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Secret Service Releases APEC Security Plans

By Chad Blair | 10/20/2011

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Imagine the Honolulu Marathon, the King Kamehameha parade, the first day of school, road work on Farrington Highway, an accident on H-1 and a visit from a U.S. president happening simultaneously.

That's a rough idea how difficult it might be for tourists and residents to navigate sections of Honolulu's roadways during the peak of the APEC summit from Nov. 11-13.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Based on [APEC security restrictions released Thursday](#) by the U.S. Secret Service, law enforcement and public safety agencies, transportation will be particularly difficult on Saturday, Nov. 12, around the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki, and Sunday, Nov. 13, at the J.W. Marriott Ihilani in Ko Olina.

Those are the date and locations for the APEC leaders' meetings, which will be led by President Barack Obama and include the leaders of 20 other member states, such as China, Russia, Japan, Mexico and Canada.

"Security and transportation restrictions have been coordinated to ensure the safety and security of the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting leaders and delegates," according to a press release issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. "Every effort has been made to minimize the impact of these safety measures. The public's cooperation and patience is appreciated during this time."

Avoid Waikiki

Local tourism officials have said Waikiki — the mecca of Hawaii tourism — will be open for business during APEC.

In fact, sections of it will be virtually impenetrable during key APEC events.

Road closures around the Hale Koa, which sits adjacent to the state's largest hotel complex, the Hilton Hawaiian Village, will begin at 10 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 11, and continue until midnight Saturday.

The closures will affect lanes on Ala Moana Boulevard and Kalakaua Avenue, two vital thoroughfares.

There will be "Emergency No Parking" signs posted, fencing and other barriers. Pedestrian traffic inside the restricted areas will be limited to residents and owners and employees of local businesses that fall within the secure area.

"Government issued photo identification, such as a driver's license, non-driver photo identification or passport will be required to gain access," according to Homeland Security.

Avoid Ko Olina

Security restrictions for the area around the J.W. Marriott Ihilani at Ko Olina begin at 11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, and continues through 11 p.m. Sunday.

The worst time will be between 8:30-9:30 a.m. Sunday.

"All visitors and residents should anticipate roadway restrictions on H-1 Freeway westbound and Farrington Highway between Waikiki and Ko Olina," said DHS. "All are advised to use alternate routes during this time period."

The same restrictions on parking and pedestrian traffic that will be imposed on Waikiki apply to Ko Olina.

As with Waikiki, the Ko Olina area is home to many residences and businesses — including the new Disney Aulani Resort. There will be detours for public transportation and special instructions for residents, guests and business owners and employees.

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Avoid Harbors, Airport, Beaches

Because of the high security, there will also be restrictions for Honolulu International Airport and airspace.

A security zone will be in place for the airport — it extends out into the surrounding ocean — from 11 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, through 11 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14.

There will also be security zones off shore from Kahe Point Beach Park to Barber's Point Harbor, which will restrict vessel access. The Ala Wai Canal, McCully Street bridge and the Ala Wai Boat Harbor will similarly be restricted.

As well, zones will encompass the beach access areas behind the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Hale Koa Hotel and Fort DeRussy Park.

"The beach access is restricted to all personnel and vessels. No public access," said DHS.

Another security zone runs east of Fort DeRussy Park to the Sheraton Waikiki: "The zone is closed for vessel traffic ONLY and will remain OPEN for general public."

Information and updates will be available online through the following websites:

- [Federal Aviation Administration](#)
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In other words Obama invited other elitists in APEC to come to Hawai'i to discuss further World Domination and the Total Annihilation of Indigenous Peoples including but not limited to Hawaiians and are using their "Global SWAT Teams" to put all of Hawai'i on martial law lockdown including its PUBLIC BEACHES and PUBLIC ROADS.

It should also be noted that Hawai'i has ARMED drones that may be used against civilians like how Obama used drones to assassinate 2 Americans without due process of law http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/hawaiinews/20110525_hawaii_guard_gets_flock_of_shadow_UAVs.html

They also have LRAD in stock which they may use against peaceful protestors like how they used in Pittsburg where innocent bystander and visiting professor Karen Piper filed a lawsuit against the City of Pittsburg <http://www.aclupa.org/legal/legaldocket/pipervcityofpittsburghetal.htm> She suffered PERMANENT hearing loss due to the local police employing a Long Range Acoustic Device (LRAD) against protestors during the 2009 G-20 Summit which Obama proudly attended.

APEC is an Indigenous People Destroyer and a small-business destroyer. They will also create MORE POLLUTION to the air, water, AND LAND. Obama should NOT have invited other elitists to come to Hawai'i which inconveniences the hard working local people who are footing the bills for the elitists like Obama to frolick in the lap of luxury.

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**Gail Gomes** · Editor at Westside Stories

LOVE the way Farrington Hwy will be closed at certain times on or around Ko'Olina. (sarcasm intended) What do the residents of the Wai'anae Coast do??? What alternate routes to they expect us to use? Great for a community with no hospital and only 2 ambulances!!!

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**Chad Blair** · Top Commenter · Works at Honolulu Civil Beat

Gail: One possibility — and I don't know if it's being discussed — is to open Kolekole Pass.

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**Gail Gomes** · Editor at Westside Stories

Chad Blair — Military has told us Kolekole was blocked due to last year's massive rain fall which led to a rockslide.

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**Tiare Noelani Kaaina**

Typical..we don't matter!!! Grrrr

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**David Moore** · Top Commenter

Wow! Nothing encourages tourism more than declaring giant swaths of Waikiki off limits to visitors who have been saving for years to come here so VIPs can mingle. Nice going!

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**Patricia Blair** · Top Commenter · Wichita State University

If the leaders of these countries had worked on establishing peace non-violently, Oahu would not be experiencing this tragedy of a shut down of our freedoms, our life. Remember this when you vote!

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**Jeana Brown Torricer**

it would be so much easier if the convoy stayed off H1 completely. If they would just cruise down kam highway in a swift ambulance style down to waipahu and then took the freeway they wouldn't f*** up traffic for the whole island.

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**Joan E. Patacsil** · Mililani Town, Hawaii

At least we know ahead of time and not just thrown at us last minute. We can prepare to avoid and expect the unexpected. It's only 1 week of exposure to the world, more than what we never have.

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**Tania Antonio Soch** · Honolulu, Hawaii

Well really hard for all tourist and local people traveling during those days, make sure to get out early if you traveling.

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