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HDOT MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 2, 2021 HANALEI TO HAENA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING

▪ **Convoy:**

Not having set times and direction priority (knowing which side goes first) has added stress to residents and visitors for public access through the Hanalei Hill project area. A more reliable, predictable cycle with set times and direction priority can improve things.

DOT would like to keep the same work structure – moving dirt the first half-hour of every hour – to continue making progress on the project, but would like to improve traffic flow.

One option is to alternate each convoy half hour window in only one direction, using the existing schedule. Traffic moves out of Hanalei at 8:30, 10:30, 12:30 etc. Traffic moves into Hanalei at 9:30, 11:30, etc. This guarantees that traffic will be moving in the direction advertised for the whole half hour. All other open/work times to remain the same.

Idea: Traffic out of Hanalei goes first (at 8:30am) and last (at 4:30pm).

Idea: Adding signage to roadway signs, flyers for visitors that reflect these changes.

Idea/Issue: Tourists in the leader position are oftentimes mistakenly following the convoy car when it turns off the road to turn around. Can we add signage or change where the lead car turns around to help prevent this going forward?

▪ **DOT Communications:**

Will work to be more accurate on the DOT communications shared with the public to avoid confusion/frustration. Larry will take more time to vet/review news releases.

▪ **Hanalei Hill finished wall:**

Larry wanted suggestions from the group for the wall painting.

Idea: Local artists do a plant/tree mural on the finished wall. Mimic the foliage of the area around it. The group also discussed native plant ground covering options after DOT projects to allow native plants to repopulate the grounds over invasives.