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Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 1:11 PM

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Cc: Derrickson, Scott A <scott.a.derrickson@hawaii.gov>

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Kihei High School A11-791 (8/25/91 LUC Meeting)

FYI ...Public Testimony to post to website

From: Michele White <michelewhite@twc.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 9:00 AM

To: DBEDT LUC <dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov>

Cc: 'michelewhite@twc.com' <michelewhite@twc.com>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei High School A11-791 (8/25/91 LUC Meeting)

Dear Land Use Commission Members:

Please hold the DOE to its prior commitment to build either an overpass or underpass for high school students to cross the extremely busy and hazardous Piilani Highway in Kihei.

Motorists in this particular stretch of the Piilani Highway ignore speed limit postings, are often distracted and are basically discourteous drivers. I know firsthand as I live in South Kihei and drive this stretch of highway at least twice a day. Cars zip in and out of the lanes, tailgate, and drive 20-30 miles above the posted speed limits. Watch out or they will run you off the road.

Please ensure that our high school students are kept safe as they travel to and from their new Kihei High School. Our students should not need to suffer injury or an untimely death while trying to cross this treacherous portion of highway while trying to get to school. Please, please put the safety the students first and do not cave into the poor planning decisions made by DOE. KEEP our students away from motor vehicles.

Mahalo nui loa.

Michele Muir White R(S), ABR, SFR RS-71240

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Hakoda, Riley K

From: J T <1020wanderer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 4:20 AM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please reconsider safe passage for high school students

I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges, to save the lives of children who will be attending Kihei High School. Children and main highway traffic do not mix. Please reconsider the walkways in the gulleys. The weather threats can be managed.

Respectfully yours,

Jean Twombly
Kihei resident

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Zoha Khan <zohakhan02@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 8:17 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bridge/Underpass

I support the Walkway under the Piilani bridges to save the lives of children.

Thanks!

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: gpv8564 <gpv8564@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021, 10:22 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I strongly support the walkway under the Piilani bridge to save the lives of so many children. Pls reconsider. This walkway. Is imperative to these students.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

Hakoda, Riley K

From: gpv8564 <gpv8564@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 10:20 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support the underpass to be built under the Piilani bridge to save the lives of so many children. Please reconsider.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Lalita Bajpai <labajpai@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 9:47 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Piilani Bridge

I support the walkway under the Piilani Bridges, to save the life's of children Thank you Lalita Bajpai

Sent from my iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Chrystal Griffith <chrystalgriffith169@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 9:35 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bridge

I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges to save the lives of children.

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Mong Skillman <mongskillman@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 9:28 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Walkway Under Piilani Bridges

I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges, to save the lives of children.

Best,
Mong Skillman

Hakoda, Riley K

From: David Whitney <dave@ecosoldesigns.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 9:14 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Piilani Bridges

I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges, to save the lives of children

David H. Whitney, P.E.
Phone: 802-598-6297
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Hakoda, Riley K

From: Julie Yim <julie.kr.yim@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 9:08 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support building underpass bridge

Please build the underpass bridge so kids don't get hurt. Thank you! Julie Yim

Sent from my iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Ethindra Ramamurthy <ethindra@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 8:55 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Piilani Bridges

Hi,

Saw the Youtube video on this.

I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges, to save the lives of children.

Thanks

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Ethindra

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Patricia Weber <patricia.weber415@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 8:54 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bridge

I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges, to save the lives of children.

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Andrew Fumento <andrewfumento@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 8:50 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Build the Bridge! Failure to do so will lead to lost tourism dollars...

I support the walkway under the Pilani Bridges to keep children from being hurt or even killed.

Make the "investment" and save \$500,000 per injured child and \$2.5 million per killed child.

I might write my next pro bono PSA campaign about your negligence, which would lead to lost tourism dollars for you.

Thank you for doing the right thing.

Andrew
andrewfumento.com

Author of more pro bono PSA campaigns than any individual -- including 10 holiday-themed.

P.S. Please let me know of your progress. Thank you.
andrewfumento.com

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Lila Sherman <lilaonmaui@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 8:45 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Piilani Highway underpass!

DONT PLAY WITH OUR YOUNG STUDENT'S LIVES!!!!!!!

have an underpass to SAFELY walk to school.

I support the walkway, under the Piilani bridges, to

SAVE THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN!

Don't wait for someone to die before you realize you've made a terrible mistake!

It is imperative that our high school students

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Meenakshi Mendiratta <meenakshi1971@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 8:43 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pilani bridges

I support the walkway under the Pilani bridges to save the lives of children

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Natalie Mikkelsen <nataliemikkelsen@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 8:15 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Piilani Bridges

To whomever it may concern,

I believe the Piilani bridges are not, in any way, safe for any human or living creature to cross. An underpass needs to be built, and built quickly, before you have a more serious issue at hand than a petition for a bridge. If you would rather have the death of a child on your conscious and the wrath of your community after an incident like that, then don't build an underpass because that's the only reason not to. There is no excuse to not construct a safe pathway for these students to safely get to school and back each day. I am not a member of your community, but I wish them luck. Please reconsider the underpass. Have you ever crossed it yourself? Maybe give that a try and then see how you feel about what your community is trying to fight for. This is a life or death decision, and for children for crying out loud.

Hakoda, Riley K

From: June Resh <reshjune@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 8:13 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support

I support the walkway under the Paialani bridge to save the Childrens lives.

Sent from my iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Stefanie Orro <stefanieorro49@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 8:14 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Walkway Saving Lives

I support the walkways under the Piilani bridges to save lives of children!
Thank you,
Stefanie Papke-Orro
Sent from my iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Lisagaye Tomlinson <lisagayep@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 8:14 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Build the walkway please!

Hello-

I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges in order to save children's' lives.

Thank you,

Lisagaye Tomlinson

Los Angeles, CA

Sent from my iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: R Eunice Encinas Negrette <euniceencinas@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 8:13 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I

I SUPPORT THE WALKWAY UNDER THE PIILANI BRIDGES, TO SAVES THE LIVES OF CHILDREN. And you should too!

Sent from my iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: liz graef <lizgraef@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 7:27 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] LIVES MATTER!

I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges, to save the lives of our youth.

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Dylan Ramos <dylanpk.amos@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 8:10 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Piilani underpass

Aloha,

I support construction of a proper walkway under the Piilani bridges, to save the lives of students and other pedestrians.

Thank you,
Dylan Ramos
Honolulu, HI

Hakoda, Riley K

From: H. nadene Hinton <h.nadenehinton@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 8:09 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I Support the Walkways!

To whom it may concern,

I support the walkway under the Piilani
Bridges, in order to keep the Students SAFE and to save Their Lives!

H. Nadene Hinton

Hakoda, Riley K

From: lunalux82@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 8:04 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Save the kids!

I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges, to save the lives of children.

Sent from my iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Shay Presents <shaypresents@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 8:03 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Underpass at the Pilani Bridge

Please build a underpass for the children and all other pedestrians. Avoid future fatalities and later apologies, lawsuits and ruined lives by preventing accidents.

Think now! Think ahead! What if it was YOUR CHILD killed by a oncoming vehicle?. Your CHILDREN? Be smart and ahead of the problem. It's worth every nail and penny.

You know it.

Don't be a selfish corporate asshat.

Hakoda, Riley K

From: V <frogdoginparadise@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 7:56 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Money spent to save kids lives is money well spent!

OMG, build some sort of walkway or bridge!! I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges, to save the lives of children.

Ask the community to help - labor or love.

Sincerely, Vanya de Jung
Kaimuki resident, island of Oahu.

Hakoda, Riley K

From: christopher morgan <morgacj2004@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 7:56 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Very important

"I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges, to save the lives of children."

Sent from my iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: micha d <dragomicha@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 7:49 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't let our kids die

I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges, to save the lives of children.

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Sean McGrath <seatacolypaint@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 7:46 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] A walkway for the kids

Hello,

I support the walkway under the Piilani Bridges!

Do something, put up a crowd fund, go fund me if the city doesn't have the funds. I bet people across the nation will pitch in. Even a wooden structure across the gulley will suffice if it gets an engineer stamp of approval, do it.

It doesn't have to be a 350k \$ walkway. You could get a stamp and build one for 30-50k I bet.

Is 50k\$ worth more than the lives of children. No it's not and if you're in a position to get these walkways built and do nothing I hope you can't sleep at night when the next group of kids dies due to your inaction.

Figure it out, karma is a B as they say.

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Sean McGrath

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Hakoda, Riley K

From: Shweta Gaitonde <shweta.gaitonde@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 7:43 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support walkway under Piilani bridges to save lives of children. Thanks.

I support walkway under Piilani bridges to save lives of children. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Bethy Cook <bbwhuni1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 7:42 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bridge

Save the lives of children !!!! Are you kidding me ???? You adults on the board go walk that little walkway and see how you like it

Screw you people for not taking this issue serious!!!

Sent from my iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Edgerton Juliette <julietteedge@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 7:36 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] The Walkway below Piilani Bridge

I support the walkway below the Piilani Bridge to make it so much safer for the children.

Sincerely, Juliette Edgerton

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Charmaine Ginsberg <charmymycharmzz7194@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 7:36 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Maui Piilani bridges walkway

I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges, to save the lives of children.

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Samantha Bowe <ss30@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 7:33 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges, to save the lives of children.

I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges, to save the lives of children.

Samantha Bowe

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Lemondrop Roots <kcereal24@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 7:31 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Lives are at Stake here!

I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges, to save the lives of children

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Beverly Field <bevandkitty@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 7:31 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Piilani Bridges

I support the walkway under Piilani bridges to save the lives of children.

Sent from my iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Lisa Walker <txsweetie7751544@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 7:27 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WALKWAY

I SUPPORT THE WALKWAY UNDER THE PIILANI BRIDGES, TO SAVE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN!

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Mary <bananatree3mn@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 7:27 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Walkway under Bridges

I fully support the walkway under the Piilani bridges to save the lives of children and prevent injuries as well as fatalities.
Please keep them safe!

Mary Pham

Sent from my iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Erik Fleming <leoroar1969@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 7:21 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Piilani Bridges

I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges, to save the lives of children.

Erik Fleming

Hakoda, Riley K

From: ShadowChaser000 <hallie.elisabeth.uczen@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 7:18 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Walkway Support!

To Whom It May Concern,

I support the walkway under Piilani bridges, to save the lives of children.

Sincerely,
Hallie Uczen

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Hallie Uczen

*UNCC Freshman
St. Luke Parishioner
Independence High School Senior*

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Derek Takegami <dtakegami@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 7:18 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges to save the lives of children

Mahalo,
Derek Takegami

Hakoda, Riley K

From: prinh prinh <prinhprinh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 7:17 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Build the Underpass!!

I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges, to save the lives of children.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: leeannflowers <leeannflowers@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 7:13 PM
To: DBEDT LUC

I support a walkway under the bridge. At the very least, a suitable barrier! (Concrete) How is it that no one from DOT or DOE is courageous enough to even meet with concerned citizens for a debate? Lives are at stake! CHILDREN'S LIVES!!!

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Laura Garcia <lop_304@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 7:08 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Piilani bridges

I support the walkway under piilani bridges save the lives

Sent from my iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Korynne H <kory.headley@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 6:55 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] under bridge walkway

I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges, to save the lives of children.

thank you,
Korynne Headley

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Ronda Helene <ronda_helene@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 6:45 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] "I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges, to save the lives of children."

Thank you, Ronda Helene
Sent from my iPad

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Janine Masaki <janinemasaki@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 21, 2021 9:56 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Walk path under Piilani Hwy for Kihei High School

I support a walk path under the highway for the new Kihei High School, to save the lives of our Keiki.

Please. This should be a non-negotiable issue.

Sincerely,
Janine Masaki
Maui Meadows

Sent from my iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Julie Ferenci <julieferenci@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 21, 2021 8:57 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges, to save the lives of children who will be attending Kihei High School.

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Tobie Romkee <tobiemicah@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 21, 2021 7:52 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei High School Crossing

To whom it may concern:

I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges, to save the lives of our communities children. The highway is far too dangerous to allow minors to walk along a narrow sideline of highway, as cars speed by with speeds up to 70 miles a hour. Please do whats right for our community. We are counting on you, do your due diligence. Go check out the site, walk along the highway see exactly how safe you feel. Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,

Tobie Romkee

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
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Hakoda, Riley K

From: Debbie Beaver <grandmadebbiebeaver@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 21, 2021 7:51 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kids on highway

Open your eyes people..this us a catastrophe waiting in the wings..
Kids should not be allowed to walk on highway.need to cross PiilaniHighway and go thru the street (thats not a street yet) and gobeither North or South and if North cross at Ohukai...
Walking on a highway with crazy drivers not paying attention NO WAY!!!
I have 5 grandkids ..I care
Debbie Beaver

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Karen Mocarski <karenlynnekrim@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 21, 2021 6:36 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Underpass at new Kihei High school

I support the underpass!! I was hit and seriously injured at a pedestrian crossing. My dog was killed. Depending on aware drivers to navigate a roundabout, while hundreds of students are crossing is too risky. You are asking for fatalities!

Sent from my iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: adele rugg <adeleonmaui@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 21, 2021 5:47 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] KiheiHighSchool

Aloha ..

please LISTEN to those of us who live in Kihei ..

**PLEASE PUT WALKWAYS
UNDER THE PI`ILANI HIGHWAY
BRIDGES FOR THE STUDENTS
OF KIHAI HIGH SCHOOL .. SO
THAT THEY HAVE A SAFE
PASSAGE TO GET TO SCHOOL
AND TO GET HOME ..**

mahalo nui loa ..

adele rugg

full-time .. year-round resident of Kihei

Hakoda, Riley K

From: jlpaney@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, August 21, 2021 5:05 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei High School

I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges, to save the lives of children who will be attending Kihei High School.

Do the right thing!!!! The highway is dangerous enough already!!!

Jan Paney
70 Kunihi Lane
Kahului, HI 96732

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Troy Hertzog <troy.hertzog@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 21, 2021 4:49 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Piilani bridge

To whom it may concern,

I support the walkway under the Piilani bridges, to save the lives of children who will be attending Kihei High School. Thank you for your consideration.

Troy Hertzog

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Madolin Wells <wellsmadolin@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 21, 2021 2:39 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please deny DOE's petition for grade-level school crossing

Aloha Land Use Commission,

I'm testifying to urge the Commission to deny DOE's petition to change the above- or below-grade requirement for students to cross Pi'ilani Highway to the new high school. I live off KalaniHakoi in the subdivision directly across the highway from the new school. Although this subdivision is in a sheltered enclosure, the highway noise sounds like we are living just below a major freeway. Driving from South Kihei to make my left turnoff onto KalaniHakoi, I'm stuck there sometimes for many minutes in the turn lane while the ongoing traffic whips past at terrifying speeds. My car is heavy and built close to the ground. Even so, it gets jostled alarmingly in the high winds caused in large part by vehicles racing 20+ miles above the speed limit, most in the left lane between 50 and 65 but plenty at 70 and above. Until I can get safely wedged into the left turn section, other cars ride up my bumper, pressuring me to speed up too. All it would take is a split-second attention lapse of an oncoming car for me to get knocked across the road and cause a multiple wreck in both directions. But I'd be inside my car. Imagine what it could do to a child on foot or skateboard? Or 3 or 4 adolescents walking abreast? They are under pressure to get to class on time. Or practice. Or rehearsal. Or meetings. When 2 minutes can make the difference in a lowered grade or some form of demerit, it's easy to see how some students under duress might be tempted to run across against a stoplight.

A walkway under the Waipuilani and KalaniHakoi Bridges would provide access mauka and makai to high school students and charter school students up the hill on Lipoa. Engineering information and responses to concerns about homeless encampment in the gulch and possible flooding have both been clearly addressed by Buck Joiner and others who have examined the situation in detail. Neither is an actual problem. By contrast, building an overpass would be challenging, hugely expensive, dangerous, a problem for ADA access, and unnecessary. A natural walkway under the bridge exists that some keiki already use in its unfinished rough state. Even so, it's much safer than walking along the highway where it's narrowed at the bridges.

This is a very dangerous stretch of road. Despite police issuing tickets up and down the highway, cars speed and traffic is heavy. A grade-level crossing would inevitably translate to sacrificed keiki lives. In the face of that inevitability, how important is it to persist in pressing for grade-level pedestrian crossing? What could possibly be justify doing so? Community members have provided ample evidence with photos and maps of precisely how the below-grade walkway would work, at a cost of almost nothing, and be completed in a few weeks. What's not to like about this solution?

Community members do not understand why DOE persists in these repeated efforts to subvert what is legally required and what is clearly the will of the people. I have seen no argument advanced for why DOE would even want to set aside the requirement for safe passage.

I urge the LUC to deny DOE's request and to stipulate that no future requests will be entertained, period. It's been a hard couple of years for students kept out of the classroom and off the playing fields during the pandemic. Let the Keiki get across safely and get back to school without further unnecessary delay!

Mahalo for your consideration,

Madolin Wells

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Peter Tourin <peter.tourin@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 21, 2021 5:15 AM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei High School - advocating for gulch underpasses

To whom it concerns:

I live a short block from the proposed roundabout at the entrance to the Kihei High School. I have watched the recent construction work with interest. I am writing to support the use of the gulches and a walkway under the bridges for student access to the Kihei high school. Walking across the bridges on the highway is incredibly dangerous and having most students cross at grade will impede traffic flow to a great extent.

Thank you for your attention –

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From: Rob Weltman <robw@worldspot.com>
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 11:37 AM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on A11-794 STATE OF HAWAII, DEPT. OF EDUCATION – (Kihei High School) (Maui)

Please do not remove the requirement for a grade-separated crossing before the opening of the new Kihei High School. Safety for the students has to be the highest concern. Having them cross the highway will result in kids running across and potentially being injured or killed. Our Vision Zero goal is to eliminate traffic injuries and fatalities. Grade-separated crossings contribute to the goal. Mixing kids and highway traffic makes the goal unreachable.

There is an appropriate underpass at the Waipuilani Gulch that can be improved with a raised walkway to completely insulate the students from highway traffic.

Would we really celebrate National Pedestrian Safety Month by removing the requirement for safe pedestrian access to school?

Me ke aloha,
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