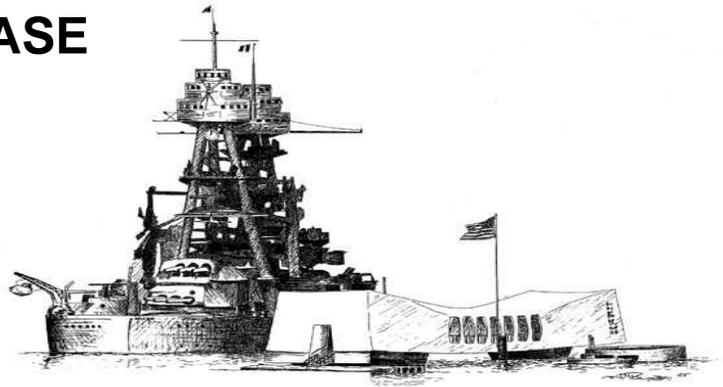


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Kolekole Pass reopens to limited traffic

PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII – The Navy has reopened one lane of Kolekole Pass road to allow authorized vehicles access between the Wai`anae Coast and Schofield Barracks in Wahiawa. The single lane will be open for morning commuters from 7 a.m. to noon for one-way traffic from the Wai`anae Coast to Schofield Barracks; and from noon to 5:30 p.m. for one-way traffic from Schofield Barracks to Wai`anae for the afternoon commute. The single lane will open Monday through Friday only, and will remain closed on weekends and holidays. Temporary traffic safety barriers and markers have been installed along the route to allow safe access by travelers.

In the future, the Pass may be closed during periods of heavy rains until road conditions can be reassessed for safe travel. Kolekole Pass is not maintained for public traffic, and access is limited to military ID-cardholders only.

The Navy closed the road last month due to falling rocks and unsafe road conditions caused by heavy rains. Navy geotechnical engineers have conducted surveys and assessments and found the road structurally safe for limited one-way traffic, and are working on a solution to address erosion damage and options for permanent repairs.

Safety remains a top priority, and the Navy appreciates the patience of commuters as we continue to address this important issue.

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