

Honolulu Board of Water Supply

Media Advisory



Contact: Jill Kuramoto
Telephone: 748-5311

April 28, 2014

BWS TO CONDUCT WATERLINE REPLACEMENT ON KONA STREET

HONOLULU – Beginning May 5, 2014, a Board of Water Supply (BWS) contractor is scheduled to begin preliminary work to replace approximately 2,400 feet of eight-inch waterline and appurtenances on Kona Street from Atkinson Drive to Kona Iki Street. The waterline to be replaced was installed in 1948. The project was originally scheduled to begin in January 2013, but was delayed due to permitting issues.

During the first phase of the project (Kona Street from Atkinson Drive to Kaheka Street) construction activities are scheduled to take place Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. After the completion of the first phase, working hours for the remainder of the project (Kona Street from Kaheka Street to Kona Iki Street) will transition to take place in the evenings, Sunday to Thursday from 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. The contractor will be making efforts to mitigate noise during night work. Evening work will take place to minimize interference with other ongoing construction projects in the area.

The renewal of the water system is necessary to improve fire protection, enhance water service to residents and businesses in the area, and reduce the likelihood of water main breaks.

Work for the project is expected to begin on Kona Street near the Atkinson Street intersection and will proceed towards Kona Iki Street. Motorists are advised to expect delays and to use alternate routes during construction hours, if possible. Drivers traveling through the construction area are asked to please abide by posted traffic signs and allow for additional travel time. Barring any unforeseen circumstances this project is anticipated to be completed in December 2014.

The BWS encourages the community to visit www.boardofwatersupply.com for project updates. Questions and comments may also be directed to the BWS Construction Section at 748-5730, or the BWS Communications Office at 748-5041.

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 is also used to renew the BWS's pumps, reservoirs, and treatment plants.

###