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Jan. 6 UPDATE: Menehune Road remains closed near Waimea Swinging Bridge; rockfall mitigation work to begin tomorrow

WAIMEA – Menehune Road near the Waimea Swinging Bridge remains closed due to a rockfall that occurred on Jan. 3. Rockfall mitigation assessment above the road began today, Jan. 6., with work to start tomorrow, Jan. 7, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

“Following their assessment, contractors estimate that it may take at least three weeks to remove all the rockfall hazards above Menehune Road. Crews will resume clearing work as soon as it is deemed safe,” said Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami. “We are thankful to our utility partners for restoring power and water service by Tuesday night. Our telecommunications partners are continuing their work to restore cable and internet service which are estimated to be completed Friday. Any resident needing assistance during the continued road closure is urged to call the Kaua’i Emergency Management Agency for assistance at 808-241-1800.”

The Department of Public Works will also address the damaged swinging bridge supports that are also above the road.

Affected residents are urged to avoid the dangerous conditions. If you require assistance during work hours, you may call the Kaua’i Emergency Management Agency 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.

There is no timeline yet on when the road will be reopened. Updates will be provided as information becomes available.



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