



NEWS AND UPDATES FROM Representative Troy N. Hashimoto

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Aloha! As we enter the holiday season, I wanted to thank you for the continued opportunity to serve you in the Hawaii State House of Representatives. My promise to you is to work hard every day and to advocate for the best interests of our community. We may not agree on all issues, but we must work together to better our home.

As we look to 2021, the new year means the start of a new legislative session – beginning on Jan. 20. The session spans up to 60 legislative days and allows lawmakers to debate and amend existing laws or to create new ones. The biggest challenge we will face is balancing the State's budget. COVID-19 has placed a big strain on our tourism-based economy, and without the assistance of a second federal stimulus, we may have to make some very tough choices. My feeling is that now more than ever, it is important that we do not cut important services that our community depends on during these difficult times. Instead, a focus must be placed on streamlining government operations and getting more creative on how we can better serve the public.

There are important tasks ahead, and I always welcome your input and thoughts on how we can better face the challenges brought on by COVID-19. My office remains open and my staff and I are here to help. Please do not hesitate to reach out at (808) 586-9444 or by email at RepHashimoto@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Please stay safe and I hope that you have a wonderful holiday season!

Mahalo,

Community Spotlight



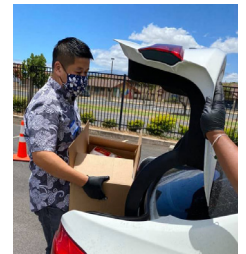
Delivering sweet potatoes donated by Amy Lam with Senator Keith-Agaran and Rep. Woodson to the University of Hawaii Maui College Chancellor Lui Hokoana.



Donating school supplies at the Maui United Way Tools for School Drive with founder Jolee Correa and her brother Kamahao.



Helping at the Bayanihan Food Drive at the Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center.



The fourth Bayanihan Food Drive with Rep. Woodson, Maui Food Bank Director of Operations Keith Wright, and Senator Keith-Agaran.

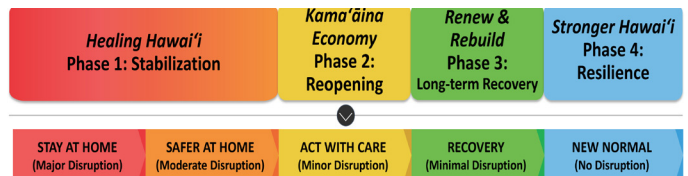


Next steps of reopening

During the transition from the Reopening Phase (Kamaāina Economy) to the Longterm Recovery Phase (Renew and Rebuild), there will be consideration for lifting the out-of-state 14-day travel quarantine. The 14-day transpacific quarantine can only be lifted when adequate screening protocols for keeping Hawaii's population safe are in place and the circulation of the virus in key domestic and international markets is similar or lower than Hawaii.

At the "Recovery" impact level, Hawaii will focus on reopening highest-risk businesses and operations – including consideration for large gatherings-while remaining cautious and adjusting Safe Practices as conditions evolve.

For more information, please go to www.recoverynavigator.hawaii.gov



We are currently at Phase 2

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Avoiding COVID-19 scams

The one thing we know about scammers is that they follow the headlines. So it is not surprising that we have seen so many coronavirus-related scams. From scammers selling fake COVID-19 cures and treatments to people posing as government officials offering coronavirus stimulus checks — nothing seems to be off-limits.

Here's how you can spot the scam.

Real contact tracers will not ask you for money.

Only scammers insist on payment by gift card, money transfer, or cryptocurrency.

Watch out for phishing emails and text messages.

Don't click on links in emails or texts unfamiliar to you.

Contact tracing does not require your bank account or credit card number.

Never share account information with anybody who contacts you asking for it.

Research before you donate.

Do not let anyone rush you into making a donation. Get tips on donating wisely at ftc.gov/charity.



Legitimate contact tracers will never ask for your Social Security number.

Never give any part of your Social Security number to anyone who contacts you.

Hang up on robocalls.

Scammers use illegal sales call to get your money and your personal information.

Ignore offers for vaccinations and home test kits.

Scammers are selling products to treat or prevent COVID-19 without proof that they work

Watch for emails claiming to be from the CDC or WHO. Do not click on a link in a text or email.

Doing so can download malware onto your device.

Waikapū Park Complex improvements

The Maui County Department of Parks and Recreation has announced improvements and expansion of the Waikapū Community Center, which will include replacement of the ballfield irrigation and other park upgrades. The construction work will require closure of the Waikapū Park Complex from Nov. 16, 2020, through Sept. 12, 2021.

The project will include improvements to and expansion of the existing community center, building for ADA accessibility compliance, and the addition of two covered lanais. Site work improvements include alterations to the existing parking and replacing the ballfield irrigation system, along with utility



improvements at the driveway connection to Waiko Road.

The Waikapū Community Center remains closed for public health and safety reasons related

to the COVID-19 pandemic. The park closure will affect the entire Waikapū Park Complex, including the ballfield and basketball court.

The project consultant is Riecke, Sunnland, Kono Architects Ltd., and the general contractor is Betsill Brothers LLC. The public is asked to stay outside of the construction area for safety reasons, and the department apologizes for any inconvenience.

For more information, contact CIP Coordinator Cheryl Akiona at cheryl.akiona@co.maui.hi.us or call (808) 270-7388.

For general Parks and Recreation information, visit www.maui-county.gov/parks

Released CIP Funding

Governor David Ige and the legislature have worked together to release funding for Capital Improvement Project (CIP) statewide. Most CIP projects are paid for with borrowed bond funds and to qualify, it must be a large scale renovation or repair to existing facilities, landscape improvements, new construction, land acquisition, or utility modifications. *Here are the projects for Central Maui that have had funding released since August 2020:*

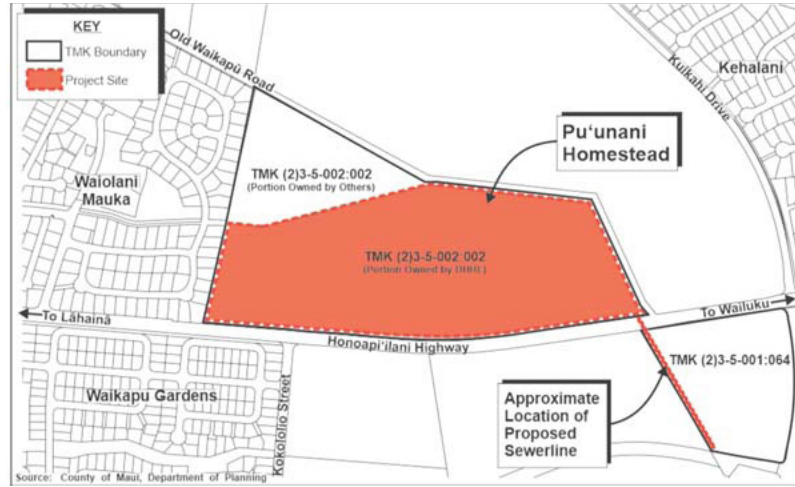
- ✓ **\$800,000** for design of a girls' athletic locker room at **H.P. Baldwin High School.**
- ✓ **\$1 million** for design and construction of a roof replacement for Building B at **H.P. Baldwin High School.**
- ✓ **\$1.1 million** for installation of air conditioning in Building A at **‘Īao Intermediate School.**
- ✓ **\$3.5 million** for design and construction for covered walkways and drainage at **Waihe‘e Elementary.**
- ✓ **\$3.9 million** for campus wide air conditioning and electric upgrade at **Wailuku Elementary.**
- ✓ **\$1.2 million** for re-roofing of Buildings G and J at **Wailuku Elementary.**
- ✓ **\$125,000** for renovating the **Maui Academy of Performing Arts** existing space for a new theater.
- ✓ **\$500,000** for the construction of a maintenance and event equipment storage building at the **Maui Arts & Cultural Center.**
- ✓ **\$350,000** for plans and design of an affordable housing project by the **Mission Grounds Development by the Wailuku Union Church.**
- ✓ **\$300,000** for the construction of a pavilion enclosure and other related improvements at the **Nisei Veterans Memorial Center.**

Pu'unani Subdivision moves forward

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) has published its final Environmental Assessment (EA) with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Pu'unani Subdivision in Waikapū, Maui.

The Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) evaluated the final EA and issued a FONSI determination at its October 2020 meeting. The final EA and FONSI were published in the Office of Environmental Quality Control's (OEQC) November 8 Environmental Notice.

In June 2019, DHHL acquired an approximately 48-acre parcel in Waikapū that would become the future Pu'unani Homestead Subdivision based on an agreement to transfer affordable housing credits to the developer.



The Pu'unani Subdivision is anticipated to be comprised of a maximum of 161 residential lots, including 137 turn-key single-family homes and 24 vacant lots. The turn-key homes are currently anticipated to range from approximately 1,088 square feet to 1,674 square feet in size and feature six model types with three to four-bedrooms and two or three-bath options.

Infrastructure improvements will include internal roadways, curbs, gutters and sidewalks, a drainage detention basin, grading, water, sewer, drainage, utility connections, walls, fences, landscaping improvements, as well as roadway frontage improvements along Honoapiʻilani Highway. In addition, Honoapiʻilani Highway will undergo widening at the project's entrances for the provision of turning lanes, a median refuge lane, the maintenance of an existing bike lane, and sight distance requirements.

Upon project completion, the residential lots will be offered to Waiohuli Undivided Interest lessees in their original selection order based on a 2019 HHC decision allowing the relocation of these leases. Any remaining lots will be offered to the Maui Island residential waiting list.

To review the Pu'unani Subdivision final EA, visit www.dhhl.hawaii.gov/po/maui

Ka'ahumanu Community Corridor Project



Maui County residents are invited to participate in a study to create a new vision for the roadway corridor along Ka'ahumanu Avenue and Main Street in Wailuku. Maui is growing, and we are facing challenges like creating additional affordable housing and providing adequate transportation options. This project has the opportunity to provide economic development, new jobs, and homes, along with new travel options to keep Maui accessible. The project is made possible by a grant from the State Legislature and matching funds from the County of Maui. The project is led by the Maui County Department of Planning with a project team consisting of the Maui County and State officials.

The Ka'ahumanu Community Corridor Project's website can be found at www.kaahumanucommunitycorridor.org. Website visitors can take a short survey, and go on a virtual scavenger hunt to snap photos and win prizes.

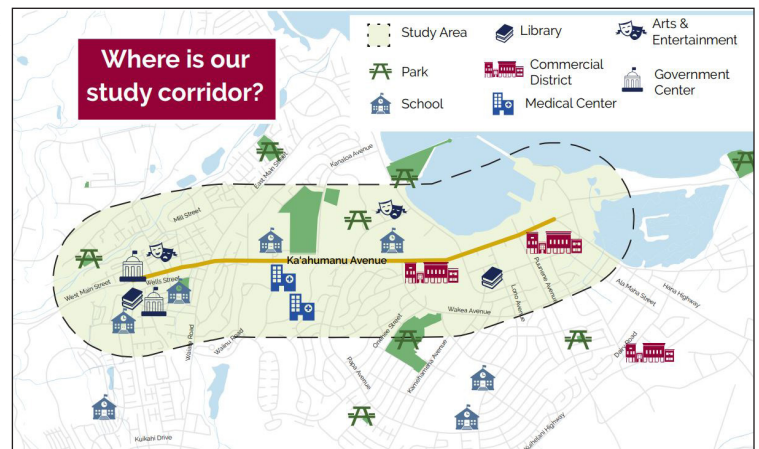
Website visitors also can sign up for email updates, learn more about the project, get notices about upcoming virtual meetings and contact the project team with any questions.

Project details:

- ▶ The roadway corridor extends 2.5 miles from Ka'ahumanu Avenue in the vicinity of the Maui Mall to Main Street near the State Building in Wailuku town.
- ▶ The project will explore new housing options, transportation improvements, safe bike and pedestrian routes and opportunities for economic development.
- ▶ The community will be an important partner by engaging in this study to create a new vision.

The project will unfold in three major phases:

Learn	Vision	Advance
Aug 2020-Jan 2021	Feb-June 2021	July-Nov 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the history and current conditions of the study area. • Explore potential for economic development and affordable housing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a vision for the future of Ka'ahumanu Avenue. • Identify areas for affordable and workforce housing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make recommendations for priority projects and programs. • Identify costs, potential funding sources and develop partnerships.





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Wailuku Town Improvement Updates

Next steps for Vineyard Street *September 2020 - January 2021*

Road improvements on W. Vineyard St. between Market St. and Church St. began on Sept. 28.

On Lower Vineyard Street, construction is anticipated to take 5 months to complete with crews starting from Market Street working towards Church Street. Temporary parking will be available at Maui Lani Safeway with free shuttle transportation on Da Bee. Portions of the Municipal Parking Lot will also be open.



Phase IB Access Road improvements are slated to begin in December 2020, followed by construction of the new Parking Structure in April 2021.

Construction on Upper Vineyard Street is anticipated to start in March 2021 and will take approximately 5 months to complete with work starting from Church Street up to High Street. Portions of the Municipal Parking Lot will also be open until March 2021.

*For updates on the project or information on Da Bee, go to
www.wailukulive.com*

Need a Ride?

With all of the construction making parking a little more difficult, you can catch Da Bee to various stops in Wailuku. Anyone can hop on board for a quick ride to work or to other stops in town. Shuttles run from Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Da Bee shuttle has two separate routes:



- Parking and bus pick up at Safeway (Wailuku side of parking lot).
- Nau Stop: Wells Street (fronting District Court).
- ‘Ohia Lehua Stop: N. High Street (fronting State Office Building).
- ‘Ilima Stop: Main Street (at South Market).
- Ma‘o Stop: Kemole Street (near Kehalani Makai Pkwy).
- ‘Ohia Lehua Stop: N. High Street (fronting State Office Building).
- ‘Ilima Stop: Main Street (at South Market).
- Bus returns to Safeway. Vehicle cleaned & disinfected, then repeats route.

Got a Question?
Call Da Bee Hotline
Mon-Fri: 6-6pm (HST)
808-877-4242, EXT 2