

Representative Scott K. Saiki

<https://saiki.house/QueenStRepaving>

Pictured (L to R) Ed Sniffen from the Hawaii State Department of Transportation, Rep. Adrian Tam, Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam

Decades of Your Hard Work Bring New Kaka'ako Roads

Road repairs set to begin

Potholes, bumps and inadequate drainage will be taken care of after years of neglect

Starting mid-August, the long-awaited resurfacing of Queen Street in Kaka'ako will finally begin! This marks a major milestone for our neighborhood on an effort that has taken over a decade and tremendous work from many people in our community and within many agencies. Now, with the State having successfully transferred ownership of various roads to the City, these much-needed repairs and enhancements can finally move forward.

Elroy Hamada, the owner of Hamada General Store located right on Queen Street, expressed how transformative this project will be for local residents and businesses. The repaving will not only improve road conditions but also enhance the overall safety and accessibility of our streets.

The pathway here has been long, and I appreciate the many people that stood hand in hand together as we worked through the many challenges - navigating between public and private ownership, fighting for needed funding, and filing lawsuits to protect residents and businesses.

Now, over ten years after we began working with the State Attorney General and neighborhood businesses to establish legal ownership of Queen Street, the Circuit Court judge ruled that Queen Street is a public road, allowing this critical work to move forward.

I want to also extend my gratitude to Mayor Rick Blangiardi, Director Ed Sniffen from the Hawai'i State Department of Transportation, Director Roger Morton from the City Department of Transportation Services, and all area elected officials for your vision and collaboration to make this project a reality.



"I want to thank the Mayor, Mr. Saiki, and all the representatives that are present... I think for the residents who live here, now that we have all the condos, putting in the sidewalks make it safer for them to walk and use the neighborhood they live in."

- Elroy Hamada,
Owner of Hamada General Store

Interim Highlights



Rep. Saiki joined advocates and community members for the annual Walk for Life (formerly AIDS Walk).



Rep. Saiki talking to Nauru Tower residents for a legislative update.



Rep. Saiki after discussing community updates with senior residents at Na Lei Hulu Kupuna.

Repeated Unlicensed Driver Bill Signed Into Law

Dear Neighbor,

I'd just like to take a moment to reiterate how grateful I am for your efforts in reaching out to Governor Green to urge him to pass sign HB2526 into law, which increases the penalty for repeat unlicensed drivers to a Class C felony.

Your influence made all the difference in passing this bill, which will significantly enhance road safety in not only our community but across the state. A special thank you to the Citizens Patrol group for your dedication and hard work in advocating for this bill.

As reported by the Star Advertiser, "Of the six bills signed into law without alterations, one drew a significant push from supporters and the quickest response by Green, who signed House Bill 2526 Friday after including it on his potential veto list issued June 21. This bill was passed to increase penalties for a third or subsequent offense involving unauthorized use of a motor vehicle to a Class C felony, under which a court could order forfeiture of the vehicle involved."

Mahalo,
Rep. Scott Saiki

