

Hawaii Land Use Commission

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I am Buck Joiner, 40 year resident of Maui. I represent a contingent of Maui people who firmly believe that we need an underpass walkway, in addition to an overpass for access to the new high school. I have 389 messages to the governor from this group, but our number is actually 20 times large. The roundabout is very good for traffic but the six lane crosswalk is deadly.

DOT and DOE have repeatedly stated the six lane crosswalk is safe. It is not, particularly for young teenagers would lack experience, awareness, maturity, and judgment, but have instead raging hormones, energy and cell phones.

We support an underpass crosswalk because we can do it now. An overpass ultimately will serve more people but it is going to take many millions of dollars and 5 to 8 years to fund, design, permit, and build. We cannot wait that long for the school to open. I hope you have watched the video I made about how easy it would be to build an underpass walkway quickly and cheaply using an existing footbridge or cargo bridge from a shipyard, the military, a sugar mill, or some other source.

The Waipuilani Gulch has 13 feet of clearance between the bottom of the girders and the concrete channel lining.

{{{The county owns 3 acres downstream of the Waipuilani bridge. Last summer the county removed 4 feet of silt. That's about 20,000 yd.³. The county did not remove the silt under the state-owned bridge, but the central portion of the middle section of the silt under the bridge washed into the county cleaned the area. There are still approximately 600 yd.³ of silt under the bridge, which could be very easily removed. The state removed a similar amount of silt from under the Kulanihakoi bridge and I believe several months later put it back in place.}}}

The primary advantage of the underpass walkway we desire is that it would fulfill the LUC requirements and allow the Kulanihakoi high school to open. It could be considered a temporary, 8 year, solution to our current predicament, assuming DOE could actually build an overpass in that time. They have had 10 years and have done nothing.

Another advantage to the underpass walkway is that the elevation difference would nominally be about 7 feet versus about 20 feet for an overpass. That would be much easier for the handicapped.

The three primary questions that we have for DOE today are how much will it cost, how long will it take, and do you have cast in concrete commitment from DOT to use the highway right-of-way for the overpass?

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