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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kihei High School over/under pass
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Dear Land-Use Commissioners.

The DOE has been informed 8 times that a grade separated pedestrian access is necessary before the Kihei (Kulanihakoi) High School will be allowed to open. The first was the LUC original requirement stipulated in 2013, followed by three appeals to the LUC, then three times by the Maui Planning Department, and most recently by Maui Mayor Richard Bissen.

According to the Coconut wireless there's a possibility the DOE may approach the LUC once again for some relief from that requirement. It is ridiculous to think they can ask a ninth time and expect a different response.

I head a group of Maui citizens insisting upon a grade separated pedestrian access. Here's a link to our website and the video where I present what we believe to be a reasonable approach to allowing the school to open. It is a temporary walkway underpass that could be built very quickly and cheaply as a temporary, e.g., eight years solution.

[https://urldefense.com/v3/https://kiheihsunderpass.com/#!/LIYSdFfckKA!2VUCHqOK0QwLu_5J3z1wx-X7cOMMR-hlbsNxv9VjTudodLPXNMvevCWuIJaoWC7bczu-hpXe4lj825wPHg\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://kiheihsunderpass.com/#!/LIYSdFfckKA!2VUCHqOK0QwLu_5J3z1wx-X7cOMMR-hlbsNxv9VjTudodLPXNMvevCWuIJaoWC7bczu-hpXe4lj825wPHg$)

There is a potential location for an overpass that would be heavily used, but it will require 6 to 10 years to design, fund, and build. We are working on encouraging that.

Ed Sniffen, former head of DOT highways, opposed both an overpass and an underpass for his entire eight-year tenure. He has been promoted to director of all Hawaii DOT and has been replaced by Robin Shishido. I have had an excellent working relationship with Robin for the past five years. It is my hope that he will assist DOE in resolving this problem.

I urge LUC to hold the line and insist on a grade separated pedestrian access.

Yours truly
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