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Traffic light installation at Mohouli and Kumukoa

The Mohouli Street improvements continue with the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Mohouli and Kumukoa streets in Hilo.

"This is part of the on-going effort to redesign Mohouli Street and its intersections to minimize peak-hour traffic," said Bruce McClure, director of the County's Department of Public Works.

Installation work will begin the week of March 3, 2008. The project is expected to take 180 days. Motorists should plan on delays and use alternate routes while the work is underway. Police will control lane closures.

Jas W. Glover, Ltd. will complete the \$1.6 million project, which will be paid for entirely by County funds.

Mohouli Street is a vital link between the growing mauka suburbs and downtown Hilo, the University of Hawai'i-Hilo and major commercial areas. In the past seven years, \$11.1 million in Federal, State and County funds has been spent on Mohouli Street traffic projects, and it is estimated that another \$13 million will be spent in the next seven years on additional improvement projects.

In 2001, the \$9.5 million Mohouli Street extension project was completed, extending Mohouli between Komohana Street and Kaumana Drive, connecting the communities of Lower Kaumana/Ainako with the existing Mohouli Street.

For updated information on this roadwork and other projects around the Island of Hawai'i, call the 24-hour hotline at 334-9559.