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COMMUNITY UPDATES INSIDE!

Roadwork Updates

Roundabout at the Intersection of Kahekili and Kamehameha Hwy.

The DOT's work on the roundabout by the Hygienic Store is about 10% complete. The estimated completion date is January 2025. For more information visit hidot.hawaii.gov/highways, search "Kamehameha Highway roundabout".

Waiāhole Bridge Replacement

The design for the bridge is ongoing and the environmental assessment is anticipated to be completed by February 2024. The bridge replacement will begin in 2024.

Kamehameha Highway, Kāneʻohe Resurfacing Project

Repaving of Kamehameha Highway between Likelike Highway (near the Burger King Intersection) and Pali Highway will begin on December 4, 2023. Work hours will be between 8:30am - 2:00pm. The estimated completion date is July/August 2024.

Kamehameha Highway, Kualoa

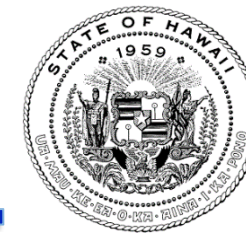
Five speed tables will be placed in the vicinity of Kualoa Ranch and Kualoa Park to address speeding and improve safety. The estimated start for construction is January 2024.

Please note: all projects are weather permitting.

For updates about roadwork or to report a concern (e.g. potholes), visit: hidot.hawaii.gov/highways

November/December 2023

CAPITOL UPDATE



Representative Lisa Kitagawa

Aloha!

As 2023 comes to an end and we begin to look towards 2024, I wanted to connect with you and share some community updates. Since the Legislature adjourned in May, I have been busy serving our community and meeting with community members in the district. I also had the opportunity to bring my colleagues out to our district to take a boat tour of Kāneʻohe Bay, and to visit the Hawaiʻi Institute of Marine Biology, Paepae o Heʻeia, and Kakoʻo ʻŌiwi. As the Vice Chair of the House Finance Committee, I have also been visiting many State departments and community organizations to view first hand, projects and programs supported by the Legislature, as well as learn about the needs of the community. I also visited Hawaiʻi Island, Maui, and Kauai with the Finance Committee, which included seeing the devastation left by the Lahaina wildfires.

The 2024 legislative session begins in mid-January and addressing the needs of the Lahaina/Maui community will be an important focus for the Legislature. I also know that there are needs statewide, including in our own community, and I will continue to advocate for those needs. As we prepare for the next legislative session, I encourage you to reach out and share your concerns, ideas, and thoughts with me. If you are not already signed up for our weekly e-newsletter, I encourage you to do so. It is one of the best ways to get updated information about things happening in our State, City, and community.

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve you in the State Legislature. It is an honor and privilege. Happy holidays!

Lisa



Recognition for FASD Support



Bill Signing with Gov. Green



Visit to Kakoʻo ʻŌiwi

For legislative and community updates, useful resources, and other happenings around the district, please subscribe to my e-newsletter by emailing me at repkitagawa@capitol.hawaii.gov or calling my office at 808-586-8540.

COMMUNITY TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Ka`a`awa Community Meetings: Coastal Erosion & Highways

During the months of May and September, Sen. Awa, Rep. Quinlan, Councilmember Weyer and I held community meetings for the Ka`a`awa and Hau`ula communities to begin the discussion on the short-term and long-term solutions for Kamehameha Highway and the effects of coastal erosion. The Hawai`i Department of Transportation and the Department of Land and Natural Resources were present at both meetings to share information and listen to the concerns and ideas of community members.

I know how important it is to maintain access in and out of Ka`a`awa and I am committed to continuing the conversations on how we can do that. If you were unable to attend these meetings, but would like to be included on emails for future meetings and updates, please contact my office to be put on our email list.



With DOT Deputy Dir. Robin Shishido



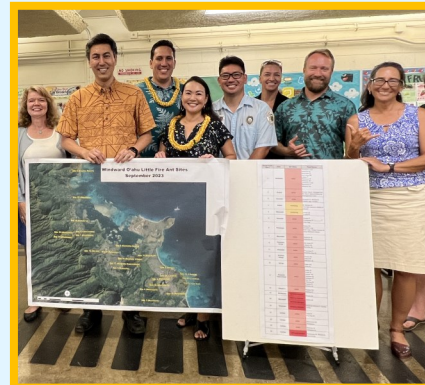
Kāne`ohe Town Hall



At the end of October, Sen. Keohokalole, Rep. Matayoshi, Councilmember Kia`āina and I held a town hall meeting in Kāne`ohe. There were over 70 community members who shared their concerns and questions with us. This was a great opportunity for us to share updates about our roads, parks, common community concerns, and the upcoming legislative session. If you missed the event and have a question, feel free to reach out to my office.

Little Fire Ants Town Hall

We held a Little Fire Ant (LFA) town hall in September which had over 80 community members in attendance. There are numerous LFA infestations between Kāne`ohe and Kualoa. LFAs deliver painful stings and welts that can last for weeks, and also cause blindness in pets. We need everyone to test their homes for LFAs so we can eradicate them from our community. Visit stoptheant.org for more information and to request a free test kit.



SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Windward Flu Shot Clinic

In September, Rep. Matayoshi and I organized a flu shot clinic for the community, so individuals and families could get their flu shots in an easy and safe manner.

Thank you to Times Pharmacy and Windward Community College for helping us put on the 4th annual Windward Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic. We were happy that over 150 people, from keiki to kūpuna, received their flu shots. Thank you also to the many volunteers who helped to make the event possible. I am grateful that so many families in our community could get their flu shots, which will help to keep them healthier during this flu season.



E-Waste Recycling Drive



For the first time, Rep. Matayoshi and I co-sponsored an e-waste recycling drive at Castle High School this past summer. There were many community members who recycled and donated old electronics, HI-5 cans and bottles, clothing, pet supplies, and used eye glasses. Thank you to the community members who participated and helped to recycle/reuse items to keep it out of our landfills and to help those in need. We look forward to doing another e-waste recycling drive in the future.

Castle Complex School Supply Drive

This past summer, Rep. Matayoshi and I partnered with community organizations, such as the Castle Alumni/Community Association and Windward Mall, to put on our 3rd annual Castle Complex School Supply Drive. Thanks to the generosity of the community, we were able to provide over 500 students from the Castle Complex with much needed school supplies. We also had over 50+ volunteers who put in over 150 hours of service making this event a huge success. We look forward to continuing this project to help the keiki, teachers, and schools in our community.

