

## STATE UNVEILS SIX-YEAR HIGHWAYS MODERNIZATION PLAN

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, joined Governor Linda Lingle, House Transportation Chair Representative Joe Souki, and State Transportation Director Brennon Morioka on January 22, 2009 to unveil a \$4.2 billion dollar, six-year Highway Modernization Plan.

The statewide plan includes 36 projects specifically for Maui county, improving highway safety and maintaining infrastructure at a projected cost of \$578,940,000.

"These projects show how the Administration and the Legislature can work together to serve the critical needs of Hawai'i residents and move important projects ahead," said Senator English. "These improvements represent a chance to improve the quality of life for thousands in our community, and they deserve our unqualified support. Projects like this show that

we are not going to accept the status quo, that we will take extraordinary action in the face of pressing needs. Although the time schedule on these particular projects will take us a few years into the future, our state always benefits from capital improvement projects that both keep our workers on the job and improve the quality of life for our residents," he added.

On Maui, a number of projects aimed at improving highway capacity are ready to move forward to keep pace with future traffic demands. These include the Paia Bypass, bikeway, landscaping, guardrail and shoulder improvements and pavement preservation throughout the 6th District; the Kihei-Upcountry Road, and various bridge improvement projects.

The Highways modernization bill ([SB 1611 SD2](#)) is slated to pass the full Senate on Tuesday, 10 March.

Some projects slated for Maui County:

**Paia Bypass: \$3,120,000**

**Lahaina Bypass: \$175 million**

**Pu'unene Avenue Widening, Wakea Ave. to Kuiheliani Highway: \$5.53 million**

**Hana Highway Widening, Ka'ahumanu Ave. Airport Access Road: \$8.5 million**

**Kihei-Upcountry Road: \$136.5 million**

**Kula Highway, Kaipoi Stream Bridge Rehabilitation: \$5 million**

**Kamehameha V Highway, Kaimiloloa Stream Bridge Rehab Moloka'i: \$5 million**

**Honoapiilani Highway, Shoreline Protection: \$10 million**

**Kahului Beach Road, Shoreline Protection: \$5 million**

**North Kihei Road, Shoreline Protection: \$10 million**

**Pavement Preservation: \$10 million**



*DOT Director Brennon Morioka and Sen. J. Kalani English unveil the details of a 6 year plan for the Highways Modernization Plan ([SB 1611 SD2](#)). (Honolulu, 22 Jan. 2009)*

## A MESSAGE FROM KALANI

We live in remarkable times. Here, at last, are the days when we are seeing intelligent, inspired ideas, once only talked about, become our reality.

In my district, many people have been experiencing a chilly winter by Hawai'i standards. Still, we can always count on the sun for warmth and now, more than ever, for energy. I was delighted to take part in the dedication and powering-on of Hawai'i's first state-of-the-art Solar Farm on Lana'i - La Ola, "sun that gives life." Maui Electric Company will purchase power produced on this farm and transmit it to Lana'i homes, reducing carbon emissions by more than 2,300 tons a year.

Moloka'i motorists will enjoy safer and more comfortable daily commutes as the result of road improvements around the island. Travelers to and from O'ahu will also notice greater efficiency arising from increased airport parking capacity.

On February 21 in Hana, I presented a Senate hug - a proclamation of condolence - to families seeking closure after the tragedy and mystery of those lost with the Sarah Joe.

I waited deep into the night for the torch bearers in the Isle-Wide March of Hawaiians walking the periphery of our beautiful island, reminding us of the struggles and stewardship of the beautiful people of this aina.

Mahalo to you for tuning in and staying connected.

Aloha,



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## SENATOR J. KALANI ENGLISH ATTENDS DEDICATION OF MOLOKA'I ROAD IMPROVEMENTS



*Sen. English, Rev. Reynolds Ayau and DOT Director Brennon Morkioka at the opening blessing of **Kamehameha V Highway** after receiving eighteen million dollars of road improvements. (Moloka'i, 27 Feb 2009)*

Senator J. Kalani English joined representatives of the State Department of Transportation and residents of the Moloka'i community at Onealii Park to dedicate a number of road improvements and provide a blessing for new projects underway.

Recently, completed projects included Kamehameha V Highway emergency replacement of the Kawaikapu Bridge; Kamehameha V Highway resurfacing from Waialua to Halawa; and Maunaloa Highway resurfacing from Kaunakakai to Hoolehua.

"I am very pleased by what I see today," said Senator English. "Each of

these projects helps ensure the comfort and safety of Moloka'i residents, and brings key improvements to the island. I thank and congratulate Brennon Morioka and the State Department of Transportation for getting this done."

This event also provided a look forward toward new projects that recently began or will begin soon. These projects include: Kamehameha V Highway resurfacing from Kaunakakai to Onealii; pavement markings and striping at various locations around Moloka'i; and Kamehameha V Highway guardrail and shoulder improvements from Kapuokoolau to Kamalo.

Senator English sees multiple benefits in the continuing road work. "Not only does this improve the quality of life on Moloka'i and help ensure residents' safety, but it also means jobs, which are key in our shrinking economy. It is vital that we not let the state's economic downturn have lasting adverse effects on our communities. For me, this is a good example of the kind of work we need to focus on to help our communities," he said.

## REMEMBERING THE SARAH JOE

*Hana residence gather to remember the 30th anniversary of the loss of the fishing boat, **The Sarah Joe**. Recovered 9 years later in the Marshall Islands, it serves as a memorial to five Hana fisherman lost at sea. Sen. English offered condolences on behalf of Hawai'i State Senate. (Hana Bay, 21 Feb 2009)*

<http://www.hanasarahjoe.com>



## A DAY OF VICTORY LANA'I HAS CAPTURED THE SUN



*Senator English at dedication of La Ola Solar Farm (Lana'i, 6 January 2009)*

Senator English participated in the tour and dedication of the much anticipated 1.2-megawatt, State of the Art Solar Farm on Lana'i. The blessing ceremony included State dignitaries; a fashionable appearance by the sun as it strolled the red dirt carpet and lanes of solar arrays, as well as oli (chants) by Lana'i children and residents.

"La Na'i means the 'day of victory.' La Ola is the 'sun that gives life.' This has been a day of victory for those who have worked so long to provide renewable energy and great

er sustainability to our community." said Senator English "We all know the story of how Maui the Demi-God harnessed the sun to allow us to provide for our families. La Ola allows us to harness the sun again, and provide not only electricity, but a foundation upon which to build a cleaner, more productive Hawai'i."

Castle & Cooke Chairman and Chief Executive David Murdock has stated his commitment to achieving independence on imported oil. Lana'i, also the site of a proposed wind farm, now has 7,000 solar panels spread across ten acres and is expected to produce enough clean, renewable solar power to supply up to 30 percent of the island's peak electric demand. "This state-of-the-art solar farm helps pave the way for Hawai'i to become a leader in the production of renewable energy," said Murdock. "La Ola is just the first step in Castle & Cooke's plans for renewable, sustainable energy."



*Left to right - Senator Mike Gabbard; Maui Mayor Charmaine Tavares; Senator English; Governor Linda Lingle; Castle & Cooke Chairman and Chief Executive David Murdock; Kathy Best, Community Relations Manager Castle & Cooke Hawai'i.*

*Images courtesy of Castle and Cooke*



## HONOLULU AIRPORT PARKING ANGELS

*Senator J. Kalani English and Governor Linda Lingle dedicate the expansion of parking at the Honolulu airport. From left to right, Brian Sekiguchi, Deputy Director- Airports, DOT; Representative Lynn Finnegan; Senator English; Governor Lingle; Roger Peters, Executive Vice President/General Manager, Dick Pacific Construction and DCK Pacific Construction, LLC; Blaine Miyasato, Hawaiian Airlines (Representing Airlines Committee of Hawaii). (17 Feb. 2009)*

# WE THE PEOPLE



The torches enter Haneo'o, Maui, Senator English's home village, where he joins the 193-mile Ka'apuni (march) as Native Hawaiians raise awareness and spiritual support for cultural and political issues. (Hana, 23 Feb. 2009)



Meet Kalani's Office Team and friends ~ left to right back row, Alan Kekoa Texeira, Avon "Cissy" Rees, Lauraine Ayers-Briel, Deidre Tegarden, Lani Jennings, Senator J. Kalani English, Jean Napuauhi Jr., Jonathan Starr, Helen Nielson left to right front row, Jeni Carrell, Leona Nomura, Sharon Lum Ho, Auntie Libby Kimball



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