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HDOT/Community Zoom Meeting for 4/21/2021 Agenda

▪ **Larry: weekly briefing**

- 128 soil nails drilled and grouted as of 4/13/2021. Project will have 520 soil nails total, for a retaining wall 300 feet wide x 60 feet tall. Contractor has slated Aug 24, 2021 as an estimated completion date for the soil nail wall portion of the project (upper slope only). Phase II will be the laying of the Tecco mesh below soil nail wall.
- DOT created a flyer to inform visitors of the Kuhio Highway access schedule at Hanalei Hill. They will be distributed at hotels and car rental agencies on the island.
- Smoke Test was not successful in locating entrances of water into the tunnel. The thinking is that the tunnel is blocked upstream. Looking to get robot on wheels/tracks to drive through the tunnel or drill down into the tunnel to drop cameras to investigate. Tunnel is 40-50 ft below the road.

The aim is to divert water coming off of the highway so it doesn't go over the slope and connect water coming from the tunnel to collect and join that water to drain down toward the bridge, away from the slope.

- Waikoko work update: scaling project report
Safety scaling portion of the project is complete as of last Friday. Able to fully open back up to 2 lanes on Friday. Soil nail tecco mesh (smaller project than Hanalei Hill) is the next phase. Project details forthcoming on scheduling.
- Kalihiwai project: Slope stabilization project update. Tecco mesh is completed, barriers have been removed and paving is scheduled for week of May 3.
- Kapaa Graduation May 21 - 22: Request work end at 4pm for graduation ceremony and family gatherings that Fri and Sat. Follow up next week. LD will update.
- Kilauea roadwork: Original work hours were 6pm – 6am, but this raised traffic issues. To address heavy pau hana traffic, the revised work hours are 8pm – 5am.

- **Mid-day Convoy:**

- The mid-day convoy continues to be extremely stressful on community, with new visitor arrivals adding to the line of cars. Some are leaving vehicles to go to Foodland or visit scenic lookout during wait times.

Contractors are meeting or exceeding the 45 minutes of break time, trying to let all cars get through. (Getting 2 full flushes of cars in each direction)

After further discussion with Hanalei School Principal Sines, the joint decision is for no modifications to the schedule at this time.

Many cars coming into Hanalei on mid-day convoy are rental cars heading to the beach. Cars leaving Hanalei on mid-day are majority residents heading to appointments, business, banking, etc.

DOT will continue to work with contractors to balance the convoys in each direction, allowing all cars to pass through, as possible. And, in the event of an emergency, making sure emergency vehicles are prioritized.

- **Communications:**

- Road sign near Princeville reads: "Road Open." Request change to wording to communicate road is closed except for convoy hours. Larry Dill will ensure digital road signage text is stated more clearly and there is better communication with road closure postings on website.
- Plan to create a QR code for visitors to scan at airport to access info on convoy/Hanalei hill work is underway.

- **Other Business:**

- **Hanaleitown.com** (lists 94 business, hours, access schedule, etc). Will work to add Haena businesses to the page. Advertising on radio.
- # of visitors to beaches is high in the am, since we are asking that they avoid the midday convoy. Guard towers don't open until 9:30 am. Something to be aware of and work to address.