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The roundabout at the new Kihei HS has an extreme amount of safety issues, especially for students crossing Pi'ilani Highway. Simply put, there is no safe way for students to cross the roundabout as it currently stands! Yes there are crosswalk areas, but pedestrians must face at least 6 lanes of moving traffic to get across the highway. For south bound Pi'ilani Hwy traffic the cross walk is on the south side of the roundabout and it is difficult to see pedestrians until you are on top of them as a driver's vision is blocked by the roundabout itself. I would not want my children crossing the highway at rush hour nor would I want to be driving north or south on the highway during that time either as delays will be long and frustrating.

There is no doubt that a pedestrian overpass is the best solution to the issue. An overpass has been used for many years in many states to allow safe passage for college, high school and elementary school students for many years and it has worked effectively everywhere it has been used. Didn't the original plan have an overpass built across Pi'ilani Hwy to accommodate pedestrians going into and out of the high school? What happened to the funds allocated for the overpass?

An underpass is not the answer. The location of the high school makes an underpass ripe for flooding. Also an underpass would need full time security as it will no doubt become a place for criminal activity to take place since it is out of view of the passing cars and offers privacy for criminal activity to take place.

Please consider my recommendation for an overpass. The students need it, workers traveling to and from work need it, tourists need and students need it. Do the smart and right thing for our community!

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