

Honolulu Board of Water Supply

Media Advisory

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KAPIOLANI BOULEVARD WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO BEGIN IN MARCH 2014

HONOLULU – A Board of Water Supply (BWS) contractor is scheduled to begin work to replace approximately 3,800 feet of water main and appurtenances on Kapiolani Boulevard, from McCully Street to Date Street, beginning March 31, 2014. 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. The contractor will replace approximately 2,800 feet of 12-inch water main installed in 1938 and approximately 1,000 feet of 8-inch water main installed in 1953.

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

This project will cause traffic delays for drivers using Kapiolani Boulevard. Motorists are advised to expect delays and 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 will be completed in December 2014.

The BWS encourages the community to visit www.boardofwatersupply.com for project updates and traffic patterns or call 748-5310 to hear a voice recording of the information. Questions and comments may also be directed to the project construction manager, ESH, Inc., at 218-5094, 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.

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