

EPA will remove soil under Factory Street

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will remove the soil underneath some parts of Factory Street between King Street and Waterhouse Street. This work will begin in October and should take 3-4 weeks to complete. The State of Hawaii requested EPA complete this work to address high levels of lead in soil under this part of Factory Street. EPA plans to remove the lead-contaminated soil, bring in clean fill and repave the parts of the street impacted by the project.

There are high levels of lead under this portion of Factory Street

Lead is a heavy metal that is often found in urban soil. However, the State of Hawaii found unusually high levels of lead in the soil underneath some parts of Factory Street that could pose a threat to human health. This lead contamination is from historical commercial activities in the area. The street is not in great condition, and no one is responsible for maintaining it. If the street continues to degrade, people may become more exposed to dangerous levels of lead.

EPA will remove the health threat posed by the lead-contaminated soil. During the project, we will immediately backfill any removed soil with clean fill. Additionally, we will ensure the public is safe from exposure to lead-contaminated dust, soil, or stormwater runoff from the project.

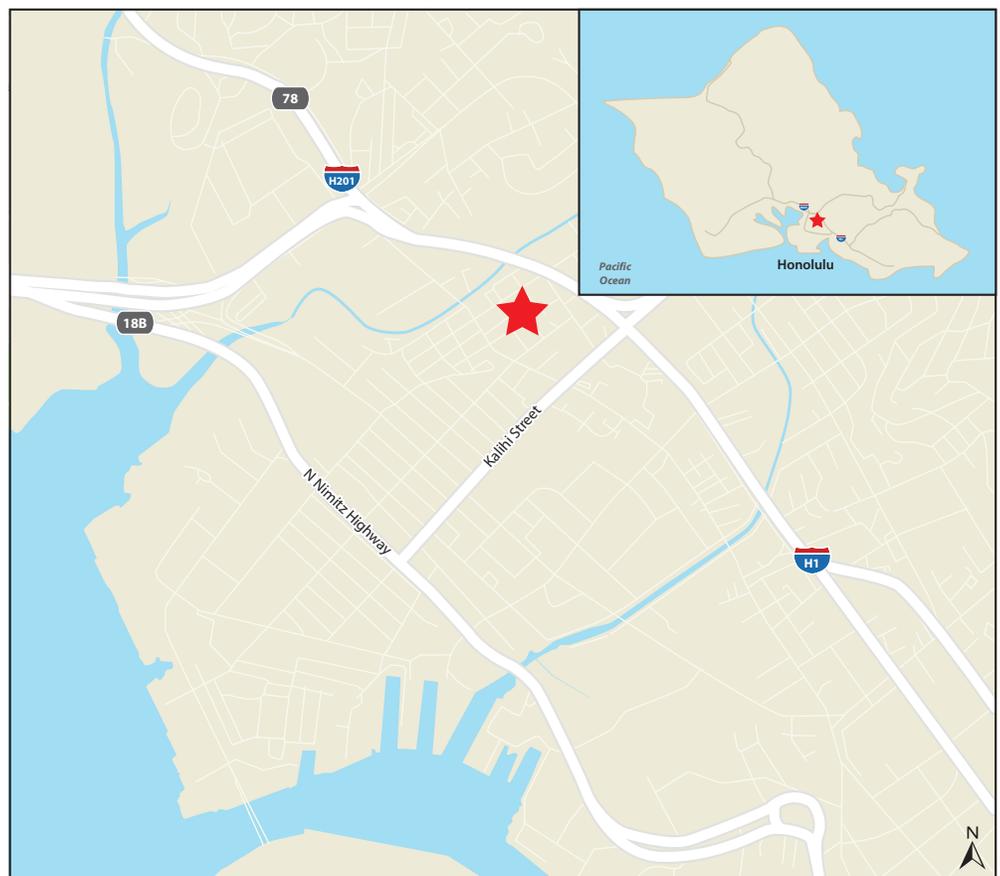


Figure 1: Location of the Factory Street site

Protect your family from lead

For general information about keeping your family safe from lead exposure, visit the Hawaii Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program: www.lead.hawaii.gov. Also, you can come by our informational booth during the project and speak with someone.

If you would like to take extra precautions during the project, consider:

- closing windows facing Factory Street during the project work hours;
- removing shoes before entering your home;
- washing your hands often; and
- staying away from the work area during the project, as much as possible.

EPA will provide regular updates about the project

When we begin the project, we will host an informational booth on or near Factory Street to answer your questions and hear any concerns. During the project, you can find regular updates on which parts of the street we are working on through:

- the project website: <https://response.epa.gov/FactoryStreet>;
- posted large maps near the project site; and
- a hotline: 888-232-9312

We will provide this information in English, Tagalog, and Ilocano.

Parts of Factory Street will be closed

EPA will provide local access to community members and business owners when necessary. Each day, we will work on small parts of Factory Street. During work hours, we will provide traffic control staff to help direct vehicle traffic and pedestrians. Our goal is to limit inconvenience in your neighborhood and maintain local access as much as possible. However, it may not always be easy to drive to/from your home or business during the project. You should expect slight disruptions to your schedule and construction noise during the project.

We are working with the City/County Refuse Division, the Honolulu Disposal Service, and the U.S. Postal Service to ensure trash and postal services continue throughout this project. We are also working with the local utilities to ensure we do not disturb any utilities during the project.

We are working with local officials to see if it is possible to provide overnight parking for community members affected by the street closures.

When will the work begin?

This work will begin in October and should take 3-4 weeks to complete. At least 2 days before construction begins, we will leave a flyer at your door and post “no parking” signs in the neighborhood. We will work Monday through Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please see the map of the project area and pictures of equipment included in this fact sheet.

Please reach out to EPA with any questions or concerns



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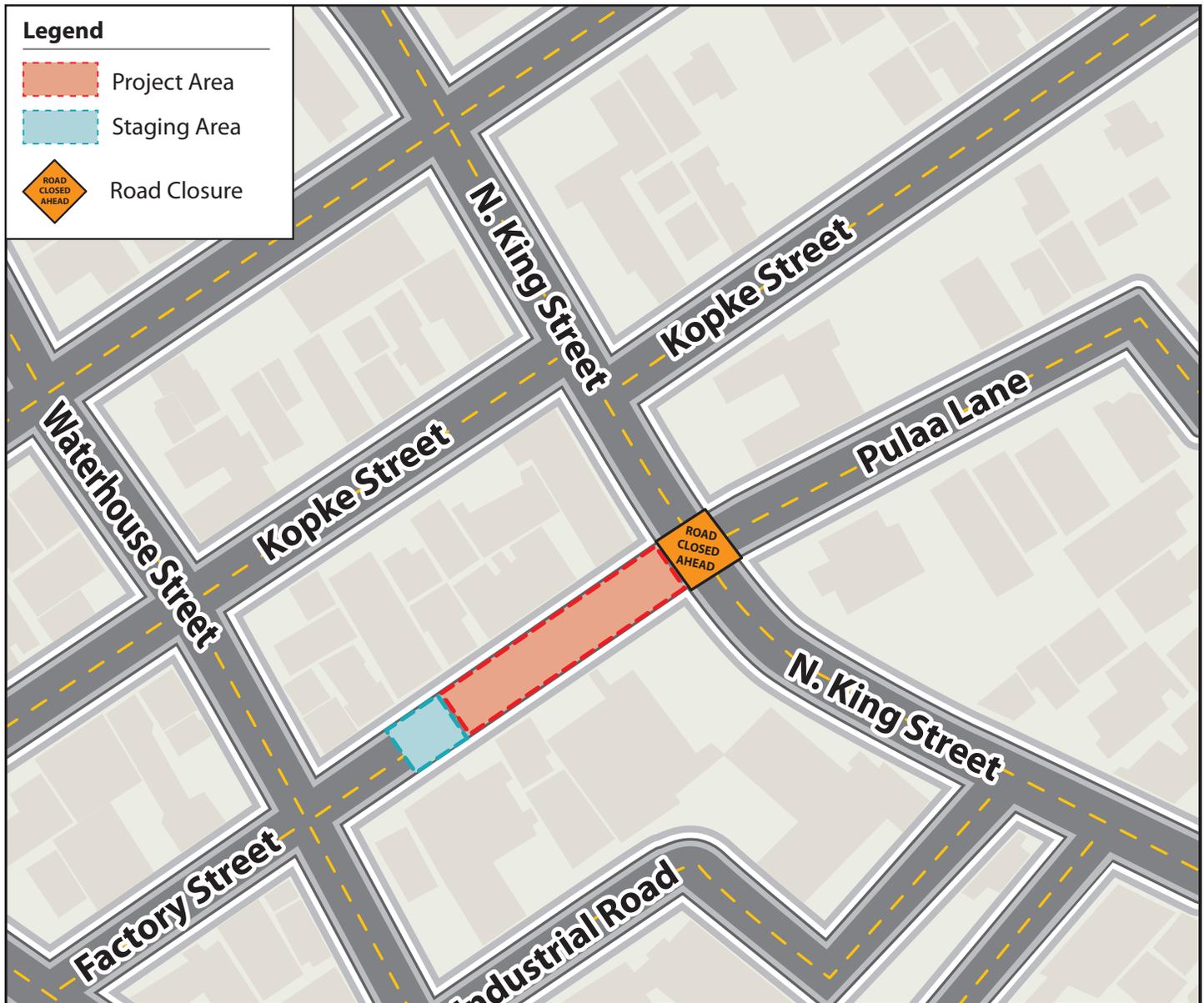


Figure 2: Specific location of the project area on Factory Street

Administrative Record

In the future, EPA will post our complete administrative record to the website: <https://response.epa.gov/FactoryStreet>. The administrative record includes the information EPA used to document its cleanup decisions.



Factory Street Site

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Pictures of standard equipment used in this type of project to break apart and repave the street.

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