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Mr. Daniel Orodener  
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Land Use Commission  
Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism  
State of Hawaii  
P.O. Box 2359  
Honolulu, HI 96804

Re: Kulanihakoi (formerly Kihei) High School  
Kihei, Maui, Hawaii, Maui Tax Map Key (2) 2-2-002:081

Dear Mr. Orodener:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) requests the support of the Land Use Commission as we move forward to open Kulanihakoi High School. If we are allowed to open the school with a temporary Certificate of Occupancy from Maui County, we are ensuring student safety with the following short term commitments in place:

- The construction of the multilane roundabout which changes the traffic pattern of Pi'ilani Highway designed to provide safe and efficient school access for all modes of travel.
  - The roundabout will be operational before the school is open.
  - The roundabout will slow vehicles into the intersection to 20-25 miles per hour (MPH).
  - Raised pedestrian crossing in the right-turn bypass lanes to further slow vehicle and highlight pedestrians in the bypass lanes.
  - Rapid Flashing Beacons will be used to alert drivers of pedestrian crossings.
- The Department is committed to arranging for a Maui Police Department officer or crossing guard at the roundabout crosswalk in the morning and afternoon hours when school is in session until such time as a Grade Separated Pedestrian Crossing (GSPC) is operational, or the County, the Department, and the Department of Transportation (DOT) all agree the service is no longer needed.
- The Department is committed to using two 14 passenger busses and providing bussing/shuttling to and from the school from a satellite location(s) in the morning and afternoon when school is in session until such time as a GSPC is operational, or the County, the Department, and DOT all agree the services are no longer necessary.

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- The Department is committed to providing ongoing communication as the building of the school and the development of the GSPC develops. This will include communication with all related agencies. In addition to regular school communication, the Principal will continue personal ongoing communication with her students' families regarding transportation.

The Department is committed to build an appropriate GSPC at Pi'ilani Highway. We have explored the feasibility of both overpass and underpass options to ensure student and community safety while respecting fiscal responsibility. The Department received its final GSPC alternatives study from its consultant, and the Department and DOT are committed to the construction of a GSPC overpass, located near Kulanihako'i Street. Start of construction will be subject to environmental clearance and funding.

We thank you for your support of this project and look forward to working with you.

Should you have any questions, please contact Edward Ige, Facilities Director, Facilities Development Branch, Office of Facilities and Operations, at (808) 784-5041 or via email at [edward.ige@k12.hi.us](mailto:edward.ige@k12.hi.us).

Sincerely,



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