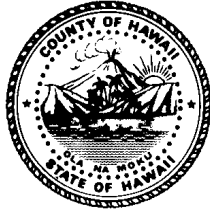


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***Komohana Street in Hilo will be closed February 4-5***

Komohana Street will be closed to through traffic between Kawaihine Street and Mauna Iho Place on February 4 and 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Precast retaining walls will be installed by Isemoto Contracting Co., Ltd, as part of roadside improvements partially funded by the Federal Highways Administration.

Motorists are asked to use Kilaha Street. Only right turns will be allowed at Kawaihine and Komohana streets. Residents on Mauna Iho and Uilani Place will have limited use of Komohana.

Off-duty officers will direct traffic and message boards at strategic locations on Komohana Street and intersecting roads will alert traffic to detour.

Roadside improvements began in late October and scheduled for completion in the third quarter of 2009. Improvements will be made to the drainage systems, road shoulders and building retaining walls for portions of Komohana and Kinoole streets. The majority of improvements along Kinoole were completed last year.

The \$5 million project is a federally funded Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. The Federal Highways Administration pays 80% of the improvement cost and the County of Hawaii, 20%.

Weather conditions may change dates for road closures and alter detours. For updates please call the hot line at 334-9559

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