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Blessing held for Kawaihau-Hauʻaʻala-Mailihuna Complete Streets Project; first phase of construction to begin Oct. 11

KAPAʻA – About 20 people attended the blessing for the Kawaihau-Hauʻaʻala-Mailihuna Complete Streets Project in Kapaʻa on Friday.

“Mahalo to Grace Pacific, the Department of Public Works, and our community for helping to make this project come to fruition,” said Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami. “I have walked this area countless times with my daughter Hailee when she attended Kapaʻa Elementary School. This improvement will help to slow vehicles down, keep traffic flowing smoothly, avoid confusion amongst drivers, and will increase the overall safety of this area.”

In addition to the 5-way intersection of Kawaihau Road, Hauʻaʻala Road, and Mailihuna Road, safety improvements include new concrete sidewalks fronting Kapaʻa Elementary School, Kapaʻa High School and St. Catherine School, new bus shelters, and flashing beacons at crosswalks.

“There will be temporary inconveniences as is necessary when making improvements of this magnitude, and we thank the community for your patience and understanding as our contractors get to work,” added Mayor Kawakami.

Additionally, the Department of Public Works and Grace Pacific LLC, are announcing that the first phase of construction for the Kawaihau-Hauʻaʻala-Mailihuna Complete Streets Project is set to begin on Oct. 11, 2021, from 7 a.m to 3:30 p.m.
The scope of work consists of grading, demo, installation of BMP’s, drain line, waterline, and sidewalk construction in the vicinity of the Hau’a’ala Road, Kolohala Road, Mailihuna Road, and Kawaihau Road intersections. This phase of the project is expected to be completed by Jan. 30, 2022.

Lane closures are scheduled for this phase of work on Mailihuna Road, and motorists are encouraged to allow for extra travel time when driving near the work area and to follow all construction traffic controls. Please exercise caution when commuting through the work area.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Marie Poynter of Grace Pacific, LLC. at (808) 699-4654.

Photo caption: Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami attends blessing for the Kawaihau-Hau’a’ala-Mailihuna Complete Streets Project in Kapa’a on Friday.
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