



## ***KEEPING EWA ON THE MOVE***

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### **The Latest Transportation Update Vol.5**

Aloha,

Two major transportation projects are underway in the Ewa Plains – the widening of Fort Weaver Road and the new North-South Road. Both are intended to help accommodate the increase in motorists due to new residential and commercial developments, government offices, and the West Oahu campus of the University of Hawaii.

#### **Fort Weaver Road**

Fort Weaver Road will be widened from four lanes to six, with actual construction starting within four to five months. **Needed preparatory work is currently being done in this second phase of the expansion**, which covers the area spanning A'awa Drive to Geiger Road. This work includes confirming the location of underground utilities and the drainage system. Two lanes in either direction will be open for traffic during rush hour throughout the construction period.

Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company, Inc. (HDCC) was given the green light for Phase II on February 1, 2007. The anticipated completion date for this portion of the widening project is January, 2009.

Phase I covered A'awa Drive northward to Farrington Highway. The total cost for both phases of the Fort Weaver project is \$59.85 million.

### North-South Road

A new H-1 freeway exit midway between the Waipahu/Ewa/Kunia exit and the Makakilo/Kapolei exit is being built to alleviate traffic congestion for Ewa and Kapolei. The new North-South Road, joining the H-1 to Kapolei Parkway, will give residents an additional route to and from the freeway.

This six lane, 2.5 mile long road will be built in two phases. Phase I will consist of four lanes connecting Kapolei Parkway to the H-1, with completion targeted for the end of 2008. Phase II will expand North-South Road to six lanes.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about these projects. I am open to and welcome your suggestions and comments. Take care and have a great weekend.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Will Espero".

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