Aloha,

Please find attached our testimony on A11 794

Mahalo

Mike Moran for KCA
June 17, 2020

To: The Honorable David Y. Ige  
    Governor of Hawaii

Thru: Mike McCartney, Director  
      Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism

Thru: Craig Hirai, Director of Finance  
      Department of Budget and Finance

From: Daniel E. Orodenker, Executive Officer  
      Land Use Commission

Subject: Request to Fill Civil Service Position per Executive Memorandum No. 20-01

This position was recently re-described from a Planner IV (Position No. 122545) to a Program Specialist III.

1. Position Title, Position No., SR:
   Program Specialist, Position No. 122545, SR20

2. Description of Functions and Responsibilities:
   Program Specialist, Position No. 122545:

   The subject position independently carries out necessary work activities to support operations of the LUC. This includes managing budget and expenses, procurement and inventory; personnel; website, correspondence and document-handling; and administrative support for the Executive Officer and Chief Clerk (60%).

   The LUC Program Specialist III is tasked with ensuring departmental fiscal goals are met through the development of a budget program that monitors budget and expense items including travel requests and reimbursements, reports inadequacies, implements measures for accuracy and timeliness, allows for reports in preparation for forecasts, future budgets and allowance adjustments.
To: Land Use Commission
From: Kihei Community Association
Date: November 2, 2020
Re: 11/4/20 Agenda Item IV

Commissioners: During last week’s zoom meeting between representatives from LUC, KCA, DOT and DOE, we understood that the LUC may pull this item (marked if necessary) off the November 4th agenda. KCA has no objection to the item being removed at this time.

With little time between that meeting and now, there currently is no agreement or concession from the community regarding the grade-separated crossing. We would like to have the opportunity to continue to work with the key players on a possible solution. It is certain that the community will not be making any concession until there is a confirmed funding source for the agreed upon roundabout.

As we see it, if the GSPC condition were to be waived and roundabout funding not available, the high school entrance could revert to a standard, hazardous intersection with no underpass /gspc. That would completely undermine all efforts of LUC and the community for a safe route to school, reverting back to 2013 when there were no safety concerns offered for any and all modes of transportation at the intersection.

We are reminded of the site visit by the LUC in June of 2018, when all were gathered on the mauka shoulder of Pi’ilani Hwy just imaging trying to safely get across those 4 lanes of speeding traffic. Kids are less likely to wait for green lights or wait for a red light runner to clear the intersection before stepping out. It’s just not safe for anyone. Time and time again our community and the commission has found this totally unacceptable.

The DOE has had seven years to factor the over/underpass condition into their plans, budget and timeline. It’s time for them to act on it.

Respectfully submitted by
Mike Moran, President,
Kihei Community Association (KCA)
I strongly believe that we do not need an overpass for the students to cross Piilani Highway. I live in the neighborhood across from the school sight and we have a huge wonderful gulch that crosses under the highway (actually 2 gulches). YES, maybe twice a year it gets water, and of course there will be a time when it’s really full of rain water and dangerous to be in....BUT that will be the only times students will be crossing the highway. If it’s raining that hard to collect water, kids will most likely be driven to school not walking to school.

My children went to Kihei Charter when it was located in the Kihei Commercial Center. They crossed under the Piilani highway via a large storm drainage pipe. If it was crazy rain. I drove them, or they got a ride with other students.

Let this high school be built. Agree to NO OVERPASS.
Let’s move forward and maybe someday when I have grandchildren, they might be able to attend a Kihei High School.

Added note;
Absolutely NO, to naming the high school Patsy Mink. That’s a name for an Elementary School. Not a high school. Our teams do not need to be called the Kihei Patsys. That’s just wrong.

Mahalo for your time
Libby and Terry Fulton
Alulike street
Kihei, Maui
Aloha Commissioners: Regarding the LUC condition imposed 7 years ago providing for an over/underpass to the high school in Kihei, I am in full support of maintaining this condition as a safe route to school. The DOE has had 7 years to plan and budget for this condition. Their attempts to ignore it and hope it will go away does nothing to change the reason it was imposed. It is necessary for the safety of our children trying to cross a high volume 4 lane highway to get to school. The roundabout to be built at Kulanihakoi and Pi'ilani Hwy does not replace this need nor should it be an either/or situation. Roundabouts have been determined by many federal safety studies to be the safest choice for busy intersections and is becoming the standard for highway safety. It should have been the go-to design from the beginning. The under/overpass was recognized as necessary as it is an area serving many neighborhoods on the opposite side of the highway from the school and will be used by students choosing not to walk the extra quarter mile to get to the roundabout intersection. This will also serve students going to the Kihei Charter School and the growing community in the R&T Park. This condition should not be removed without further discussion between the DOE, DOT and the community as to how to resolve this important safety requirement and open the school as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration,
Patricia Stillwell
227 Kamakoi Loop, Kihei
Aloha LUC Chair & Board,

Please accept this email as testimony in support of Kihei Community Association's position regarding the amendment alter the LUC's requirement for Pedestrian Separated Crossing. In solidarity with the community, I support deferring this item.

Mahalo,
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