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## HDOT/Community Zoom Meeting for 4/7/2021

### Agenda

- Larry: weekly briefing
  - Continuing installation of 70 soil nails; 41 nails on the first row and 29 on second row. Contractors are getting about 8 soil nails in per day. Looking at a total design of about 550 soil nails. The soil nail wall will be about 60 feet wide and 300 feet at the top. After this work is completed, the contractor will work on placing tech mesh on the lower wall.
    - The duration of work on the soil nail wall is initially estimated to be 4 months.
    - Larry will work to get timeline for substantial completion of the project (requested by meeting attendees.) The design is still being completed.
    - DOT plans to continue the current limited access schedule for 6 days/week, until the soil nail wall is completed.
  - Smoke test scheduled for April 15 to determine the source of water at the Hanalei Hill tunnel.
  - The work at Waikoko has been deferred until next week. Work schedule will begin at 9am until 3:45pm, starting Wednesday through Saturday (Larry covered timing & details in news release). Once complete, the area will open area to two-way traffic. DOT communicating with DOE and contractor about accommodating school buses through the work zone as necessary.
  - Traffic remains a challenge, especially at midday. DOT is looking at options to separate Princeville and Hanalei traffic.
    - Looking at temporary widening or if private property owners will allow diverting from Kapaka Road to Princeville. (At Church of the Pacific)
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- DOT/CoK communication plan update: who is responsible for updating DOT website, FB, etc.?
  - DOT communications contact: Ryan Aguilar. Public Affairs Office is working on this with Shelly Kunishige as the lead.
- Convoy: How has increase in visitors affected convoy? Midday convoy most backed up, is it still working?
  - Feedback and comments:
    - Midday convoy is the biggest stressor for residents who work in and commute through the Hanalei area and for parents whose children attend schools there. Many businesses are asking for an extension of midday convoy for their workers. Midday is when most visitors are visiting as well. Princeville resorts are working to educate visitors to pass through in the morning. Some residents are avoiding the area altogether to skip the convoy.

- The contractor is doing its best to clear both sides of traffic as time allows. DOT will work with contractor to determine options to provide greatest access while maintaining safety through the work area. (looking at schedule modifications, how often people can't get through, etc)
- Suggestions:
  - Adding another hour during midday convoy of 1-2 days a week so people can get through easier.
  - Adding a Wednesday 1/2 day.
  - Per Liz Doyle, if DOT adds convoy times, consider Friday's - some businesses are trying to do a pau hāna Friday. That could be a good ½ day.
  - Publicize the smoke test so that people don't panic when they see smoke coming up in Princeville.
- Waikoko work schedule: Will it work for school buses?
  - All school buses will be allowed access as needed
- Right turn lane into Princeville
  - DOT working on a temporary widening or if private property owners will allow, diverting traffic from Kapaka Street (at Church of the Pacific) to Princeville.