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March is a busy month at Honolulu Hale as the Budget Committee gets into full swing for the 2008 Fiscal Year with the annual Budget Review Cycle. Each year, a significant portion of the City's budget is earmarked for various Capital Improvement Program projects (CIP). Approximately thirty CIP projects are proposed for District 1 this year. During March and April, the City Council will weigh all proposed budget items, including CIP projects, against what the City declares as priorities and fiscal responsibilities. If needed, amendments, additions, and other changes will be proposed in a subsequent Council Draft (CD) of the Capital Improvement Program budget. This new CD would then be introduced and reviewed by the full Council in April.

To update you on mass transit, the City Council approved the Minimum Operable Segment (MOS) last month. The approved MOS will start in East Kapolei, at the site of the future UH West Oahu campus, and extend to Ala Moana Shopping Center. The MOS is the first 20-mile phase of the entire route line selected by the City Council in December. The next steps in the process are happening this spring, including scoping for the transit line's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and preparing the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Preliminary Engineering application. For the next two years several reports and applications, including budget proposals, will be prepared and submitted for approval by the FTA and the City. The goal is to have construction start at the end of 2009.

For news on the Leeward Coast, I congratulate the State on its recent opening of the new homeless shelter located at the Waianae Civic Center. We hope this is the first of more state-sponsored shelter support for the Waianae Coast this year.

As a reminder, beginning on March 27, 2007, Maili Park will be closed from 10 pm to 5 am for planned renovations, maintenance, and repairs on Maili's campsites and beach park. The work is expected to be completed by April 6, and no camping will be permitted during this time period.

During Maili Park's renovation period, certain sections will be temporarily closed 24 hours a day. From 8 am, Tuesday, March 27, to 3 pm, Friday, March 30, the area between Palani Street and Hila Street will be closed to public access 24 hours a day. All sections of the park will be open, 5 am to 10 pm for the weekend of March 31 and April 1. From 5 am, Monday, April 2 to 5 am, Friday, April 6, the park area between Hila Street and Kaukamana Street will be closed to public access 24 hours a day. After April 6, camping is only allowed at Maili Park with permits. Campers need to apply for permits 2 weeks in advance. Permitted camping at Maili Park will be restricted to weekends beginning at 8 am on Fridays and ending at 8 am on Mondays.

As always, you can email me at <tapo@honolulu.gov>. During the year I regularly send out electronic newsletter updates, so please visit my website at www.toddapo.org and join our mailing list. If you have any other questions, please feel free to call me at 547-7001.