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County of Hawaii taking soil samples from Ali'i Heights

The County of Hawaii will be drilling for soil samples along La'aloa Avenue and the proposed extension to determine the strengths and characteristics of the existing road and to define the topography of the proposed extension for La'aloa Avenue. Drilling starts the week of July 21.

A total of 10 sites will be drilled for samples: Five along the current La'aloa Avenue and five along the proposed La'aloa Avenue extension.

The week of July 21, soil samples will be obtained at the entrance to La'aloa and in the vicinity of Princess Ke'elikolani drive; Ho'olaupa Street; along the proposed Ali'i Parkway and Kapukapu Street.

During the week of August 4th, samples will be taken along the proposed La'aloa Avenue extension.

The hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. weekdays. Drilling is scheduled for completion in mid-August.

The Final Environmental Assessment will be submitted to the State Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) by the end of August 2008. The completion for the final design of the connector road and its connections to both Kuakini Highway and Ali'i Drive is December 2008. If you would like to see more information on the project, please see the County of Hawaii website:

<http://www.hawaii-county.com/info/laaloa/Laaloa%20Project%20Page.pdf>

No date to begin construction has been scheduled.

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