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## **HDOT/Community Zoom Meeting for 4/14/2021**

### **Agenda**

- **Larry: weekly briefing**
  - 121 soil nails drilled and grouted as of 4/13/2021. Top two rows have been substantially completed, working on third row. Project will have 500-540 soil nails total, for a retaining wall 300 feet wide x 60 feet tall. Contractors are averaging 10-11 soil nails a day, with favorable weather helping work progress. Weight restriction to highway above the slide increased to 10 tons.
  - Smoke test for the tunnel is scheduled for mid-morning tomorrow, Thursday, April 15. A PSA has been released. The plan is to divert the incoming water source(s) and seal up the tunnel to maintain slope stability. Notifications to PCA I and II.
  - Working on plan to extend right turn lane into Princeville (widening lane) back to Kapaka Road. Coordinating with Princeville which has a 20" water main in that vicinity Putting gravel down and working on scheduling a paver.
- **Mid-day Convoy:**
  - New visitor arrivals are causing more congestion
  - Monday convoy shut off at 2:47 and a lot of people didn't get thru. Frustration levels were high.
  - Ideas for improvements:
    - Go to 9-hour workdays with one more hour for mid-day convoy;
    - Initiate a shuttle service (4-5 vans) for residents and visitors at Makai Club and Hanalei to run simultaneously in both directions. Shuttle at 9 am and at 3 pm. Can help reduce congestion (# of vehicles in line), and economically by bringing people to businesses. (bank, grocery, dr appts., tourism, etc)

Larry: If we don't get the hillside stabilized, it leaves it open to potentially greater negative impacts on the community in the event of another severe weather occurrence in the future. Another factor at this stage of construction is that often, a cleanup operation needs to happen each time traffic needs to pass (debris, washing down roadway). This would slow things down considerably. As work progresses, more soil nails are installed and the hillside becomes more stable, there may be opportunities for extending convoy times or instituting shuttles as construction continues. The main priority for DOT at this time is safety. Will reevaluate situation in the future when soil nail and tech mesh phases of the project have wrapped up.

- **Is there a plan in place for emergency situations and access?** Yes, 9-1-1 calls have been made in the area throughout the closure period and in all instances vehicles and responders have been accommodated.
- **Hanalei School:** Started with about 20 kids riding the bus, now up to 100 kids. Parents have stepped up. Busses though, have waited for 20-30 minutes at a time and not been “prioritized” at times. Can we release Hanalei side first? To get children off the busses and picked up a little sooner?

Idea for improvement:

Only busses allowed to come down from Princeville prior to 9am. Then immediately flush the Hanalei side, to allow the busses to turn around and get into the moving line out of Hanalei. Further discussion between Larry and Tony will take place after the meeting to find a solution.

- HDOT communication plan update: Who’s responsible for updating HDOT website, HDOT FB, etc? The point person will be Ryan Aguilar in the DOT Public Affairs Office. Contact 808-587-2160 or [dotpao@hawaii.gov](mailto:dotpao@hawaii.gov).
- Waikoko update - Scaling work starts today and goes through Saturday. Currently designing a soil nail/tecco mesh stabilization solution for this location. School buses will be accommodated through the work zone and more time given to traffic during Hanalei Hill afternoon traffic window. DOT will work with contractor on flexibility. Using today as a benchmark, will determine what works best for everyone regarding impacts to community, businesses, visitors and see what modifications should be made for tomorrow and going forward. After completion can open two lanes to traffic in this location.
- Kapaa Graduation May 21: Request that May 21 – 22 work end at 4pm for graduation ceremony and gatherings. Larry will get back to the committee on this.
- Kilauea roadwork: Kilauea road work starts 6pm-6am: requesting work start at 8pm to alleviate heavy pau hana traffic. People have to wait at double work sites in evening to get back home.

Larry: Effective tomorrow – Kilauea road work times will be adjusted to 8pm to 6am.