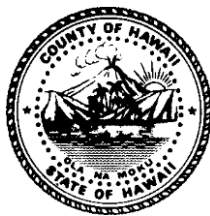


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WAIPI'O VALLEY ROAD ROCKFALL MITIGATION WORK; MAY 22

Hawai'i County's Public Works Engineering Division announces the upcoming commencement of rockfall mitigation work along Waipi'o Valley Road, starting on May 22. The primary objective of this project is to ensure the safety of residents and visitors by proactively addressing potential rockfall hazards in the area.

To facilitate the necessary work and ensure the well-being of the public, it will be essential to temporarily close the road on a daily basis. Starting from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, the road will be inaccessible to all traffic during the construction period. This precautionary measure is vital to safeguard the public from any potential risks associated with the project.

The initial phase of the rockfall mitigation effort will focus on the section of Waipi'o Valley Road stretching from the entrance of Waipi'o Valley Lookout to a distance of 750 feet down the slope. The anticipated timeline for completion of this phase is approximately six weeks, as our dedicated team of professionals ensures thorough execution of the required measures.

We kindly request the understanding and patience of residents, businesses, and all individuals who may be inconvenienced during this period. The temporary closure of the road is necessary to ensure a safe and efficient work environment for our construction crews.

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