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Subject: [EXTERNAL] February 9, 2023 Agenda, Item A11-794 State of Hawaii Department of Education
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I submit the following with regard to the above matter set for a status update on February 9, 2023.

I am an 18+ year full time resident of South Maui, a former member of the board of directors of the Kihei Community Association and through South Maui Citizens for Responsible Growth was a party in the contested case known as Pi'ilani Promenade involving 88 acres of land immediately north of the Kihei High School site. I travel Pi'ilani Highway regularly and am well familiar with the above matter.

When the LUC made its Order in this case, it wisely required construction of either an overpass or an underpass prior to the campus opening - to facilitate safe student access to and from the campus given the school's location on the opposite side of Pi'ilani Highway from core south Maui residential neighborhoods. While some significant residential neighborhoods exist to the north of the school on the same side of the highway as the school, there is no safe access for students living there to get to school. Walking south on Pi'ilani Highway is not a safe option. In fact, there is *no safe* pedestrian or bicycle option.

There have been two material and worsening changes of circumstances since your Order was made:

The DOE has openly defied that portion of the Order requiring construction of an overpass or under pass, and

The HDOT has complicated the situation by constructing a first-of-its-kind multi-lane roundabout immediately in front of the school, something that was not before the Commission at the time its Order was made.

Given the latter of these, I urge the Commission to schedule a site visit to observe first hand the situation now facing the community. Preferably the site visit should be schedule at key student commute hours - which unfortunately coincide with key vehicle commute hours, both in the morning and in the afternoon.

Mahalo,

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