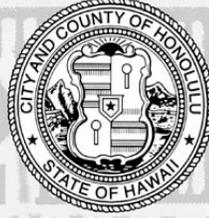


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TRAFFIC ALERT: LANE CLOSURES ON ALA MOANA BOULEVARD

(Wed., June 29, 2011)—The City's Department of Environmental Services today announced lane closures along Ala Moana Boulevard beginning Monday, July 11, through Sunday, July 24, as part of a major sewer line rehabilitation project.

The makai Diamond Head-bound lane of Ala Moana Blvd., between Keawe Street and Ward Avenue, will be closed 24 hours a day along with a portion of Ohe Street, from Ala Moana Blvd., to Ilalo Street. Also, intersections along Ilalo Street – at Coral, Ohe and Koula – will be closed. In addition, motorists will not be allowed to turn into Keawe Street from Ala Moana Blvd., in both directions. The Diamond Head-bound left lane will also be closed near the Ward Avenue intersection from approximately July 20 to 22.

In addition to the 24-hour lane closures, there will be night time lane closures from Tuesday, July 5, to Saturday, July 9, and from Monday, July 25, to Thursday, August 11.

To accommodate motorists, two lanes of Diamond Head-bound traffic will be maintained, along with a detour through Ilalo Street.

The entrance to the Acura dealership will be temporarily relocated to Koula Street during this period. Also, the bus stop on Ala Moana Blvd., between Keawe and Coral streets for Diamond Head-bound buses, will be temporarily relocated in front of Cutter Chevrolet.

During construction, motorists are encouraged to avoid this segment of Ala Moana Blvd. and use alternative routes to their destinations. Motorists should stay alert for police officers guiding traffic, lane restrictions, detours, changing traffic patterns, and moving construction equipment, vehicles, and personnel.

The project consists of "trenchless" cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) rehabilitation of 1,400 lineal feet of a 69-inch diameter sewer pipe and 100 feet of 36-inch diameter sewer pipe. The CIPP rehabilitation involves the lining of the existing pipe and does not require the intense surface construction activity, typically seen during pipe replacement work. The \$8.5 million project began in April with the installation of several temporary large black HDPE pipes along Ilalo Street that will divert a very large volume of wastewater around the project area. This important infrastructure rehabilitation project is estimated to be completed by the end of September.

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