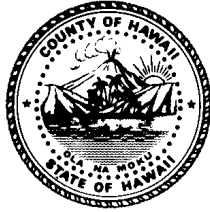


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Fact Sheet
Kona Roads Update
10/2009

Roadwork is categorized into three sections; completed, future, planning or under construction. The numbers correspond to the map.

COMPLETED

1. Hina Lani Street and Māmalahoa Highway

New traffic signal system.

2. Queen Ka 'ahu manu Highway and Hina Lani Street

Installed a right turn lane from Hina Lani Street.

4. Queen Ka 'ahu manu Highway and Ka'iminani Drive

Installed a right turn lane from Ka'iminani Drive.

7. Palani Road and Highway 180 Intersection Improvements

Installed a new left turn lane at the top of Palani Road where it meets Māmalahoa Highway.

8. Kuakini Highway

In conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Kuakini Highway was originally a two-lane highway from Palani Road to Huālalai Road. It is now four lanes with landscaping, bicycle lanes, sidewalks and curbs.

9. Lako Street to Huālalai Road Connector

The connection to Huālalai Road allows the community another road to Hōlua loa.

10. Captain Cook Intersection Improvements

Construction of left turn lanes, street lights, sidewalks, and painting new crosswalks to improve traffic, lighting and pedestrian safety.

11. Ke ala ke kua Phase I Improvements

Construction of a two-way left turn center lane, street light, sidewalks, and painting new crosswalks to improve traffic, lighting and pedestrian safety.

15. Kona Palisades

Completed right turn lane and street light on top of Ka'iminani Drive, where it intersects with Māmalahoa.

16. Ili`ili Street Connect to Ki`eki`e Street

One more connector road between Kona Coast View to Kona Palisades.

17. Honalo Junction Barricades

Barricades temporarily served as a reminder, "no right turns allowed" at the Honalo Junction in north Kona.

18. Ke ala ke kua Phase II Improvements

A continuation of Phase I adding a two-way, left-turn, center lane north to Haukapila Street; preserving on-street parking, crosswalks and constructed new paved shoulders and swales.

19. Ke ala ke kua Phase III

Construction of a public off-street parking lot between the Orchid Isle Café and Hawai'i Community Federal Credit Union.

33. Oshima Parking Lot

The Oshima Parking Lot expanded the existing parking lot adjacent to Standard Bakery to 15 stalls including stalls that are ADA compliant.

34. Pua pua'anui Street to Huālalai Road Connection

This 0.07-mile mauka-makai road connects Huālalai Road to Queen Ka 'ahu manu Highway.

35. Henry Street ADA Compliant

Completed street ramps and curves.

37. Kainaliu Improvements

Improved the Aloha Theatre parking lot. Added a turnaround at each end of Kainaliu town, repaired driveways and rebuilt sidewalks to comply with ADA, thirty days ahead of schedule.

32. Manawale'a Connector Road

The County of Hawai'i completed construction on their portion of the La'i'ōpua connector road last year. The Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) completed their section in April. The La'i'ōpua connector is between Kealakehe and the Villages at La'i'ōpua providing motorists another mauka-makai route. The new road extends approximately 3,800 feet from Keanalehu Drive in the Villages of La'i'ōpua, mauka on Manawale'a Street to connect with Kealaka'a Street in the Kealakehe housing area.

38. Captain Cook Road Intersection

A large rock outcrop removed to improve the site for drivers making left turns onto Māmalahoa Highway.

39. The County resurfaced one mile of Kuakini Highway starting just below Highway 11 to Pottery Terrace starting Thursday, September 10. Roadwork will be between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

FUTURE

13. Palani Road and Kamakaeha Avenue Intersection

Install a left turn pocket on Palani Road to channel traffic into Kamakaeha Avenue.

14. Palani Road Safety Improvements

Add shoulders to both sides in several locations for motorists to pull off the road, and for police to stop motorists and issue tickets.

20. Hienaloli Street Extension to Palani Road

Conduct an alternative alignment review to determine where the future Hienaloli will connect to Keanalehu or Kealaka'a. When the landowners agree on the alignment, they can move forward on development plans for the area.

21. Kealaka'a Street Extension

Landowners want to cooperate among themselves to fix an alignment. Since this is a major connector, the County is encouraging the developers to expedite the road.

23. Kamanu Street Extension

Plans to link Kamanu Street with Kealakehe Parkway are done. Financing proposed through a Community Facilities District is a consideration. Landowners elected to wait until the economy improves. This is a private project.

24. Nani Kailua Drive Extensions (Two Parts)

Nani Kailua Drive Extension is in two parts from Ali'i Drive to Kuakini and from Kuakini to Huālalai. A draft for the Environmental Assessment is due in November. There is no construction money for this project.

25. Ali'i Drive

Resolve the bike, pedestrian, and right-of-way encroachments along Ali'i drive from Kailua to Keauhou.

26. Kuakini Highway Improvements, Phase II

The Environmental Assessment is underway and near completion to extend the four lanes another 1.5 miles from Huālalai Road, past Walua Road, Lunapule Road, and Pottery Terrace and intersect with the proposed Ali'i Parkway.

28. Lako Street to Ali'i Drive Extension

The road design for the planned Lako Street Extension is on hold until the probate process is complete. The late Kobayashi deeded the property to the partner, who wants to sell the land to the County.

29. Palisades to Kona Coastview Connectors

Connect Holu to Ke'oke'o and Kau hale to Ahi Ahi. The Motion for Summary Judgment is scheduled to be heard in court on October 29.

30. Māmalahoa Bypass to Nā-pō'opo'o Road

This is a new road between Keauhou and Captain Cook, ending at Nā pō'opo'o Junction. The northern section of Māmalahoa connecting at the end of Haleki'i is open to the public under a grant of easement with the developer 1250 Oceanside Partners. Approximately one third of the motorists using the new Māmalahoa Bypass are bound for Hokulia or Kona Scenic Subdivision and their drive time is cut in half, according to traffic studies conducted by Public Works between March 10 and May 9, 2009. This is consistent with projections of use made by Public Works prior to opening the Bypass.

41. Alii Drive Improvements along O`neo Bay EA: Public comment period is over
Wilson Okamoto preparing comments to responses

UNDER CONSTRUCTION, PLANNING / DESIGN

12. Traffic on Kealaka'a Street in North Kona was rerouted for the last phase of roadwork on Palani Road. Kealaka'a Street is closed at the Palani Road intersection, and motorists will use the Kealaka'a Street Extension at the intersection of Palani Road and Palihilo Street. The traffic change is to allow installation of concrete utility poles at the intersection of Palihilo and Palani. Installation is expected to last eight weeks. Phone and cable work will follow after the utility poles are installed. Palihilo Street remains closed and residents of Queen Liliuokalani subdivision are asked to continue using Konalani Street.

27. La'a loa Street Extension to Kuakini Highway

La'a loa has no funds to construct this mauka-makai connector road. Designs for the road are 60% complete and land acquisitions are underway. The latest construction estimate is \$20 million.

31. Ane Keohokalole Extension

The proposed highway will be funded by Federal stimulus funds, \$35 million from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act if the project is ready to advertise by November, 2009. Construction may begin in early 2010 and the road open by 2013. The \$35 million will pay for two lanes of highway from the intersection of Palani Road and Henry Street to Hinalani Street, improve Palani Road between Henry Street and the Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway, and to develop an archaeological preserve.

36. Ali'i Parkway

Consultants are reevaluating the environmental impact statement. Archaeologists continue with data recovery that stopped in 2003. Grading depends on funds.

40. Old Māmalahoa Highway and Nāpō‘opo‘o Road

CTS Earthmoving Inc. was awarded a \$590,000 contract to repair retaining walls and slopes damaged by the October '06 earthquakes at various locations between mileposts 110.4 on Old Māmalahoa Highway and mile marker 9 on Nāpō ‘opo‘ o Road in Kona. The project began in mid-August and scheduled to be completed in December 2009. The Federal government is funding 80% of the cost and the County will pay the remaining 20%.