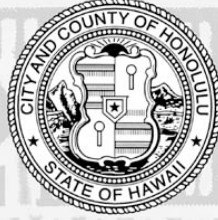


NEWS RELEASE



**DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 18, 2007

NEW TRAFFIC SIGNALS GO “LIVE” ON JULY 24

The City and County of Honolulu will begin operation of two new traffic signals on Tuesday, July 24, at 9:00 a.m., at the intersections of South Beretania Street and Kaialiu Street in Moiliili and later in the morning at North School Street and Leilani Street in Kalihi.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann said, “These are examples of the City’s efforts to improve pedestrian safety at heavily traveled intersections in town. Combined with our project to install countdown pedestrian signals across the island, restriping, and continuing public education and police enforcement, we expect to make headway in making our streets that much safer for everyone.”

The North School-Leilani street intersection is located in Kalihi, midway between Likelike Highway and Gulick Avenue. The traffic signals were installed to improve the safety of pedestrians, particularly children walking to and from school. The project included curb ramps, pedestrian buttons, and pedestrian signals. Cost was \$371,000.

The South Beretania-Kaialiu street intersection is near Star Market and Burger King in Moiliili. The busy intersection is crisscrossed throughout the day by motorists and pedestrians entering and exiting nearby businesses and restaurants. The project included traffic signals, curb ramps, pedestrian buttons, and pedestrian signals. Cost was \$298,000.

Both traffic signal intersections employ “mass arms,” which allow the signals to hang over the intersection for better visibility.

The City Department of Transportation Services will “flash” the new signals beginning this Friday, July 20, to warn motorists and pedestrians of the forthcoming activation. The signals go “live” on July 24.

-30-

Contact:

Melvin Kaku, Director, 768-8303

Ty Fukumitsu, 768-8388