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February 4, 2022 Menehune Road Update

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Menehune Road and Waimea Swinging Bridge

New updates: The County's Geotechnical consultant continues to work on determining parameters for a permanent solution to mitigate additional rockfall hazards in this area on Menehune Road. Survey work to obtain topographic data of the slope is being scheduled.

On Thursday, Kaikor Construction – the County's contractor for the Waimea Swinging Bridge repairs – completed initial bridge stabilization work ahead of schedule. Bridge repairs for the temporary restoration of pedestrian access is anticipated to start in 2-3 weeks, once all materials and equipment are secured and mobilized.

In the meantime, Menehune Road is now open to regular vehicle traffic. Temporary road closures may be needed in the future when work continues on the Waimea Swinging Bridge, or if significant rain causes additional rockfall hazards. Updates on new road closures will be announced via this newsletter and roadway signage.

Continuing work: Given the historic nature of the Waimea Swinging Bridge, we expect permanent repairs will require special order materials; thus, officials anticipate that permanent repairs won't start for several months. We will continue to work with Makaweli residents on their continued needs. If you require assistance, please contact KEMA at the numbers listed below.

Refuse Service

Effective Monday, Feb. 7, the County will revert to the area's normal Monday morning refuse collection service. Please leave your bagged trash in your refuse carts on Sunday, Feb. 6, for early-morning pickup on Monday.

If you currently don't have a refuse cart and would like to continue receiving county refuse collection service, please contact the Division of Solid Waste Management at 808-241-4840.

Panini Road Emergency Access Route

The State Department of Land and Natural Resources' (DLNR) alternate emergency access route from Waimea Canyon Drive, known as Panini Road, will remain open to local residents and first responders via 4 x 4 usage only. Motorists are urged to drive slowly and cautiously through the area.

Important Contacts

- If you require assistance during work hours, you may call the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency (KEMA) at 808-241-1800.
- If after working hours, call Kaua'i Police Dispatch at 808-241-1711.

- If this is an emergency and you require immediate assistance, call 911.
- For kupuna assistance, please contact the Agency on Elderly Affairs at (808) 241-4470.
- For all other assistance, including utility, postal service, and school/education needs, please contact KEMA at 808-241-1800, and someone will help coordinate with the appropriate official.