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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
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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
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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