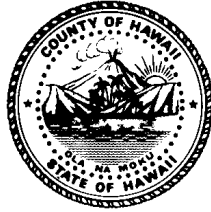


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ONE-WAY TRAFFIC PATTERN ON WAIĀNUENUE AVENUE AS THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

HILO, starting Monday, August 1, 2022

As a new school year begins on August 1, DPW would like to remind the public that Waiānuenu Avenue will have a one-way traffic pattern from 7:15am to 8:00am. The one-way traffic pattern will start at the Komohana Street intersection traveling east bound, down to Kamehameha Avenue.

Hawai'i Police Department will be increasing traffic enforcement efforts during this time to ensure a safe transition back to the one-way traffic. There is a \$97 fine for those not obeying the one-way traffic pattern.

The Hawai'i Police Department is encouraging motorists to drive safely when approaching school zones.

Here are traffic safety tips to keep in mind as children go back to school:

- Slow down. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood.
- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking or bicycling to school.
- Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- Watch for children playing and congregating near bus stops.
- Obey the school bus "flashing signal light system" that school bus drivers use to alert motorists of pending actions:
- Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.
- Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.

We appreciate the community's support in practicing cautious driving to help keep our keiki safe.