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To: DBEDT LUC

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Safe Passage for HS in Kihei

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Dear LUC Members,

We are long term residents of Kihei and would like to voice our opinions for the safe passage for the new Kihei High School. The traffic, especially throughout the arrival and departure time of the present schools in our immediate area, is already a HUGE issue. We've spoken with numerous residents of South Maui and also with people that work in South Maui, and have heard the same concerns. Absolutely the priority should be safe passage for anyone going to the new High School AND the traffic situation.

The ONLY safe solution is to have a grade separated access across Pi'ilani Hwy. Please do not allow the High School to open without the DOE fulfilling their obligation of a grade separated access. It's very apparent that without a grade separated access it would be unsafe. A quicker opening of the school is not worth the cost of even 1 person getting injured or killed.

Complicating the situation is Pi'ilani Hwy is our main, and sometimes our ONLY, road to and from South Maui. Let's do it correctly, and not cause the traffic problem to become worse by introducing the need to stop traffic for an indeterminate amount of time while waiting for pedestrians.

Thank you for giving our concerns some thought. Sincerely, Valerie and Mike Gobel