

## NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD REPORT

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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to represent District 39 in the Hawaii State House of Representatives. I am humbled by your continued support and it is my honor to serve our community. Please continue to keep in touch with me with any concerns you may have and feel free to contact me anytime. As I continue to recover from my emergency knee surgery I would like to offer these highlights of important community information.

### **GEAR UP Hawai'i Celebrates National GEAR UP Week**

GEAR UP Hawai'i, celebrates National GEAR UP Week 2012 starting September 10. This week commemorates the continuing success of Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP), a college access program funded by the U.S. Department of Education to provide students and families the resources they need for college success. Since its inception in 1999, GEAR UP has improved educational outcomes for millions of low-income students across the United States, including 10,000 students served statewide each year by GEAR UP Hawai'i.

GEAR UP Hawai'i's celebration includes various activities focused on preparing students for higher education throughout the school year. In September, 30 Hawai'i public schools throughout the state will receive training and begin to implement *MyFutureHawaii.org*, a college and career access web portal designed to help students plan for college and career while in high school. During the months of October through December, GEAR UP Hawai'i will launch the pilot project "College Application and Exploration Season" to assist high school students to explore and apply for college. Volunteers, college faculty and staff will work with five high schools to encourage their seniors to complete a college application and apply for financial aid. GEAR UP Hawai'i will also sponsor over 50 financial aid workshops and events statewide to help families and students apply for financial aid. To see a complete listing of upcoming events go to: <http://gearup.hawaii.edu>.



Waipahu High senior Juanito Moises became the first student from Hawaii to be named GEAR UP National Youth of the Year by the National Council of Community and Education Partnerships.

## Go Akamai Mobile App

To help provide motorists with up-to-date traffic information, the DOT announced the release of a GoAkamai App for iPhone, iPad and Android mobile devices. The GoAkamai App provides traffic congestion information, drive times and images from over 200 traffic cameras on Oahu's state freeways, highways and roads.

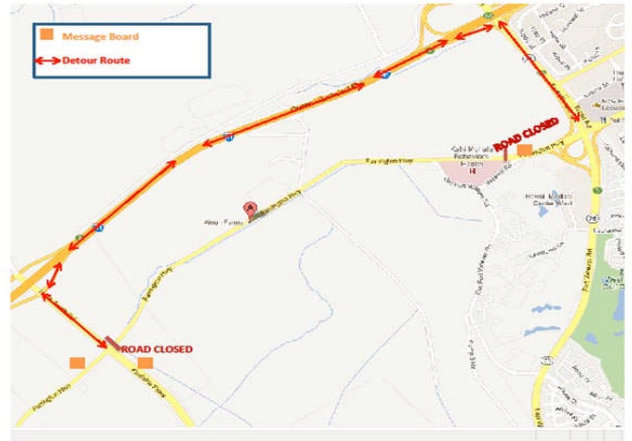
## Lane Closure on Farrington Highway

Farrington Highway in Ewa between Kualakai Parkway (North-South Road) and Old Fort Weaver Road Loop will be closed through March 2014 as part of construction.

Traffic in both directions of Farrington Highway will be detoured to either the H-1 Freeway or other nearby roadways:

Drivers will still be able to travel between East Kapolei and the Ewa/Waipahu region by using either Kapolei Parkway or Geiger Road on the south end of Kualakai Parkway, or the H-1 Freeway on the north end.

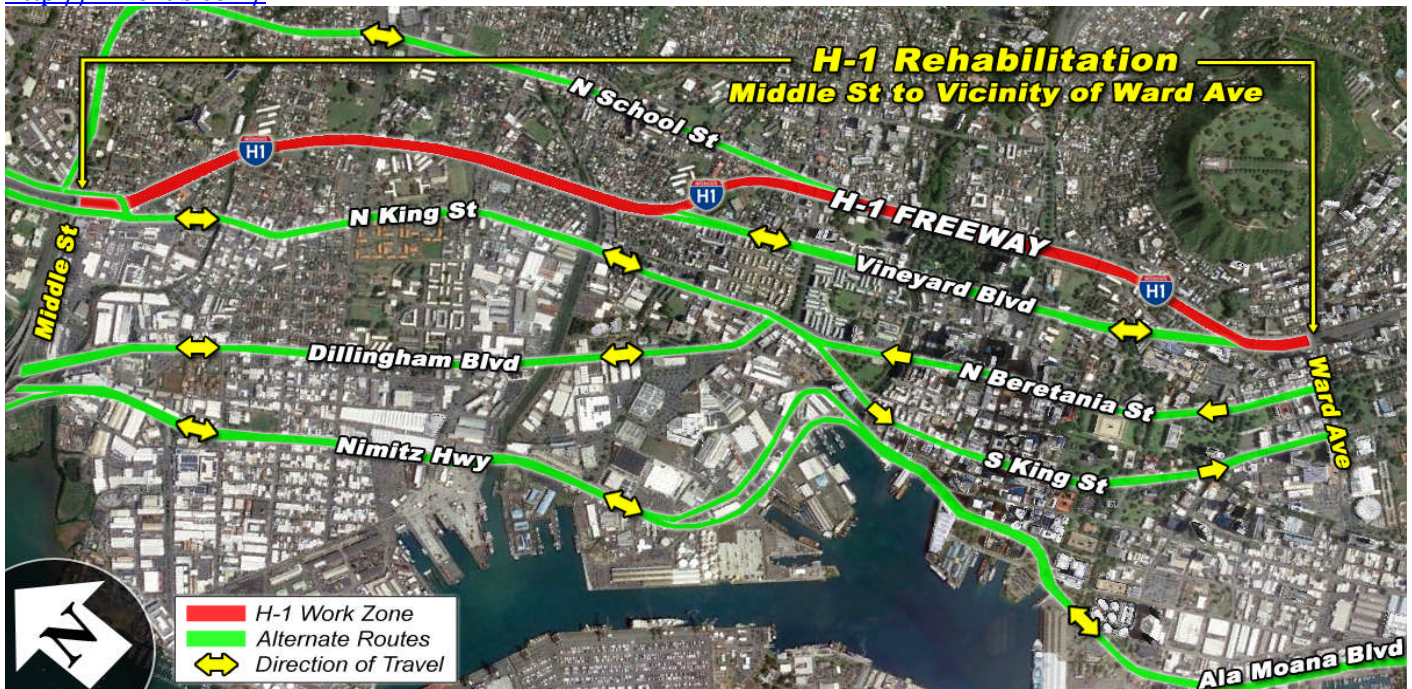
The public will be able to access the Aloun Farms pumpkin patch during the last three weekends of October via Farrington Highway through Kualakai Parkway.



## H-1 Rehabilitation Project

The H-1 Rehabilitation Project from Middle Street to the vicinity of Ward Avenue is an effort to rehabilitate a badly deteriorated section of one of the oldest stretches of the H-1. Work is anticipated to last for one year with nightly lane closures from 8 p.m. until 4 a.m. on Sunday nights through Friday mornings. In addition, the contractor will be closing the freeway completely, in one direction at a time, on Sunday nights through Friday mornings, for up to 120 nights. This is being done to get the work done as quickly as possible. For information and updates visit

<http://h1rehab.com/>





### **Useful Numbers & Websites**

Legislative Info.....	capitol.hawaii.gov	City complaint office.....	768-4381
City pothole hotline.....	768-7777	Recycling Info.....	692-5410
State Pothole Hotline.....	536-7852	Senior Assistance.....	586-7299
Damaged Sidewalks.....	768-8159	Abandoned Vehicles.....	733-2530
Crowing Roosters.....	799-7791	Bulky Item Pick-up.....	832-7840
Tree Complaints.....	971-7151	Bus Info.....	848-5555
CrimeStoppers.....	955-8300	Disabled Persons Info.....	586-8100
Domestic Violence Help.....	531-3771	Park Maintenance.....	765-6030
Consumer Complaints .....	587-3222	Sexual Abuse Help.....	524-7273
Water Waste Hotline .....	748-5010	Traffic Signal Problems.....	564-6101