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## Temporary gate closure at Schofield Barracks, Feb. 2

**SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii** – Schofield Barracks' Macomb Gate, on Wilikina Drive, will be closed temporarily to inbound traffic, beginning Feb. 2, for a traffic improvement project.

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii is asking for drivers' patience and cooperation during this closure, which is anticipated to last for approximately five months.

Workers will be replacing the existing intersection in front of the Tropic Lightning Museum (Macomb Road and Waianae Avenue) with a roundabout intersection, in order to improve traffic safety and traffic flow into and out of Macomb Gate. While this improvement project is underway, USAG-HI officials are asking for drivers' kokua to help lessen potential traffic impacts.

Area drivers should anticipate potential delays and allow extra travel time. When possible, drivers are encouraged to carpool or avoid the immediate area, especially during the peak morning traffic hours of 5-7 a.m. and 8-9 a.m. Drivers accessing Schofield Barracks should use either McNair Gate on Wilikina Drive or Foote or Lyman gates on Kunia Road, and they should have their IDs ready when entering the gates.

Army officials will also be taking steps to reduce traffic impacts. They will increase staffing at the gates to compensate for the additional inbound traffic; they will utilize all available queue space by bringing as many vehicles as possible into the installation; and they will provide personnel to man installation intersections to maintain traffic flow, as needed. Signs have been placed on public roads outside of the installation to further alert area drivers of the upcoming closure.

Throughout the project, Army officials will monitor and assess traffic impacts, and maintain communication and coordination with the Hawaii State Department of Transportation and the Honolulu Police Department. USAG-Hawaii appreciates the community's understanding as it paves the way for better traffic flow and safety in the future.

For the latest information on gate hours and traffic updates, visit <u>www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil</u>. Click on "News & Events," then click "Traffic Alerts."