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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: HAWAII KAI TURN SIGNAL GETS ACTIVATED - AFTER FOUR YEARS OF WORK

Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) reacted to the activation of a turn signal on Hawaii Kai Drive in to the Hawaii Kai Shopping Center.

“After nearly four years of work, I am happy the City has finally installed a turn signal on Hawaii Kai Drive at the Hawaii Kai Shopping Center. Although I am pleased by the end result, this process took far too long. Imagine what it will be like when we extrapolate what happened with this simple \$50,000 turn signal for a \$6 billion rail system,” stated Councilmember Djou. “The people of Oahu should understand the City wants to have the first segment of the rail system up and running in the same amount of time it took to install this one traffic light.”

- In November 2004, the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board asked Councilmember Djou to look into installing a left turn signal on Hawaii Kai Drive to allow drivers to turn into the Hawaii Kai Shopping Center.
- In January 2005, Councilmember Djou submitted a request to have such a change made.
- In March 2005, Councilmember Djou’s request was denied for lack of funds.
- In April 2005, Councilmember Djou inserted an amendment into the City budget to fund the installation of a turn signal.
- In June 2005, the City passed the budget with Councilmember Djou’s request for funding appropriating tax money to install this turn signal.
- In February 2007, after numerous requests by Councilmember Djou’s office, the City finally contracted the work for the installation of the turn signal.
- In January 2008, construction started on the turn signal.
- On April 10, 2008, the turn signal was finally activated.

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