can take another step to promote, approve, and be proud of Hawai'i.

Let us continue to increase livability and resilience in the built environment through planning and implementation.

I support the underpass walkway to the Kihei / South Maui High School.
