COVID-19 UPDATES ON REAL ID, LANE CLOSURES, AND OTHER HIGHWAYS WORK

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HONOLULU – The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) provides the following updates on Highways operations during the Governor's emergency period for COVID-19.

Lane closures

HDOT Highways remains committed to maintaining and improving the highways system during the COVID-19 emergency and has extended hours for closures on the following projects in response to lower than normal traffic volumes:

On Oahu-

- Freeway Management Phase 2 work currently ongoing on the H-1 in Kapolei has been approved to work from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- The finishing work on the Kapolei Interchange Phase 2 project will begin at 8 p.m. Previously, full nighttime closures for this project were approved to begin at 10 p.m.
- HART has been given permission for extended work hours at:
    - Pearl Harbor Interchange
    - Valkenburgh Street/Nimitz Highway intersection
    - Nimitz Highway eastbound between Elliot Street and the Sand Island ramp
    - H-1 offramps to Dillingham Boulevard and Kamehameha Highway
    - Middle Street north of Dillingham Boulevard

The extended hours are from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Friday. Previously approved hours were 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. Sunday through Friday.

- The City's Dowsett Highlands Sewer Relief project on Pali Highway in Nuuanu has been approved to work Monday through Saturday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

On Maui, the Hana Highway resurfacing in Kahului approved work hours are between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Honoapiilani Highway resurfacing between Aholo Road and Kai Hele Ku Street hours have been extended between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

HDOT will monitor all extended closures and will make adjustments if needed. All approved closures will be continued to be posted weekly at https://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/roadwork/

Safety Checks, CDL holder guidance, REAL ID

FAQ sections have been added on the Periodic Motor Vehicle Inspections and Commercial Driver's Licenses at:

https://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/faq/covid-19-safety-check-faqs/

https://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/faq/covid-19-cdl-faqs/

The Department of Homeland Security has extended the REAL ID enforcement deadline (i.e., when driver's licenses and State IDs must have a REAL ID compliant marking, such as the star in the gold circle, to be used for TSA clearance at airports and other federal properties) to Oct. 1, 2021.

https://www.dhs.gov/news/2020/03/26/acting-secretary-chad-wolf-statement-real-id-enforcement-deadline

Special use lanes (HOV, Contraflow, Zipper lane)

All State special use lane operations are suspended as of March 25. The suspension will be for the duration of the Stay at Home order and includes the contraflow of the third lane on Farrington Highway at Maipalaoa Bridge.

HDOT thanks its employees, contractors, and consultants for their support of our essential functions during this emergency period.

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