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Public Works Begins Repairs on "Roads in Limbo"

Right now there are 430 miles of "roads in limbo" on the Island of Hawai'i. Out of those 430 miles, 152 miles are existing roadways through rural communities around the island. 278 miles are paper roads; rights of way, originally laid as part of the Territory of Hawai'i that are shown on subdivision maps, but have not yet been built.

The County has been given \$2 million by the State to start on repairs to these roads and to plan for their maintenance. The Highways Division of the Public Works Department has inspected the conditions of the roads within each district and has come up with a proposed list of "roads in limbo" for repair between now and June 31, 2008. Some roads will be resurfaced, while others will be repaired and graveled. The decision on which roads to repair is based on whether it is the sole access for emergency vehicles and in its current condition is it accessible to emergency vehicles?

Road repairs are underway or completed. The County is planning to hold a meeting only in four communities: Mud Lane, Papa'aloa, Honolulu Landing and Ka'ohē, to discuss the road and select appropriate repairs for those communities that cannot reach a consensus; to resurface or gravel the road. If you think you may live in a community that has a "road in limbo," call (808) 961-8321, ask for roads in limbo and provide your name, TMK, a phone number and the Public Works Department will check and get back to you.

Attachments: Fact Sheet
Map of 152 miles of Roads in Limbo