



Representative Bertrand Kobayashi Community Update

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H-1 Freeway Lane Striping Demonstration Project

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) has started lane striping modifications on the H-1 Freeway as a demonstration project in the Kaimuki area. Three left lanes were closed on September 7th and 8th between the 2nd Avenue Pedestrian Bridge and the 6th Avenue Overpass.

The striping modifications will install black lane stripes to increase contrast between the existing white lane striping and the white concrete surface, making the lane dividers more visible. If the demonstration striping proves beneficial, the black lane striping will be installed in both directions between 2nd Avenue and the Waiialae Viaduct at a future date. This technique is commonly used in other states to increase lane divider visibility.

HDOT advises motorists to drive with caution through the area while familiarizing themselves with the new lane striping.

Kapiolani Community College Culinary Arts School Update

The Kapiolani Community College (KCC) Culinary Institute of the Pacific at Diamond Head project will be developed in two phases. Phase I, which was hoped to be in the \$10-22 million range, came in at \$34 million. As a result, the scope of the project in Phase I has been reduced to include two teaching laboratories, one classroom complex, and one office complex. The other two teaching laboratories and a separate classroom building were eliminated.

Phase II includes the restaurant and auditorium but the administration building was eliminated. The architects have revised the bid documents to meet the reduced scope and these have been submitted to the U.S. Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration (EDA). The EDA had some comments which required minor changes to the bid documents.

The pre-bid meeting will be held on September 29, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. in the Ohia Building, Rm. 118.

AARP Family Caregiver Conference

On Saturday, October 4, 2014, AARP Hawaii will offer a **free** family caregiver conference for family and friends assisting older adults with living at home or those planning for their own aging.

With 1 in four Hawaii residents providing unpaid care to family and friends, this event is sure to be of interest to your constituents. Complete session information is available at the web link below.

Family Caregiver Conference

Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Japanese Cultural Center • 2454 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu

Register: <http://aarp.event.com/oahucare> or 1-877-926-8300

Diamond Head Fort Ruger Pathway Phase 2

Construction has begun to complete the Fort Ruger Pathway from across the American Red Cross Building to the 22nd Avenue vicinity. The Pathway will be landscaped with native Hawaiian trees, and three areas along the Pathway will have “park oasis” with more landscaping clustered around picnic tables and rest areas. In addition, the Pathway will have interpretive signs to tell the story of Fort Ruger and the history of the area. The construction should last six months, from September 2014 to March 2015.

The Fort Ruger Pathway is an accessible 12 foot walkway along the exterior slope of Diamond Head State Monument. The Pathway provides a safer, more attractive alternative to the narrow sidewalk along Diamond Head Road. . The funding for the Phase 2 work on the Pathway come from Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds and from a grant from the Hawaii Tourism Authority. When completed, the Fort Ruger Pathway will encompass 12 acres, and about 2/3 of a mile in length. The Pathway begins near the entrance of the old Cannon Club site on Diamond Head Road, and ends near Diamond Head Road and 22nd Avenue.

Diamond Head Interpretive Kiosk and Gift Shop

The Diamond Head Interpretive Kiosk and Gift Shop inside the crater, near the beginning of the trail to the Diamond Head summit, opened on July 8, 2014. The shop will be selling, t-shirts, caps, key chains, books, water bottles, and other Diamond Head State Monument – related merchandise. The Gift Shop will also sell certificates for those completing the hike to the summit. Proceeds from the sales will go to the Diamond Head Park Special Fund. The Interpretive Kiosk and Gift Shop is a collaborative project with Pacific Historic Parks, a non-profit organization that has provided interpretive services and operated a gift shop at Pearl Harbor for the National Parks Service for over 33 years.

11th Annual Green & Recyclables Clean-Up

The public is invited to bring their recyclables to Kaimuki High School on Saturday, October 18, 2014 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for the 11th Annual Community Clean-Up. Funds raised for this event will benefit Kaimuki High School, Kapahulu Center, and the Moiliili Community Center.

Residents of the Kaimuki, Kapahulu, Palolo, and St. Louis Heights neighborhoods are encouraged to bring their recyclables to the parking lot of Kaimuki High School on Saturday between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Acceptable items to recycle include: scrap metal, bicycles, appliances, 3 propane tanks, 3 fire extinguishers, computers, printers, scanners, 1 TV per car, HI-5 beverage containers, used household cooking oil, cell phones, printer cartridges, PDAs, batteries, usable clothing and household items, used eye glasses and hearing aids. ***They CANNOT ACCEPT: Tires, paint, microwave ovens, motor oil, hazardous fluids, cardboard, paper, plastics, wood, and bulky items.***

Thank you for your continued support of recycling in the community. Please call Ed Thompson from my office at 586-6310 if you have any questions.