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Please see attached testimony. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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To: Land Use Commission

Date: February 9, 2023

Re: LUC Agenda Item # A11-794 02-09-23 Grade Separated Crossing to Kulanihakoi High School

Dear Commissioners,

I am asking the LUC to once again reaffirm its previous rulings: requiring inclusion of an underpass or overpass before the school will open.

This condition has been mandated for 10 years and we see it as non-negotiable.

The current roundabout is a vehicular solution.

The future overpass/underpass is a pedestrian solution.

We need both.

Our primary goal is to provide our students and community safe pedestrian access to Kulanihakoi High School.

The DOE bussing policy states that bussing is not provided to students within a 1.5 mile radius of school. The DOE bussing policy reads, "students in Grades 6-12 must reside 1.5 miles or more, from the school within their attendance area to qualify for regular school bus service." We estimate this 1.5 mile radius to include approx. 75% of the student body.

These students deserve safe access to the school via an underpass or overpass. We also need safe pedestrian access parallel to the highway. Parents and grandparents in our community are scared of the thought of their children crossing the roundabout's 6-lanes of highway traffic, twice a day.

A long standing goal of our community is to make it a walkable/bike-able community. If there is not safe access for pedestrians, then we inherently encourage everyone to drive to school. This is counter-productive to our smart growth goals and will further increase traffic and potential for vehicle and pedestrian accidents.

The KCA Education Committee looks forward to more DOE updates and would like to request a future site visit(s) to campus to include the KCA and LUC.

Other LUC condition concerns, that we would like addressed at this meeting...

Is DOE in compliance with LUC condition 1d? *Petitioner shall install paved shoulders along Piilani Highway fronting the high school and provide accommodations for bicycles to the mutual agreement of Petitioner and DOT.* KCA would like to know what that solution looks like?

Our education committee has other concerns, that are not necessarily LUC conditions, but were clearly represented in the original EIS. Hopefully DOE can give us an update on these topics... Is there any renewable energy or solar power being generated? The EIS clearly states that the school will be LEED Certified Silver and the first net-zero school, producing as much energy as it uses. Our first question, where is the renewable energy/solar? What does that look like? Our second question, are all the classrooms and facilities air conditioned?

We are also seeking an update on other key elements of the campus that are still missing... including a gym, track and athletic fields of any kind, and again the all-important use of renewable energy (as promised and represented in the EIS).

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