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## January 25, 2022 Menehune Road Update

\*\*The next newsletter will be provided on **Friday, Jan. 28**.  
To view, visit [www.kauai.gov/kema](http://www.kauai.gov/kema) and click on "Waimea Valley Rockslide.\*\*

### IMPORTANT HAZARD NOTICE

Please **DO NOT** cross or approach the rockfall site if closed. Doing so could result in severe injury or death.

### Road Closure and Slope Stabilization

**New updates:** On Monday, HiTech Rockfall Construction completed rock scaling work on the slope above Menehune Road. Today, they are cleaning up and beginning to demobilize from the site.

As HiTech demobilizes today, the County of Kauai's Public Works Roads Division is inspecting the condition of Menehune Road and will begin installing traffic safety measures, including the placement of barriers along the riverside embankment.

Starting today, Jan. 25, Menehune Road is now open to all traffic. However, **ongoing temporary road closures** may be necessary for the next few weeks, as continuous work on the slope is needed.

Upcoming work on the slope includes the installation of erosion control measures, which will be conducted by Geolabs – the county's contracted geotechnical engineering firm – along with HiTech. **This work is currently scheduled for Monday, Jan. 31, and will require a full closure of Menehune Road** for at least one day. More details on this road closure will be announced in the coming days.

### Waimea Swinging Bridge

**New updates:** With the reopening of Menehune Road, the County can begin further damage assessments of the Waimea Swinging Bridge. Next week, crews will conduct additional safety measures to further stabilize the bridge before temporary repairs begin. Temporary repairs will start soon after to restore pedestrian access until permanent repairs commence. More details, along with a timeline on these repairs, will be shared once a schedule is confirmed.

**Continuing work:** Given the historic nature of the bridge, we expect this to be a long-term repair project. 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

**The next refuse collection is currently scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 1.** Residents are asked to leave their bagged trash in their refuse carts on Monday, Jan. 31, for early-morning pickup on Tuesday. To ensure efficient pickup, please double bag your household trash and place it in your county-issued refuse carts. For those without refuse carts, please leave your bagged household waste in a covered trash receptacle

at the side of the road immediately adjacent to your driveway. Trash should be double-bagged in the event manual loading into a truck becomes necessary. Trash receptacles must not exceed 50 pounds, and more than one covered receptacle may be used. Bulky items, green waste, and loose trash will not be collected at this time.

### **Food Distribution, Wellness Checks, Needs Assessments**

Families are reporting that they have food and supplies for the time being. Supply deliveries will occur, however, on a case-by-case basis.

The wellness checks and needs assessments team is now led by the Hawai'i Foodbank – Kaua'i Branch and Pastor Darryl Kua of the Westside Christian Center Assembly of God. They will be conducting periodic needs assessments, and run food and supplies to the affected residents based on these check-ins.

### **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.