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\$1.5 million in Kainaliu improvements set to begin in October

Improvements estimated to cost \$1.5 million intended to address the flow of traffic through Kainaliu and provide additional parking begins October 1.

Planned improvements include a parking lot with 27 standard and two ADA stalls; two turnarounds—a combination turnaround and parking lot at the north end adjacent to Aloha Theatre and a second turnaround on the south side of Kadooka's Nursery Inc.—and repairs and enhancements to existing sidewalks on the mauka and makai side of Māmalahoa Highway. Turnarounds are designed to keep traffic flowing by allowing motorists to turn into a left-turn pocket (safely putting the vehicle out of the oncoming traffic).

- Left turns will be made at the turnarounds. This will help decrease bottlenecks caused by vehicles turning left out of diagonal parking stalls, and waiting for motorists who pull in and out of parallel parking stalls onto Māmalahoa.
- Construction will begin October 1 on proposed parking lot on the north side of Aloha Theatre. The parking lot will be closed during construction. When completed at the end of October it will be the second improved public parking lot. In October 2007, the County completed Oshima Public Parking Lot with 15 standard and one ADA parking stalls.
- Sidewalk improvements starting from the north and working towards the southern end of Kainaliu will be done on the makai side of Māmalahoa Highway from Aloha Theatre to Kimura Store, and on the mauka side between the former Union 76 Station and Kona Healing Arts. Three ADA ramps will also be added.
- No construction will take from November 27, 2008 to January 1, 2009.

Turnarounds and additional off-street parking will also help to reduce the current backups in front of Nobriga's property and Kainaliu Gardens.

Construction is scheduled to be completed in April. Two lanes will remain open to traffic during construction. The day time work schedule is 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays. Some night work will take place in October, January and April. A night schedule will be released later.

For updates, please call the hotline at 334-9559.

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