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PENSACOLA STREET WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 16, 2016

HONOLULU – RMY Construction, Inc., the Board of Water Supply's (BWS) contractor for the Pensacola Street Water System Improvements project, is scheduled to begin work on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. The renewal of the water system will improve fire protection, enhance water service to residents and businesses in the area, and reduce the likelihood of water main breaks.

This project will replace approximately 2,300 feet of 12-inch water main and 750 feet of 8-inch water main, and appurtenances on Pensacola Street, from Kinau Street to Kapiolani Boulevard. The existing waterlines were installed at various times, ranging from the 1920s through the 1970s.

Lane closures will occur Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Occasional evening lane closures may be implemented based on project needs. Area residents and motorists are advised to expect delays and to use alternate routes during construction hours. There may be times when construction work will require restriction of street parking in certain areas. Barring any unforeseen circumstances this project should be completed in the first quarter of 2017.

The BWS encourages the community to visit www.boardofwatersupply.com for project updates. Questions and comments may also be directed to the project construction manager, Bowers and Kubota Consulting, at 321-1879, the BWS Construction Branch at 748-5730, or by emailing contactus@hbws.org.

The BWS strives to balance the need to replace aging infrastructure with maintaining 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 is also used to renew the BWS's pumps, reservoirs, and treatment plants.