

Neighborhood Board Report

Traffic Safety Improvements in Our Community

The incident involving the McKinley High School student at the Kapi'olani-Kamake'e Street intersection was tragic and further reinforced the need to improve our roads to protect pedestrians and responsible drivers. Rep. Saiki has been working closely with the State Department of Transportation and the City Department of Transportation Services to make the following safety improvements:

1. Speed humps have been installed on both sides of Kapi'olani Blvd.
2. Red-light safety cameras have been installed and started issuing warnings on March 22.
3. The State DoT is working on the designs for the raised crosswalk on Pensacola St. between King St. and Kapi'olani Blvd.



Honuakaha Town Hall Update

On Wednesday, April 12th, I held a town hall meeting with Senator Sharon Y. Morwaki, Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, and the Hawaii Community Development Authority to hear concerns from residents at Honuakaha Elderly Housing Development in Kaka'ako. The Kaka'ako legislators and I will be meeting with HCDA and the incoming resident manager to determine a course of action to resolve the maintenance issues and lack of communication.

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Kaka'ako Makai Update

In 2012, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs received 9 parcels at Kaka'ako Makai in satisfaction of \$200 million owed to OHA for past-due public land trust payments. An OHA appraisal set the value of the parcels at \$200 million. The State's appraisal was substantially similar to the OHA appraisal.

The appraisal assumed conveyance of the lands "as is," including the allowable uses and restrictions. One of the restrictions was a prohibition on residential development, enacted into law in 2006 (six years prior to the 2012 OHA settlement). Allowable uses include commercial, office, and retail development, up to 200 feet on some parcels.

The residential development prohibition applies to all lands that are makai of Ala Moana Boulevard, and not just OHA's parcels. The residential development prohibition was enacted into law after several years of strong and consistent community opposition against high rise density on the makai side of Ala Moana Boulevard. OHA now believes that the 2012 agreement falls short of the \$200 million value, and is seeking to reverse the prohibition to allow it to develop residential buildings.

To preserve open space and prevent further high rise development, Rep. Saiki offered the following package to resolve OHA's concerns:

- Payment of \$100 million for a perpetual easement that will prevent residential development
- Payment of \$65 million for wharf repairs on OHA's property
- Annual \$25 million public land trust payment

Two weeks ago, OHA rejected Rep. Saiki's offer. Hopefully, OHA and the Legislature can work together to resolve this issue. If you have any questions, please contact Rep. Saiki.