

Honolulu Board of Water Supply
Media Advisory



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**WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BY KAPAHULU AVE AND
WAIALAE AVE TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 29, 2016**

HONOLULU – Mega Construction, Inc., the Board of Water Supply's (BWS) contractor for the Kapahulu Water System Improvements, Part I, project in the Kapahulu and Kaimuki areas, is scheduled to begin work on February 29, 2016. The renewal of the water system will improve fire protection and water service reliability for residents in the area.

This project will involve replacing approximately 4,700 feet of 8-, 6-, and 4-inch water mains. All of these pipes were installed at various times ranging from the 1930s to the 1950s.

The following streets will be impacted:

- Lincoln Avenue, from Kapahulu Avenue to 3rd Avenue
- Kaimuki Avenue, from Kapahulu Avenue to 4th Avenue
- 2nd Avenue
- Belser Street
- Aloalo Place
- 3rd Avenue

Roadwork will occur Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will involve lane closures at various locations throughout the work area. Area residents and motorists are advised to expect delays and use alternate routes during construction hours. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, this project will be completed in the second quarter 2017. Questions and comments may be directed to the BWS Construction Section at 748-5730 or by emailing contactus@hbws.org.

The BWS strives to balance the need to replace aging infrastructure with affordable rates for its customers. Revenue from water rates fund the maintenance and replacement of Oahu's aging water infrastructure, meet the BWS's operational requirements, and ensure customers will have water whenever they turn on their taps. The funding will facilitate proactive pipeline replacement projects, such as this one, to minimize water main breaks and to renew the BWS's pumps, reservoirs, and treatment plants.

About the Board of Water Supply

The Board of Water Supply (BWS), a semi-autonomous agency of the City and County of Honolulu, manages Oahu's municipal water resources and distribution system. As the largest water utility in the State, the BWS serves approximately one million customers on Oahu. The BWS embraces its mission of "Water for Life – *Ka Wai Ola*"—to provide a safe, dependable, and affordable water supply, now and into the future. *Uwē ka lani, ola ka honua* – "When the heavens weep, the earth lives." For more information, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.

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