



COUNCILMEMBER IKAIKA ANDERSON DISTRICT 3 UPDATE JANUARY 2017

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CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Jan. 10

Public Safety	9 am
Parks	10 ³⁰ am
Executive Matters	1pm

Wednesday, Jan. 11

Budget	9am
Public Works	1pm

Thursday, Jan. 12

Zoning and Planning	9 am
Transportation	1 pm
BEDT	2:30p

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Aloha,

Kalaniana'ole Highway Improvements Update

We as a community are all very concerned with the traffic fatalities, injuries and near misses frequently occurring along Kalaniana'ole Highway, especially the most recent loss of a young baby. Over the years, we have been working continually with our State Legislators and the State Department of Transportation (DOT) to provide much needed safety improvements along this State highway to address various safety concerns including unsafe lighting, traffic signals, pedestrian crosswalks and speeding.

As this is a State issue, our colleagues in the State Capitol, Senator Laura Thielen and Representative Chris Lee, have assured us that they have been meeting repeatedly with DOT Highways Director Ed Sniffen and DOT Director Ford Fuchigami to ask them to listen to the community's requests, install the safety improvements, and eliminate the new stoplight proposed at Kumuha Street.

As the new Chair of the Committee on Transportation and Planning, I am inviting DOT Highways Director Ed Sniffen to attend our Committee meeting in February to discuss the safety improvements along Kalaniana'ole Highway with the public. This would be an opportunity for Waimanalo residents to learn exactly what is going on and have a chance to weigh in on improvements throughout their community. I will update you on this as we get closer.

I am sharing the most recent information regarding Kalaniana'ole Highway improvements provided by the DOT:

Kupuna Housing and Waimanalo Beach Park Traffic Safety Improvements

Highways has just submitted a request to the Federal DOT for permission to install the traffic safety improvements along this stretch of the highway. They are recommending the following:

- Flashing lights at the heavily used crosswalks;
 - Pedestrian protectors at the median in the crosswalk by the Kupuna Housing (to stop cars from cutting the corner too closely and hitting someone in the middle of the crosswalk).
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DOT is packaging these safety improvements as part of their highway corridor project, so the timetable is the same as the construction that's going on at the Kumuhau end. DOT expects the Federal Highways people to have an answer by the end of this year. If so, DOT will have a contract out for the safety improvements by March 2017. Work would begin after the contract is out.

Street lighting in the same area-

DOT said they recently adjusted the lights in this area to shine towards the middle of the road, rather than straight down. They have also requested their contractor to place additional lights on each pole in order to have multiple lights shining across the entire width of the crosswalk on both sides of the road. We were told that the lighting work is separate from the highway improvement work, so it has a different timetable. If the contractor can install more lights on existing poles, the job can be done faster. If they have to install new poles, it will take longer.

Kumuhau Traffic Light-

DOT heard the community loud and clear at the public meeting – they understand we don't want a new traffic light at Kumuhau. Federal Highways needs to approve an alternative as projects must be in accordance with federal engineering standards. DOT just submitted a proposal to the feds to put up a flashing light instead of a stop light. This is part of the same proposal which asks for permission for the safety improvements. They expect to hear back from the feds by the end of the year.

Bill 8 Update:

Bill 8 (2015)- Commercial Activities at Public Parks, has been re-referred to the Committee on Transportation and Planning and is scheduled to be heard on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 9am in the Honolulu Hale Committee room. As the current Chair of this committee, I am confident we can pass this measure out to address this long standing Waimanalo issue. Any and all support that can be provided by the community for this measure will be greatly appreciated. Information for this bill can be found at: [http://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-161754/BILL008\(15\).htm](http://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-161754/BILL008(15).htm) (Click on, "For Proposed Drafts, Click Here")

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Waimanalo Beach Park pavilion closed due to safety concerns

The Department of Parks and Recreation closed Waimanalo Beach Park's pavilion until further notice due to structural safety concerns. A contractor will be visiting the site to determine the scope of repairs. The pavilion has been closed since December 27, 2016.

The restrooms attached to the pavilion structure remain open for public use, and the rest of the beach park remains open.

A structural consultant inspecting the site advised parks officials to close the pavilion for safety reasons. The Department of Design and Construction will issue an emergency procurement for a contractor to shore up the pavilion. At this time, it is unknown when the pavilion will be reopened. Parks officials thank the public for their patience and are contacting organizations with events at the pavilion.