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A Message From State Representative Gil Riviere

Aloha!

In our last column, we discussed some of the bills that are currently in the Legislature and my views on those issues. For this article, we will focus on district projects and constituent concerns.

The Laniakea Traffic Alternatives Study is finally about to begin – they say. The Notice to Proceed was delivered on January 18, 2011 and the Department of Transportation recently informed us that Parsons Brinkerhoff will host a meeting on the North Shore in May to establish an advisory working group. Through the working group and public meetings, Parsons expects to complete the study in early 2013.

The first edition of my new "Gil Gets it Done" TV program includes Kaliko Amona, Dexter Kisha and Monique Mironesco, who joined me to discuss the Farm to School Movement, Kokua Hawaii Foundation's AINA IS program, and the Sunset Beach Elementary Salad Bar. Find the broadcast schedule or watch the 30 minute program on-demand at GilRiviere.Info.

I met with Hawaii Public Housing Authority's (HPHA) Executive Director, Denise Wise, to discuss the Waialua Kupuna Housing. Some of the issues reported by area residents are late night noise, drug activity, overgrown vegetation and strangers frequenting the property. Ms. Wise accepted responsibility and committed to solving the concerns while HPHA completes a contract for a new property management company.

Congratulations to the Laie and Kahuku volunteers for connecting their two communities with a new bike path across Malaekahana! This long desired amenity was completed very quickly with the financial support of Hawaii Reserves Inc, some skillful volunteers, and some less skilled volunteers like me.

The Kahuku windmills have gone on line. Another wind project is being considered near Kahuku and Kamehameha Schools is planning a wind project upslope in Kawailoa. Renewable energy is becoming more reliable and popular and our district is helping lead the way.

There are a number of ways to contact our office. Please visit Room 319 at the State Capitol, call 586-6380, fax 586-6381 or email RepRiviere@capitol.hawaii.gov. Did we mention you can reach us online at GilRiviere.Info?