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SENATOR GLENN WAKAI

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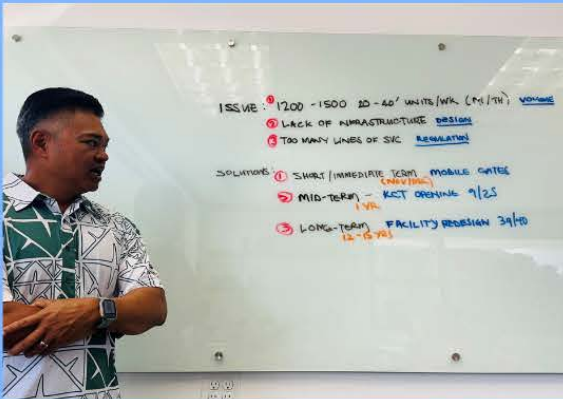
Addressing Traffic Around Sand Island

Containers heading to the neighbor islands snarl traffic on Nimitz Highway, Libby and Auiki Streets, multiple times a week during morning rush hour.

“At times I’ve clocked the sitting traffic from 6 am to well after 2:30 pm,” says Kalihi Neighborhood Board Member Evelyn Cullen. “Young Brothers should have their own holding cell or give their clients drop off times in which they can begin to line up.”

Sen. Wakai met with Jay Ana, President of Young Brothers on October 8. Ana said YB ships out 1,500 containers each week, most on Monday and Thursday due to the arrival of ships from the mainland. He cannot adjust drop off times due to the need for the items to get to the neighbor islands.

Before the end of the year, Ana says YB will open up a “mobile gate,” allowing more trucks to enter from Libby Street (taking traffic off of Nimitz). Next year, they anticipate the Kapalama terminal improvements will situate PASHA next to YB and allow containers to directly move into their yard. Over the long term (10 years), a harbor redesign will provide much more staging spaces for containers to line up



YB President Jay Ana shares congestion solutions around Kalihi.

Enlightening Our Children

Third graders at Kalihi Kai Elementary now have a better understanding how improvements to their school and neighborhood materialize.

Sen. Wakai and Rep. Ganaden spent a morning with students to explain how ideas become law and how lawmakers spend their parents’ tax dollars.

They asked probing questions about climate change and pay equity.



Bike Path Cleared

Matson containers are regularly parked in the bike lane leading to Sand Island Park. A constituent who is an avid bicyclist, complained.

Sen. Wakai reached out to Matson who said the irresponsible parties are trucking companies. Matson sent out a reminder last week to not leave their containers in the bike lane.

Please continue to contact our office to report unsafe conditions on our roadways.