

OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE NADINE K. NAKAMURA

DISTRICT 14 - WAILUA TO HAENA | NEWSLETTER | MID-SESSION 2018

Dear Resident:

The State Legislature is in full swing and I'm happy to report that several bills are moving ahead.



*HB 2601: Adds a surcharge to rental cars. The surcharge would be used for highway capacity improvements in the county where the tax is collected.

*SB 648: Increases TAT for neighbor island counties. Kauai's TAT allocation would increase from \$14.9 to \$24.36 million.

*HB 2267: Adds a surcharge to illegally parked cars on State Highways. Proceeds will go to county police departments for enforcement.

*HB 2081: Provides additional funding to address the invasive rose-ringed parakeet on Kauai.

*Multiple bills to address homelessness and affordable housing

I'd like to take this opportunity to address one of the most pressing concerns in our community: traffic congestion. The State Department of Transportation is working on the four priority projects in District 14 that are highlighted in this newsletter.

Please be assured that we are tracking these projects and working to find and secure funding for these projects.

Nadine K. Nakamura



Rep. Nakamura and Kaua'i High School Teacher and Kapa'a resident Erin Mederios from the Hope Street Group Legislator Shadow Day.

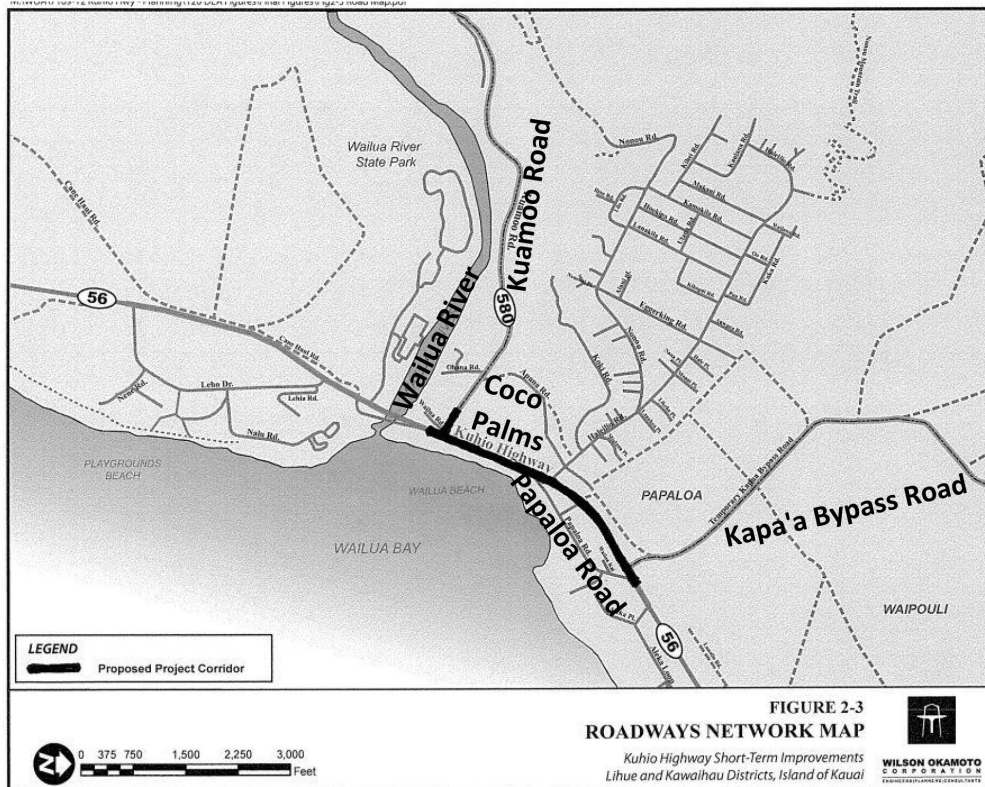


Rep. Nakamura with kids from Keiki Steps, an early childhood development program.

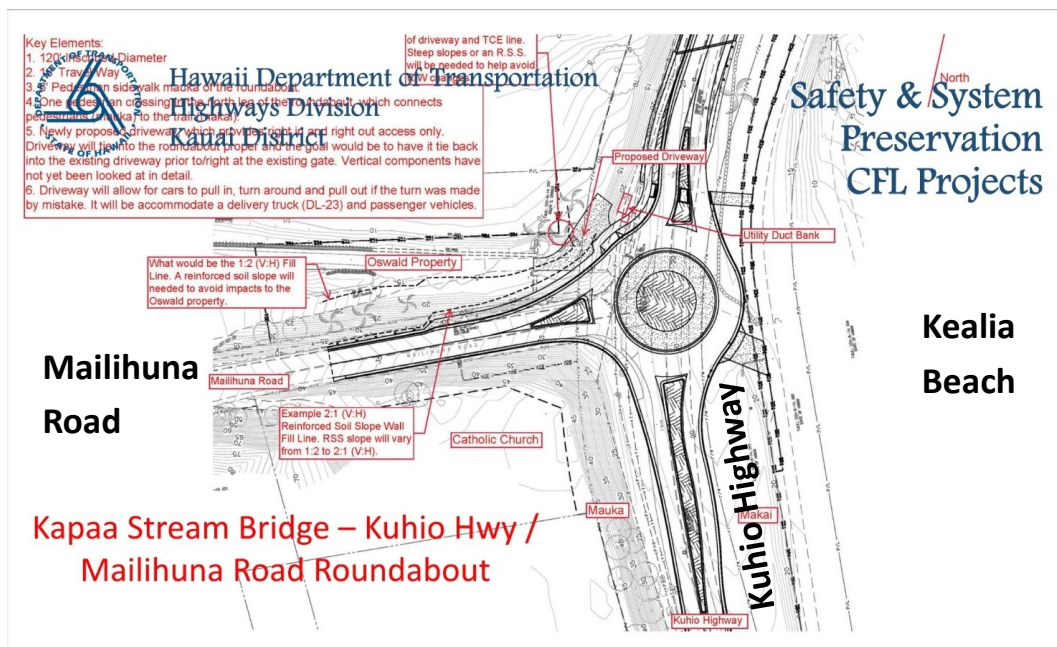


Rep. Nakamura honoring the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council Award Recipients: our 2018 Community Heroes: Bob & Pam Warren. As well as our Kaua'i County MVP: Kelsey Brock.

- Project 27: Coco Palms:** The plan for this project is to add a southbound lane to Kuhio Highway from the southern terminus of the Kapaa Temporary Bypass to Kuamoo Road, providing 2 southbound and 2 northbound lanes through this area. State 20% matching funds is secured. Federal 80% match is committed. Construction is expected to begin March 2019 and last between 18 to 24 months.



- Mailihuna/Kuhio Highway:** The plan for this project is to replace the Kapaa Stream Bridge and construct a roundabout at the intersection of Mailihuna Road (the road that leads to the entrance of Kapa'a High School) and Kuhio Highway funding is secured. Construction is expected begin in November 2018 and completed in January 2020.



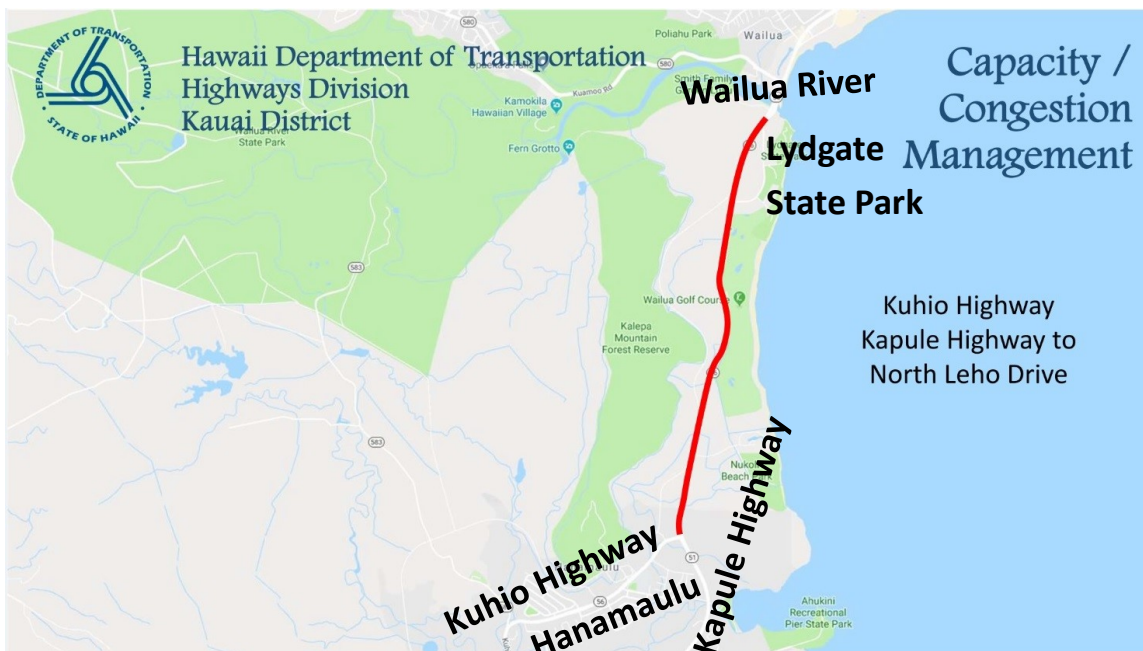
3. Northbound Lane Behind Bryan Baptiste Park:

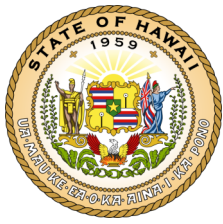
The proposal is to add a north-bound lane behind Bryan Baptiste Sports Complex. Currently, there is only one south-bound lane. Alternative options and environmental work will begin in 2018. Planning and design consultants will be secured in 2019. It will take about 2 years to complete planning and design work. If state and federal funds can be secured, construction could begin in 2025.



4. Northbound Lane from Wailua to Hanamaulu:

This proposal is to add a southbound lane from Wailua to Hanamaulu, from North Leho Drive (by the Hilton Garden Inn, Kaua'i) to Kapule Highway. Alternative options and environmental work will begin in 2018. Planning and design consultants will be secured in 2019. It will take about 2 years to complete planning and design work. If state and federal funds can be secured, construction could begin in 2023.





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New Capital Improvement Projects Funding Announced!

Governor Ige recently released Capital
Improvement Projects funding in our district:

1. *Kapa'a Middle School- \$73,000 (revert and reallocate) for improvements with hurricane protective measures to harden Buildings B, C, E, G, H, I, and J.*
2. *Kapa'a High School Gymnasium- \$500,000 (design only) to finance design for new gymnasium for Kapa'a High School.*
3. *Kuhio Highway, Lumahai Bypass Road, Phase 2. \$600,000 for funding to acquire right of way from Kamehameha School/Bishop Estate for Kuhio Highway at Lumahai.*



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