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ON TIME, ON BUDGET----SAFELY



Workers gathered at sunrise on the Ewa plain last month to resume construction of the Honolulu rail transit project.

Rail construction is well underway in West Oahu. Keeping construction on track is essential to delivering the rail project on time and on budget. And equally important is safety.

Members of the traveling public need to be aware of the construction work and should take extra precautions to drive safely.

"When you think about the fact that the only thing separating one of our workers from a car going 45 miles per hour is an orange cone, little more than that, it's a little bit scary out there," says Lance Wilhelm, Senior Vice President of Kiewit Infrastructure West Company, the contractor charged with designing and building the rail guideway.

Wilhelm says for Kiewit, worker safety is paramount.

"Our motto is very simple; nobody gets hurt. And we mean that. No scratches, no bumps, no bruises, and certainly nothing worse. We know what we do is inherently dangerous. We have big equipment moving lots of heavy stuff around in some pretty small areas. And we're confident we can do it safely."

Wilhelm is appealing to members of the public who drive near rail construction zones.

"When you see us out there, please back off a little bit. Drive with aloha. Remember those are your cousins out there working, and we're all family."

SAFETY FIRST



Here are some helpful tips for safe driving in construction zones:

Follow the Signs The color orange on the road means "construction zone." Enter these zones using extra concentration, caution and common sense. Signs posted in work zones provide important information designed to protect both motorists and construction crews, including everything from lane changes to speed limit reductions.

Plan Ahead Visit www.HonoluluTransit.org to see where construction zones will be and use an alternate route if possible. Construction zones can contribute to delays, so give yourself some extra time if you know you have to drive through a work zone.

Be Alert Pay extra attention to your surroundings while driving in construction zones. Continuously scan the roadway for moving equipment, vehicles and workers. Avoid distractions such as eating, loud music and using a cell phone.

Remain Calm Keeping cool in heavy slowdowns will make your drive safer and help keep traffic flowing. Be aware of drivers following too closely and motorists creating their own lane on the shoulder, but calmly focus on your own driving.

Give Trucks Room Trucks need nearly twice the time and room to stop as cars. You should increase your following distance for all vehicles when driving through a construction zone, especially trucks.

TRAFFIC ALERT



HART has temporarily reopened the eastbound lane of Old Farrington Highway in Ewa. Drivers are now able to access the eastbound lane from Kualakai Parkway (North-South Road) and detour along Old Fort Weaver Road near Kahi Mohala to access Farrington Highway into Waipahu. The highway will remain closed to westbound traffic.

Members of the public will be able to access the Aloun Farms pumpkin patch this weekend via Old Farrington Highway and Kualakai Parkway.

Lane closures in Waipahu will take place between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. from Monday, October 28 to Friday, November 1 eastbound and westbound on:

- Farrington Highway between Kahualii Street and Waiawa Road

Lane closures eastbound and westbound in Ewa and Waipahu will also take place Sunday, October 27 to Thursday, October 31 between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. on:

- Farrington Highway between Old Fort Weaver Road and Mokuola Street

One lane in each direction of Farrington Highway in Waipahu will remain open at all times.

Lane closures in the Pearl Harbor and airport areas will take place from Monday, October 28 to Friday, November 1 between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on:

- Kamehameha Highway near Halawa Drive
- Kamehameha Highway near Middle Street
- Kamehameha Highway near H-1 Nimitz Highway on-ramp
- H-1/Moanalua Freeway on-ramp along Kamehameha Highway near Aloha Stadium
- Kamehameha Highway westbound west of H-1/Moanalua Freeway

Lane closures in Pearl City will take place from Sunday, October 27 to Thursday, October 31 between 10 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. on:

- Kamehameha Highway between Puu Poni Street and Kaahumanu Street. Left turns from and onto Kuleana Road will be restricted. Bus stops near the H-1 Freeway overpass, the HECO-Waiiau Power Plant, Kuleana Road and HilaPlace may be temporarily relocated. Check TheBus website at www.thebus.org for details.

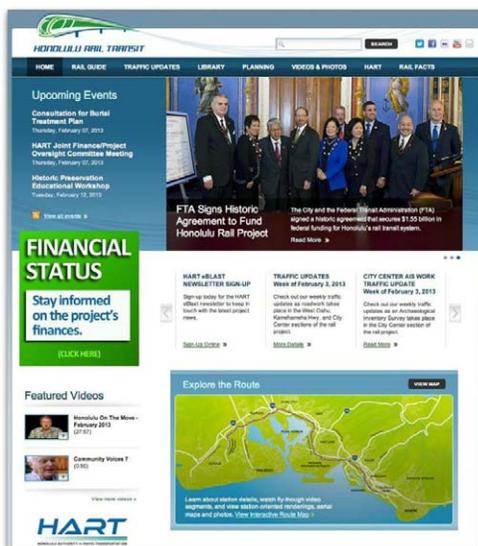
Lane closures in Kalihi and downtown will take place from Monday, October 28 to Friday, November 1 between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. eastbound and westbound on:

- Kamehameha Highway between Middle Street and Laumaka Street
- Dillingham Boulevard between Puuhale Street and McNeill Street
- Dillingham Boulevard between Waiakamilo Road and Kohou Street
- Dillingham Boulevard between Alakawa Street and North King Street
- Halekauwila Street between Richards Street and Keawe Street

Motorists should anticipate some possible delays in traffic and proceed with caution through the work areas.

For the latest traffic updates, please visit our website at www.HonoluluTransit.org. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the work in your area, call our 24-hour project hotline at (808) 566-2299.

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