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## Likelike Hwy. and School St. No Right Turn on Red

In response to the numerous complaints regarding the No Right Turn on Red at the intersection of Likelike Hwy. and School St. my office has contacted the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to find a safe resolution. In response, the DOT went out in February to collect data on the intersection to see if the timing of the traffic lights should be adjusted to reduce vehicle congestion.

Date collected from 7 AM – 8:30 AM:

Traffic Signal Cycle Length was approx. 5 min., 15 secs.

Cars in queues were able to go through intersection in one cycle 88 % of the time

Data collected from 4 PM – 5 PM

Traffic Signal Cycle Length was approx. 4 min and moved to 5 min., 15 secs

Every car in queue was able to go through intersection in one cycle.

DOT states that since the No Turn on Red Sign was installed on June 5, 2022, there has been no related major crashes. DOT is planning on collecting data again in March, however based on the data it currently has, the DOT believes that the current timing for the Traffic Signal is working well.



## Half the Legislative Session is Over

We are at the half way point of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Hawaii State Legislature. My colleagues and I have been working hard for our constituents introducing over 1,600 bills in the senate this session. 489 of those bills successfully passed their third readings and have moved over to the House of Representatives. The House of Representatives have also been diligent, successfully crossing over 450 bills to the Senate in which my colleagues and I will be hearing and deciding on in the upcoming weeks.. As always, the public is encouraged to submit testimony online or in person on any bills they are interested in.



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## Successful Town Hall

Rep. Aiu, Rep. Mizuno, Rep. Ganaden and Council Member Dos Santos-Tam and I hosted a successful town hall meeting at Kapalama Elementary School on March 1, 2023. Topics discussed were Homelessness, Illegal Parking, Feral Chickens, Crime, Public Housing, Speeding, and Red Hill Water Wells.

- Major Turner of HPD, who was present and answering questions at the meeting, was quick to act, informing my office the next day that the cars parked illegally in the areas discussed have already been cited and police units will be patrolling these areas more frequently now.
- We have contacted the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) regarding abandoned properties that attract trespassers on Kam IV Road in which HPHA has responded by securing these properties. HPHA has informed us that one of the properties is already scheduled to have residents moved in with the other properties expected to be occupied soon.
- We are also working with the Department of Transportation and Kapalama Elementary School to address the excess speeding on Bernice St. and around Kapalama Elementary.



## RAIL PROJECT UPDATE



The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) together with Nan, Inc. will be holding a rail [construction update meeting](#). Representatives from HART and Nan Inc will present details on the upcoming major work and its impacts to the Kalihi area.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023**

Susannah Wesley Community Center  
1117 Kaili Street #3432 • Honolulu, HI 96817

- Noon – 1:00 PM
- FREE with RSVP\*

We encourage the community to attend this important meeting to learn more about the work that is projected to start soon. A light lunch will be provided.

\***Deadline is Wednesday 3/15/23.** RSVP by sending an email to include your **Name, Company, and phone number** to [KalihiBusinessAssoc@gmail.com](mailto:KalihiBusinessAssoc@gmail.com). Use **"KBA HART MEETING"** as the Subject line.

## Red Hill Town Hall Meeting Update

Senator Donna Mercado Kim was joined by Senator Keohokalole, Senator Wakai, Representative Aiu, Representative Ichiyama, and Council Member Cordero hosting a Town Hall Meeting December 12, 2022. The Topic was the defueling of the Red Hill Facility where representatives of the military lead by Commander Vice Admiral John Wade, Joint Task Force-Red Hill (JTF-RH), were present for questions and answers. Unfortunately, due to time constraints not all the questions submitted were able to receive a response. After a long a waited 3 months, the JTF-RH have complied over 100 questions submitted to them and answered them online via the website below. The public is encouraged to view the responses as the military pushes for transparency in the defueling process.



<https://cnrh.cninc.navy.mil/Operations-and-Management/Red-Hill/Red-Hill-Public-Engagement-Updates/>