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HDOT MINUTES FROM THE MAY 12, 2021 HANALEI TO HAENA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING

- **Larry: weekly briefing**

- Soil nail count is 258 as of Tuesday, May 11. Installation of reinforcement for the soil nail wall has been the focus the past week, so nail count only increased by seven from last week.

- **Convoy:**

- traffic count update

Shared chart of traffic count from the last week. Not sure why the increase in vehicles during the week isn't reflected on the table. Will get that worked out for next week.

Beginning this Saturday, and for all Saturdays from now on, closures for construction will be for 30 minutes out of every hour, and the highway will be open to traffic for 30 minutes out of every hour. A PSA and an update to the web page <https://hidot.hawaii.gov/2021-hanalei-hill-landslide/> with details will be issued shortly.

Discussions with the contractor regarding possible modifications to the mid-day traffic opening are ongoing.

- **Survey results**

128 total responses. (from community and businesses) 93 results came in overnight. Survey gave opportunity to share frustrations/concerns regarding convoy. Lots of folks want extension of midday convoy (claiming 45 min is not enough). Opening an hour earlier or so would be helpful.

LD: Will look at information shared through the survey. Interested to see concerns and ideas and will use these results to make decisions on future of the convoy. Currently the contractor is opening up the convoy longer than is posted, which is good.

Jonny: Adding 15-30 mins as possible can only help the community and reduce stress. Survey shows broad community voice that is beneficial for all.

- **Summer schedule change?**

Add another hour to the convoy (12:30 to 2:30) would go a long way to helping out the community and visitors to access this part of the island.

- **Tunnel: update**

No resolution yet, still a work in progress. Working on ordering robot to explore tunnel. Will take two weeks or so to receive.

- **Princeville turn lane project: update**

Kalihiwai project completion of striping was delayed due to weather, so the striping contractor has not been able to mobilize to Princeville yet. Striping is now slated to be completed next week.

- **Night work request: update**

Artificial light not as clear/safe as natural light for working conditions. No plans to do night work at this time due to safety concerns for the workers.

- **Hanalei hill project: what it will look like when finished?**

Discussed vegetation at last meeting and roots likely affecting the integrity of the wall. Due to this reality, leaning toward staining/painting the upper slope. HDOT remains open to suggestions.

- **Communication Issues:**

QR code for visitors to scan at airport for direct access to info on Hanalei hill project and convoy schedule?

LD: Hopefully by next week will have an update on this. Will connect with PAO to determine estimated timeframe.

- **Shuttle: update** (Joel)

Has received a number of calls from the Haena community and Resorts (w/ visitor industry). Interest in a shuttle is high.

Counts of rental cars has been increasing. As resorts go from 60% capacity (current) to 100% in June, we will see these rental car numbers increase. If the midday convoy moves to a 2-hour opening, may reduce immediate need for a shuttle. If not, a shuttle may be a more viable option to move visitors and everyone through.

- **Other issues/questions/comments?**

- Representative of Waipa Foundation's 4-week summer program (June 14 – July 8) joined the meeting. Interested in convoy access for planning purposes. 4 vans to shuttle kids back and forth (8am – 2pm) Serve 40-50 families (~ 60-70 keiki total).
- Any more ditch work happening? Low point on the highway between Hanalei Dolphin and Hanalei Bridge still puddles after rain. LD: Will look into.
- Will it be a one- or two-lane opening after Phase I of the project is completed? LD: Still a one-lane closure for Phase II work. Will re-assess construction schedule for that phase of work. Haven't finalized plans on guardrails and drainage (flow) of runoff just yet. Will look into.