



**PUBLIC HEARING TO REMOVE
MIDBLOCK PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK
ON BAKER BLVD, BAKER AREA**

Department of Public Works

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BACKGROUND

As part of the design process for the Department of Public Works' (Department) Baker Blvd Mill and Overlay Project, the Department reviewed whether the existing midblock crosswalk on Baker Boulevard (crosswalk) was still necessary.



CURRENT SITUATION

The crosswalk was put in place in 1966 to benefit the residents of the Arne's Royal Hawaiian Motel.

The motel shut down in 2009 and has been unoccupied ever since.

The crosswalk is presently seeing minimal, if any, use by pedestrians.



FINDINGS

Upon review of the crosswalk, the Department recommends the removal for the following reasons:

- It has lost its functionality since the motel's closure.
- Reinstalling it following the Baker Blvd Mill and Overlay Project could lead to a misleading sense of safety.
- CHP has expressed no concerns regarding the crosswalk removal.



FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

The Department coordinated with Land Use Services, and there are no active applications to redevelop the motel property.

The existing structure will likely need to be demolished and rebuilt to comply with current regulations.

Should future development occur, the Department can evaluate the necessity for a crosswalk based on pedestrian traffic at that time.



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