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Hakoda, Riley K

From: Valerie Mike <mvmaui28@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 6, 2021 8:32 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei High School

When looking at the "whole picture" for the transportation issue of the new Kihei High School, our first thoughts, and priority, is for safety. Having either an overpass or underpass to cross Pi'ilani Highway is the safest passage for the students.

Our understanding is that the DOE is now petitioning to remove this requirement. They have proposed an "at grade crossing," specifically installation of a roundabout.

We strongly request the LUC uphold the original approval conditions and require a pedestrian overpass or underpass.

As full time residents living in close proximity of the single roundabout on Pi'ikea in Kihei, we can personally attest that there is often a huge back-up at the roundabout at school arrival and dismissal times. Also, it's obvious that countless people do not understand how, or when, to correctly merge into the single roundabout. Now add the double roundabout on South Maui's **main road**, high school students (some of whom are new drivers), thousands of tourists that are possibly unfamiliar with roundabouts, school buses, trucks, and emergency vehicles, and we have a recipe for additional problems.

Has anyone asked local people that will be **directly impacted** and who use Pi'ilani Hwy on a daily basis, such as working residents, police personnel, fire fighters, ambulance drivers, truck drivers, etc. how they think a double roundabout on Pi'ilani Hwy will work??????

Having direct experience with an increase in traffic resulting from the Kihei Charter School at the top of Lipoa Street (as one example of continued development that has a direct impact on traffic patterns without ample infrastructure), there is no question that an "at grade crossing" a few blocks up the road will only add to the challenging traffic issues.

Please consider the big picture of what the safest solution would be. Obviously it is where pedestrians need not interact with the vehicles at all. Whether it's a crosswalk with a stop light, or the riskier roundabout approach, there is a greater risk to pedestrians **crossing** Pi'ilani Hwy than with an overpass or underpass.

It is our sincere hope that the LUC will prioritize the safety of the students, as well as consider the negative traffic impacts, and hold fast on the requirement for an overpass or underpass.

Let's be proactive and do it right for the sake of the students' safety and for our Kihei, Wailea and Makena communities.

Sincerely,
Valerie and Mike Gobel
Kihei

Hakoda, Riley K

From: stationaloha (null) <stationaloha@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, September 6, 2021 10:53 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ref: 2020 A11-794 Kihei HS: NO WAIVER!!

Aloha!

NO WAIVER should be granted!!

Do the right thing to keep our keiki as safe as possible. Be Pono!!

This should be an easy decision.

Mahalo,

Tom Almeida

Sent from my iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: David Schiesser <dgschiesser@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 9:08 AM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] High School Crossing

Good Morning,

My name is David Schiesser. I live in Wailea. My concerns are straight forward and rather simple. The implementation, however, could be expensive. My issues are:

1. Safety for our students. IF we end up with neither a tunnel or bridge, the price of the crossing across the highway will be measured in students injured or killed trying to negotiate the traffic.
2. Any solution must take into consideration the ADA. All students must be able to safely use.
3. Upon researching cost tunnels/bridges cost \$500,00-4 million. I believe that is a small investment to assure student safety.
4. ANY decision must place the crossing in an easily and naturally accessible location. If a beautiful crossing is too far from a natural pathway, NO ONE will use.
5. Tunnel vs bridge: again, the ADA comes into play. Probably a bridge would cost more to design an accessible ramp. A bridge should have safeguards preventing its use for suicide. Tunnel may require higher maintenance costs. Concern for flash floods is a negative for a tunnel

Doing nothing will cost lives.

Mahalo
David Schiesser
808-757-8596
3950 Kalai Waa Street
Wailea

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Jennifer Karkar Ritchie <Jennifer@revolutionpr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 9:39 AM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] High school underpass

This is an email to request that the requirement for an overpass or underpass be maintained for the high school.

Jennifer Karkar Ritchie, CEO

Quinones, Natasha A

From: Hakoda, Riley K
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 4:22 PM
To: Quinones, Natasha A
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] kiheiRoundabout.docx
Attachments: kiheiRoundabout.docx

From: Linda Harrel <jamnolives@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 9:26 AM
To: DBEDT LUC <dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] kiheiRoundabout.docx

Re Agenda Item #5
Respectfully submitted by John and Linda Harrel
123 Kai Ani Lane
Kihei, Maui
Hawaii

Sent from my iPhone- 661-670-0515

Remarks submitted for consideration regarding the proposed roundabout on the Piilani highway near the newly construction high school.

1. Roundabouts should be carefully considered when located in a high volume ,high speed, high pedestrian location. This is especially true when large numbers of children are expected to use the crossing. AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) notes that two lane roundabouts do not routinely achieve the same speed reduction goals as single lane roundabouts and most importantly “Pedestrians crossing double lane roundabouts are exposed for a longer period of time and to faster vehicles. They can also be obscured from, or not see, approaching vehicles in adjacent lanes if vehicles in the closest lanes yield to them. Children, wheelchair users and visibly impaired pedestrians face particular risks. Bicycles are also more exposed to severe conflict when choosing to circulate with motor vehicles.” (AASHTO brochure on roundabouts). Predictably some student or teachers from the school will be wheelchair users. Forcing them to use the pedestrian crossings at the roundabout will be a challenge for them considering the potential for sight obstruction and vehicle speeds using the roundabouts must be studied as it may raise additional issues under the Americans with the ADA (American with Disabilities Act)
2. Breach of Duty of Care in Negligence Cause of Action will Expose each of the Public Entities constructing this roundabout to liability in dangerous condition of public property.

The State, County and City owe a ‘duty of care’ to the travelling public and more specifically to the students who will be forced to cross a busy, high volume, high speed highway in order to access the school. If the design of this proposed roundabout is shown to be ‘unreasonable under the circumstances considering that intended users will be children’, then it will be tantamount to a finding of ‘negligence’; a breach of the entities’ duty of care. As such the entities will be jointly liable for all damages and injuries arising from an accident caused by the unreasonable design of the roundabout. Just one successfully lawsuit for wrongful death or

traumatic injury will more than cover the cost of a pedestrian overcrossing and should be considered.

3. Environmental Impacts Must be Considered.

The roundabout will undoubtedly slow highway speeds, however since the roundabout is the primary access /egress route for hundreds of students it will more than reduce highway speeds; it will result in the total stoppage of traffic in both directions as hundreds of students cross the highway each morning on their way to school and again each afternoon as they cross the highway again making their way home. This will predictably stop highway traffic in both directions for a significant period of time; during which vehicles will sit idling, polluting the air as well as producing increased noise levels.

Additionally, and even most importantly this predictable obstruction will hinder emergency responders along the sole highway serving Kihei, Wailea and Makenna. Ambulances and fire fighters will have to use South Kihei when responding in the mornings and afternoons, Monday through Friday. The obstruction will also exist during school football and baseball games, graduation ceremonies and other social events held on the school grounds. This impact alone will significantly endanger lives and property on all of South Maui and is reason alone for choosing a different design.

These impacts must be considered under the State Environmental requirements and if Federal Highway funds are being used for the project, then these impacts must be studied in NEPA (National Environmental Process Act) and mitigation must be provided.



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LOCAL 142

Land Use Commission
Virtual Webinar Meeting
Wednesday, September 8-9, 2021; 9:00 a.m.

STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON A11-794 KIHEI HIGH SCHOOL

The ILWU Local 142 understands and recognizes the concerns from parents, children, and community members regarding the need for an overpass and/or underpass to help ensure the safety of children and parents crossing the street and to help alleviate potential vehicle traffic that could develop.

We know this is important and it is important to some of our members that live in the community and surrounding neighborhoods, and we hope the County of Maui will address this issue in the near future. It is our belief the authority for this issue resides with the County of Maui and we ask the Land Use Commission (LUC) to send this important matter to the County so they can address the needs of the school and the community as soon as they can.

The County best understands the needs of the community and it should be the County to decide this important matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely Donna Domingo
President

Quinones, Natasha A

From: DBEDT LUC
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 1:27 PM
To: Quinones, Natasha A
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] A11-794 KIHEI HS- DOE/DOT MOTION RE: TRAFFIC INFRASTRUCTURE

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From: KW <kfvonbeck@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 3:00 PM
To: DBEDT LUC <dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] A11-794 KIHEI HS- DOE/DOT MOTION RE: TRAFFIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Regarding the modification on the traffic infrastructure condition at the Kihei High School, I support the Department of Education's proposal to review a grade separated crossing AFTER further traffic studies come on line after the opening of the school when true student population studies are available. This allows the school to open, the rotary finished, and a grade separated crossing evaluated as to whether that is required in the future.

We all hear "follow the science" so I suggest that this project conducts further studies after years 1 2 and 3 of the school opening and allow the first year to evaluate the success of the rotary solution.

I believe that infrastructure should be built as studies warrant not just because it seems like a good think to do. That is like building fire stations before anyone lives in an area.

I went to UC Davis School of Medicine where there is an underground passage and while it worked, there were many times I decided not to go through due to safety especially after it go dark out. The underground solution seems highly problematic from personal experience and climbing up an overpass is also highly unlikely.

I have been in cities with double roundabouts and they work well in multiple situations.

Kurt Wollenhaupt
PO Box 1407
Wailuku, HI 96793

Quinones, Natasha A

From: DBEDT LUC
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 1:30 PM
To: Quinones, Natasha A
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Dear Sirs, I am very concerned about the overpass for the new high school. It is of most importance that we protect our students. Asking them to walk along the highway over a bridge or to stop traffic on a busy highway is totally unrealistic

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From: Peggy Francis <pjsbasket@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 5:20 PM
To: DBEDT LUC <dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Dear Sirs, I am very concerned about the overpass for the new high school. It is of most importance that we protect our students. Asking them to walk along the highway over a bridge or to stop traffic on a busy highway is totally unrealistic...

Quinones, Natasha A

From: DBEDT LUC
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 1:57 PM
To: Quinones, Natasha A
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Re Kihei High under/overpass

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From: stacey krenelka <skrenelka@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 1:10 PM
To: DBEDT LUC <dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re Kihei High under/overpass

Aloha, I am in favor of either an underpass or an overpass, but definitely NOT a crosswalk spanning the highway! Very dangerous.

Thank you,
Stacey Krenelka
Kihei

Quinones, Natasha A

From: Hakoda, Riley K
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 5:02 AM
To: Quinones, Natasha A
Subject: Fwd: the LUC meeting on the 27th

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From: Mary Trotto <Mary.Trotto@liu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 11:40:11 PM
To: Hakoda, Riley K <riley.k.hakoda@hawaii.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] the LUC meeting on the 27th

Question: Why is the DOE being so reckless and irresponsible when the safety of our children are concerned?

The DOE knew from the get go that the building of a High School across the main 4 line highway in Kihei would be a logistical nightmare First of all there are no sidewalks along Pi'ilani Highway This statement alone made the construction of a high school in the current area a major safety concern for the safe passage of our children. To make matters worse, there are no sidewalks along any of the adjacent areas to the high school. For the most part asking children to walk to and from school along the shoulder of the roads and highway will be very dangerous. To compound the issue is the fact that the shoulders along both Pi'ilani Highway and the adjacent roads leading to and from the new high school are very narrow and in some cases almost non existing. The DOE could have come up with a plan to provide safe passage for our children from the beginning of the construction. They did not. Alternate plans could include: 1. the DOE changing the busing rules and require all high school students be bused to and from the school to safe drop offs on the makai side of Pi'ilani Highway. 2. Providing safe passage for the students and their families to transverse the school via the underpass via the gulch could be easily designed and implemented. The DOE could have easily done a study to know that there is very little rainfall in Kihei. The last time there was a major rain event that would have made the gulches impassable to safe travel was in 1980 over 40 years ago. The storm at that time was so significant that schools throughout Maui County were closed. A storm such as that which took place in 1980 caused massive electrical outages which made it impossible for schools to be open. Additionally, secondary roads throughout Kihei and Maui County were not passable due to water inundation. Should such a storm happen again, one would expect that schools would be closed throughout Maui County. Using a gulch or even walking on the streets would certainly not be possible during such a storm. On the other hand that was 41 years ago. KCA and others have submitted workable designs to separate the safe passage of the students from the gulch Such plans and designs included details as to structure and cost. The DOE chose to ignore all such

ideas. 3. Almost all students who will be attending the new High School live Makai of the school and the Highway in addition there is a significant lack of sidewalks throughout Kihei. For example from the new high school, much of South Kihei Road does not have continuous sidewalks until you reach south of Lipoa.

Many of the intersecting roads going ocean to mountain in Kihei also do not have continuous sidewalks. Bike paths along all of these roads are also not continuous and often disappear as the roads narrow with almost no existing shoulders to separate the walker/biker from the traffic on the road. Why then did the DOE decide to build the high school Mauka of a 4 lane highway, knowing all of this information? This is the question the KCA has asked from the very beginning of this project. Now the high school is being built and the DOE continues to refuse to make any proposals that would address the safe passage of our children to and from the school. It is very irresponsible and reckless of the DOE to disregard these issues.

Please hold firm to the concept that any school requires safe passage of the children who will attend that school.

Children are required to walk or ride their bikes to school when the school is close to their homes. That is true when there are sidewalks and bike lanes that will take the children to and from the school safely. Unfortunately, here in Kihei that does not exist. The DOE knew that was a big concern and yet continued to proceed with the development of the high school with no plan to address the safe passage issue.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Please confirm your commitment to requiring the DOE to show how they can provide safe passage for our children.

With warmest aloha,
Dr Mary Trotto
Professor Emeritus
Member of the KCA
Resident of Kihei, Maui

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Sandra brissette <sandra_brisette@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 9:59 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Safer walking conditions KIHEI Highschool

I am writing to you to plead that you uphold your original position to make safe walking conditions for Kihei High School children. Either a bridge or underpass is needed to keep the large amounts of children walking to and from school safe. Not all children will be walking. Some will be riding bikes or skateboards. The new plan being considered is not wide enough and will also create a huge traffic jam. If the school was built in a neighborhood it would have been different but this school is next to a busy growing highway. Plans for new nearby neighborhoods and hotels will make it even busier. Please reconsider and make this a safe school. Build a bridge or use under paths.
Thank you for your time in reading this letter

Sandy Brissette
245 Mahie Pl
Kihei, Hawaii

Sandy

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Lani Espinoza <standup.paddler808@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 7:55 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei High School Safety

Aloha,

I am writing in regards to the plans for the Kihei High School. I am very concerned that the DOT and DOE are refusing to consider safer options for students to walk to school. Eight years ago the Land Use Commission required either a below ground or above ground alternative for walking students. The members of the DOT and DOE must walk the route they are suggesting before carrying on with their decisions. Any sane person can see that walking along the Piilani Highway is very dangerous.

I strongly urge you to create safe conditions for our students. This is a community issue and the DOT and DOE have an obligation to serve the community with the highest of integrity and with safety and education being of the utmost importance. Failure to protect our young people is a crime and I am sure parents will hold people in the DOT and DOE accountable for negligence.

I trust you will make the right decision.

Malama Pono,
Lani

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Brian Stolley <docstolley@medispamaui.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 6:49 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei high school

Aloha,

As a physician on Maui and father of two, I always recommend prevention as the best medicine. The current plan for students walking to the Maui HighSchool is risking and will undoubtedly lead to the death of students. I implore you to consider safer walking corridors for the students.

Brian Stolley, MD

Sent from my iPhone: Brian Stolley

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Sarah Hofstadter <skhof@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 4:55 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei High School

Aloha.

My name is Sarah Hofstadter and I am a full time resident of Kihei. I do not have school age children, but I drive past the new Kihei High School site on the Pi'ilani highway multiple times a week.

Expecting high school students to cross a four-lane highway at grade level in order to walk, skateboard, or bike between their homes and school is a recipe for disaster. This would be true even if the highway were used primarily by drivers familiar with the area and the location of the school. In fact, however, that stretch of the Pi'ilani Highway is heavily used by visitors who are not familiar with Hawai'i law regarding crosswalks, do not know the area, and may be unfamiliar with roundabouts such as the one currently planned for the Kulanihakoi/Pi'ilani intersection.

In addition, many (probably most) of the students will be coming from neighborhoods that are not only makai of the highway, but also located either north or south of the gulches that border the school site and run under the highway. In order to travel between their homes and the proposed roundabout, those students would have to travel in the narrow bike lane along the highway and across one of the even narrower viaducts that take the highway over the gulches. Again, this is a recipe for disaster.

The whole problem could be solved by building pedestrian underpasses crossing below the highway at the site of the two gulches. These would allow students to cross under the highway safely. Pedestrian/bike paths parallel to the highway on the mauka side, but separated from the highway, could then take them from the underpasses to the school entrance.

If the underpasses are well lit with solar powered lighting, have security cameras, and are gated at each end and closed off at night, that prevents any problem with their being misused by homeless people or criminals. The gulches flood, but only once or twice a year at most. Gating them would permit them to be temporarily closed off in that event, with extra MPD personnel deployed to protect the students on the viaducts and roundabout crosswalks at those times.

Please do not force South Maui parents to choose between having to drive their teen to and from high school every day (causing even more congestion on the highway and at the roundabout), buying them a car, or risking their lives walking along the highway, across the narrow shoulders of the viaducts, and through the chaos of the roundabout at poorly protected level crossings. Please force the DOT and DOE to honor their original commitment to provide Kihei teens with a safe route to and from school.

Mahalo for your attention to the safety and well-being of our keiki. - Sarah Hofstadter

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Madolin Wells <madolin@fivesenseshealing.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 4:29 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PLEASE HOLD YOUR POSITION, DO NOT CAVE TO DOE/DOT PRESSURE RE KIHEI HS CROSSING!

Dear Commissioners,

DOE and DOT insisting on repeatedly, for a decade refusing to comply with the over- or under-passage for Kihei high school students is a crime and tragedy waiting to happen. It's incredible and disrespectful they won't even deign to visit and try walking on the highway themselves.

Please stipulate that they MUST comply without further delays and that any future attempts to subvert the will of the public, the Planning Commission, families and children, school staff, and concerned citizens and neighbors, will not be tolerated.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Madolin Wells, Kihei

Hakoda, Riley K

From: kstover@maui.net
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 2:49 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei High School

Safety first at new Kihei High school, hold your position for an above or below grade access for walking students. It's a no brainer: besides the apparent danger and loss of life inherent in the current plan, the liability costs of injury/death of just one student due to a potential (and inevitable) auto accident (not to mention any class action lawsuit) would be significantly cost more than correcting the current DOT/DOE insane plan for the safe passage of our children.

Hold the Line.

Ken & Karen Stover
Maui Meadows
808-875-4840

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Judy Grodan <judygrodan@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 1:21 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei High School

Please hold your position before finalized. You are making a huge mistake that will have dire risk for our high schoolers. This new generation of young adults need to survive to make this world a better place with decisions based on caring not ego or money given to 'favorites' of those who hold the purse strings of the county budget.

Judy Jarvie

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Michele <michelewhite@twc.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 9:29 AM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No round about for Kihei High School

Dear LUC,

Overpass or underpass is still the safest solution for our students crossing to access the new Kihei High School.

A round about on a 4 lane heavily travelled highway is not safe. How will students cross safely in between speeding cars? Flashing lights is not the solution.

Piilani Highway in both directions near the new Kihei School is already heavily congested.

Please do what is best for the safety of our students not for the purse strings of the DOE.

A hui hou,

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Hakoda, Riley K

From: Craig Haueisen <Craig.Haueisen@movement.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 9:01 AM
To: DBEDT LUC; Craig Haueisen
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei High School

Aloha,

A roundabout is the worst solution, it will constantly have traffic backed up, not just for the 45 minutes or so each school morning and 45 minutes or so each school afternoon to allow kids to cross, but for the other 180 plus days a year when school is not in session. Not to mention, the other 22.5 hours each school day slowing down traffic for no reason.

Craig

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Hakoda, Riley K

From: JANINE MASAKI <janinemasaki@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 23, 2021 7:39 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Walk Path for Kihei High School

PLEASE (emphasis not yelling) :) Keep the requirement for an above or below grade walk path for the students of our upcoming Kihei High School.

I may tire of tolerating lack of common sense in life, but in developing a safe community and saving lives?! Not a chance.

Please continue to support and mandate this plan. The safety of our Keiki matter.

Thank you,
Janine Linko Masaki
Kihei, Maui

Sent from my iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Annette Schmidt <annettejpschmidt@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 23, 2021 6:01 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hold your position

Your community in Kihei needs you to hold firm to your position to provide safe overpass or underpass for students walking to the new high school in Kihei.

Sent with love and thanks,
Annette Schmidt
74 Laukahi Street
Kihei

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Charle Brissette <cbrissette@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:08 AM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei HS Student Access

Committee Members,

You MUST provide safe access for walking students to get to Kihei High School. Your current proposal of walking parallel to or across Piilani Highway provides for only two outcomes, 1) It puts students at risk of injury or death from highway traffic and, 2) makes for a long, daily traffic jam on Piilani Hwy.

The original Land Use Commission REQUIRED an underpass or overpass for students to safely cross Piilani to get to the High School. The People of Maui agree with that requirement as it is the ONLY way to assure that students can arrive safely at school and traffic flows on Piilani Hwy.

We have heard that there may be monetary issues with building an overpass or an underpass. However there is always a way to find government funds in order to do the right thing. Your responsibility is to the People of the County so get the funds and build the overpass or under pass access to Kihei HS.

Mahalo,
Charlie Brissette

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Arnie Kotler <arnoldkotler@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 9:02 AM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei High School

Dear Friends,

Kihei High School is planned to open Aug. 2022. It is being built mauka of Piilani, a congested four-lane highway. The students live makai side. Students who live north and south of the school property will walk on the highway in a 5 foot lane shared by bicycles and mopeds.

Some students will have to cross either of two bridges at opposite ends of the school property to get across the highway. Both sides of both bridges only have 3 feet of clearance between the speeding traffic and the bridge concrete wall. As I understand it, DOT and DOE demand the walking students must walk between speeding traffic and the concrete wall. What happens when a bicycle, moped, or motorcycle tries to use that same 3 foot space to cross the bridge? Then, 1000 students must cross the busy 4-lane highway at a roundabout with only flashing signals. Because this scenario is so incredibly dangerous many parents will drive their children to the high school, which will add hundreds of additional cars to the morning rush-hour congestion at the roundabout. The same hundreds of cars will create more congestion in the afternoon at the roundabout and traffic in both directions will back up. Eight years ago the Land Use Commission required an above or below grade access for walking students. As I understand it DOT and DOE have refused to comply with that requirement and will probably try to eliminate it again at the LUC meeting October 27. Have any DOE or DOT personnel actually tried to cross the highway they demand the students walk. The only realistic safe solution is to build walkways across the gulches and under the bridges. Otherwise, the congestion at the roundabout will be inordinately long or students will be at risk of being hit.

Thank you for your kokua,
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Hakoda, Riley K

From: Bobbie Green <bobbiegreenmaui@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 12:37 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei high school

I have lived in Kihei for 35 years. I have seen the dangers that exist on Piilani highway. I know one of the people who killed a bike rider on that highway. It was purely by mistake, but because of the nature of Piilani Highway it happened. If accidents do occur involving these high school students the blame will lie solely on the people that designed the system.

Sent from my iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Patti Domingo <pattigirlonmaui@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 6:43 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] High School debacle

As a resident since 1971, I viewed this proposed plan as a huge mess, reminding me of the rail in Oahu. The big difference is that we are dealing with high school students. This plan should speak in columns of SAFETY but instead it screams liability.

I pick up my grand child from the Kihei charter school and there is 1 police officer to assist the students to walk in a diagonal pattern to reach the side with a sidewalk and they come in bikes, and skateboards. At that point all traffic is stopped...Another poor planned idea.

Going forward with this High School plan will put our kids in a disastrous situation as they will only be afforded a 3ft walkway from heavy highway traffic used by trucks, and trailers, and large equipments type vehicles.

Maui plans for Kihei, Wailea, and Makena are growing and this highway will not be able to serve all that new population let alone inadequate roads that exist now. We will have nothing but gridlock every morning and afternoon.

We have 1 roundabout where people STILL don't know how to use the one near Safeway. Proposing one near the school is asinine of an idea especially when trucks pulling trailers are going to use it.

This is one hot mess open to casualties, liabilities, and deaths to our high schoolers and others.

We've waited so long for High school and it's so disappointing that this is the kind of plan this GOVERNMENT can come up with?.

I suggest using stop lights and go back to the drawing board. There is a better way using less money because this highway will eventually be changed to a 6 lane highway. I'm surprised it's not in your 10 year plan.

As a Registered voter since 1971 it's sad to see poor improvements to So. Kihei Rd. Tie. Bad sidewalks with no lighting. Or no new secondary Rd. What happens to that plan? We just have a skeleton dirt road blowing dust in nearby homes.

PLEASE come up with a better plan.
Patti Domingo

Hakoda, Riley K

From: CAROL LEM <clemmaui@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 8:49 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei High School

Please continue to REQUIRE the building of walkways across gullies and under bridges so Kihei High School students do not risk their lives walking in a 3' wide space on a busy highway to get to the school.

The DOT/DOE should be required to bring THEIR children and grandchildren to walk the conditions they propose.

Carol Lem

Kihei

Sent from my iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Patricia Herren <tighepwa@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 8:02 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei High School

As a parent whose children walk across that highway because they go to Kihei Charter School LUC needs to hold their position and build above or below the highway for students to cross safely. It's only a matter of time that there will be an accident with students from KCS and that's even with a police officer helping them. Please make DOE & DOT to make the right decision. Patricia Herren

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Hakoda, Riley K

From: Robin Ventura <robin.ventura.maui@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 5:22 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei High School

Dear Madam or Sir,

I feel that the original state Land Use Commission requirement, requiring an above- or below-grade access for walking students, should be enforced. I don't believe students should cross this BUSY highway with a round about.

Our students are our future - we shouldn't risk their lives with this "experiment". Please demand that the DOT/DOE comply with the original requirements.

Mahalo,
Robin Ventura

Hakoda, Riley K

From: kimberly javier <kajavier@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 5:25 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei High School

Aloha,

I am a concerned local Kihei parent asking for you, the state Land Use Commission, to require an above- or below-grade access for walking students. The DOT/DOE have repeatedly and forcefully refused to comply with that requirement. I have read that they will again try to eliminate this requirement at the LUC meeting Oct. 27. These children deserve to have safe access to and from school. We need to prevent a deadly situation while we have the chance. Please, please hold your position!! 🙏🙏

Mahalo for your support on this matter,

Kimberly Javier

Hakoda, Riley K

From: RN M <murtaman11@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 6:59 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei High School

It would be completely irresponsible of the DOT/DOE to eliminate the requirements for safe walkways across Piilani Highway; do you jobs and keep our Keiki safe!

Richard Murta
Kihei Resident

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Jennifer Rappenecker <jrappenecker@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 7:05 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei high school pedestrian access

Hi

As someone who drives Piilani Highway a minimum of twice a day, Monday through Friday, I want to know that the DOT/DOE have provided for safe passage for students traveling to school on foot.

We have already seen the Kihei charter school's impact of automobile traffic 2x/day, just a few blocks away.

Please build an overpass or underpass as a safe way for students to cross Piilani highway, otherwise we will be adding to the car traffic even more.

The most important reason is to protect the lives of people attending school that are able to walk/bike there.

Mahalo,

Jennifer

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Steve Rappenecker <support@oasishelp.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 7:12 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei High School

The high school is planned to open August 2022. No DOE or DOT people have walked the highway they demand the students walk. The only realistic safe solution is to build walkways across the gullies and under the bridges. Otherwise, students will be killed.

Please honor the original requirement to provide either an above or below grade walking path. Please do not skimp on protecting the most important piece, the students, of the new school.

Mahalo,

Steve Rappenecker
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Hakoda, Riley K

From: Kristy Ford <kristy.ford@mail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 7:57 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei High school

Please continue to support the safer passage of our kids. Crossing a 4 lane highway is not an option that the county should ever agree to. This is not the time to cut corners or go with a cheap solution. Lives... children's lives will be unnecessary at stake! They deserve a secure path either above or below the highway.

Thanks,
Kristy Ford
Sent from iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: Steve Jaquess <sjaquess@juniper.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:32 AM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei High School - do the right thing

Aloha

An above-grade overpass or tunnel under the Pi'ilani Highway are the only solutions that are Pono/Logical/Sensical/What you would choose if you had kids is to build an overpass over the Pi'ilani Highway.

Shame on anyone who wants to allow the kids to walk on the side of the highway.

Do it right.

Steve Jaquess
Kihei, Maui

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Hakoda, Riley K

From: Edwin Barton <haikued@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 1:19 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei High School

The only realistic safe solution is to build walkways across the gullies and under the bridges. Otherwise people will be killed!

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Hakoda, Riley K

From: marliajk@att.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 1:23 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei High School

Land Use Commission Representatives,

As a Kihei resident in the Pi'ilani Villages community, just Makai of the new High School, I am tremendously concerned with the Department of Transportation and Department of Educations refusal to comply with the requirement to build either an above or below-grade walkway for students to transverse from the school across Pi'ilani Highway to the Kihei residential neighbourhoods. While I don't have any kids, I am fearful for those that do and their safety in walking to and from school. While the cost of a pedestrian overpass may be prohibitive, they should pursue building a paved and raised walkway under the nearby highway bridges. This could be done economically and would be significantly more safe than crossing the highway as a large roundabout.

Please hold the DOT/DOE accountable to follow through on the existing LUC requirement.

Regards,

John Marlia
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Hakoda, Riley K

From: Francesca <fcarey529@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 6:57 AM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei high school

Please, please revisit your decision to create underpasses for the students that are coming to Kihei high school! Having them walk on the highway is not an option they need to be safe. Adding additional cars for parents to drive them to school is also not going to be a good solution especially for those students who take after school classes or sports.
Francesca Carey

Sent from my iPhone