

# DOT MOVES FORWARD WITH NEXT PHASE OF LAHAINA BYPASS PROJECT



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## FROM THE EDITORS

With the General Election quickly approaching, Senator English has been busy preparing for all the inevitable changes occurring after November 2nd. The 2010 elections herald a new administration, many new legislative colleagues and the beginning of the 2011 session shortly thereafter.

Senator English is always on the lookout for innovation, as you will see in this issue how the Fijians creatively use processed coconut oil to replace diesel fuel in cars. In this issue we will briefly recap the highlights of last month as we catch up with Senator English.

Aloha,  
Lauraine, Alan and Sharon

State Department of Transportation (DOT) officials and Goodfellow Bros., Inc. joined the West Maui community in celebrating the groundbreaking of the second phase of the Honoapi'ilani Highway Realignment Project, also known as the "Lahaina Bypass." This phase, from Lahainaluna Road to Hokiokio Place, is the second of five phases that will ultimately result in a four-lane bypass highway spanning approximately nine miles from Launiupoko to Honokowai.

The DOT broke ground on the Lahaina Bypass project in December 2008 and the first phase is scheduled to be complete in mid-2012. This second phase, which is nearly two miles long, is expected to be complete by the end of 2012.

"West Maui is one of the communities affected most by the downturn in the economy," said Michael Formby, Interim DOT Director. "The local unions projected a 50 to 75-percent unemployment rate for those in the construction industry and that is why we wanted to push forward with the next construction phase."

"I am very pleased to see the second phase of the Lahaina Bypass begin," noted Senator J. Kalani English (D, Hana, East & Upcountry Maui, Molokai, Lanai & Kahoolawe), Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs. "All of Maui have been waiting for this project to move ahead, and it comes at a time when our local economy really needs the infusion of capital. In addition, the infrastructure will ease traffic on the West side of the island and shorten the time it takes residents to get to and from work, and visitors to get to their destinations."

Some of the roadway features in the upcoming work include drainage system improvements, a two-lane bridge structure over the Kauaula Stream bed, utility accommodations, intersection street lighting, pavement markings and signs.

The Federal Highways Administration provided 80-percent matching funds on this \$24 million contract.

*Chad Goodfellow hands Senator J. Kalani English a shovel to break ground on Phase two of the Lahaina Bypass highway. Lahaina, Maui, Oct. 1, 2010.*



*Janet Six, Archeologist at Sixth Sense Archeology LLC and Shirley Kahai, Executive Director of Friends of Moku'ula receive Sen. English at their dig site. Lahaina, Maui, Sept. 16, 2010. To read the latest news about the Archeological dig in Moku'ula visit: <http://www.mokuula.com/blog/>*

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FIJI PRODUCES COCONUT OIL FOR FUEL

During his recent visit to Fiji, Senator English toured Niu Industries, a company with 30 years experience in biodiesel production and oil seed processing.

In 2009, Niu Industries incorporated a modular biodiesel processor designed to produce alternative fuel on islands and small villages. The company estimates that this efficient, state of the art system could yield 240,000 liters of Biodiesel per year (80% coconut oil, 20% diesel, 750 mils catalyst). This Niu 80 Nex Gen Biodiesel fuel is suitable for all diesel engines, without modifications.

The economic benefits of this fuel include, carbon waste reduction, fuel pump savings, reductions in the cost of importing standard diesel fuel, increased local employment and income for Copra farmers.



Sen. English inspects liter bottles of processed coconut oil used for fuel in Suva, Fiji, June 8, 2010.

Sen. English congratulates Taiwan on its National Day at their reception at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Waikiki, O'ahu, October 7, 2010.



Senator English joins other Hana residents as they remove Akule fish from nets. Each person who participates in this tradition receives a portion of the catch. Hana, Maui, Sept 25, 2010.

