

Wahiawa Pedestrian Bridge Project

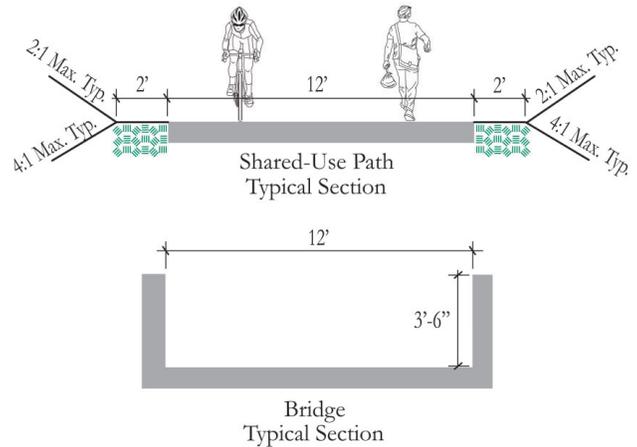
Whitmore Village to Wahiawa Wahiawa, Oahu

The State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) is proposing to construct a shared use path intended to reduce the travel time and distance between Whitmore Village and Wahiawa Town by creating an additional multimodal connector from Whitmore Village to the Wahiawa Transit Center.

Why is this project being proposed?

The proposed shared use pedestrian/bicycle path is intended to:

- Create a dedicated non-vehicular facility between Whitmore Village and Wahiawa that would facilitate access between residential land uses in Whitmore Village and places of employment and education in Wahiawa and elsewhere on Oahu.
- Provide a pedestrian/bicycle path between Whitmore Village and Wahiawa in fulfillment of long-range transportation plans and community development plans that envision a transportation system that supports non-vehicular means of transportation for central Oahu and the State in general.



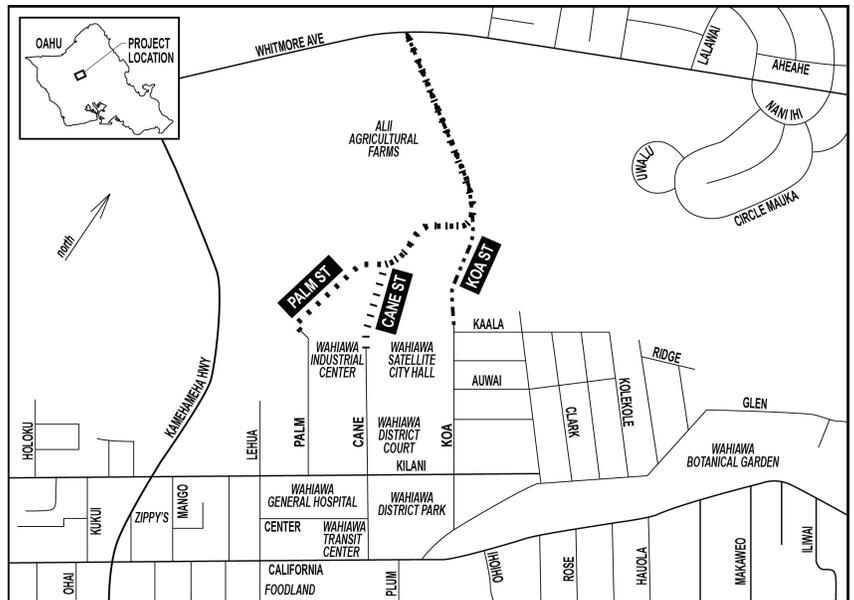
What are the options?

Three build options are being considered. Each Build Alternative is distinguished by the street name where the pedestrian/bicycle path would connect on the Wahiawa side.

These options are:

- Palm Street
- North Cane Street
- Koa Street

There are no current plans to upgrade the City streets to which the proposed bridge across Kiiikii Stream would connect; any such improvements of City streets are beyond the scope of this project at this time.



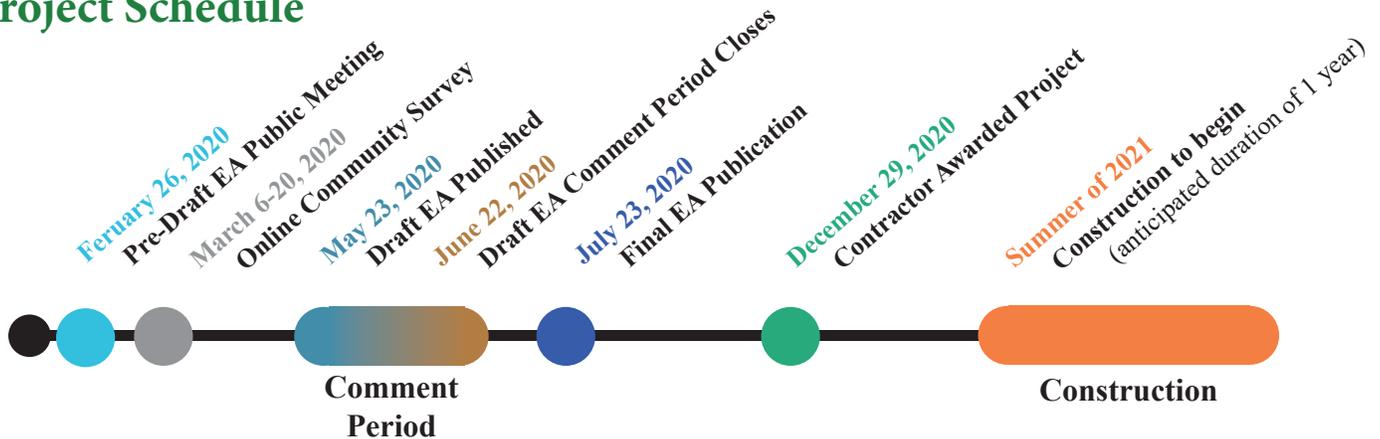
Cost estimates for each of the build options were generated based on conceptual engineering as follows:

Palm Street	North Cane Street	Koa Street
\$14,500,000	\$12,500,000	\$13,100,000



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Project Schedule



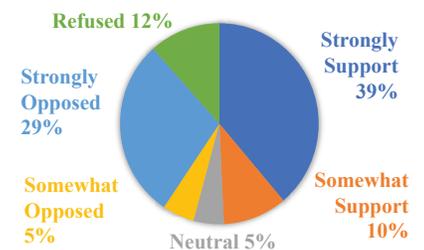
What input has HDOT received so far?

A Survey was sent to 4,142 households in Whitmore Village and Wahiawa. A total of 345 responses were received - 22% came from Whitmore Village residents, 72% from Wahiawa residents, and 6% from those that reside elsewhere. When asked if they would personally use the bridge 36% of respondents said yes, 53% said no, and 11% didn't know. When asked if they knew someone who may use the bridge 43% said yes, 46% said no, and 11% didn't know.

Some commonly heard concerns:

- Drug users and the houseless create an unsafe environment in the project area.**
HDOT recognizes the seriousness of these issues. These are complex social concerns that require commitment from HDOT, the community, the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), and those involved in social services. The North Cane Street alternative would place a bridge terminus near the Wahiawa Police Station, increasing safety through increased visibility. Bridge design would be coordinated with HPD to address this concern.
- The project was proposed approximately 30 years ago. Community needs have changed, making the need for the project obsolete.**
The Oahu Metropolitan Organization (OMPO) recently reviewed transportation trends and conducted "pop-up surveys" at Neighborhood Board meetings in July 2019. One outcome of the study was the recommendation of this project because of new network connectivity that it would provide.
- The community has more critical needs such as rehabilitation and repair of the existing infrastructure and working to address existing houselessness and theft.**
HDOT will continue to maintain its existing infrastructure in the project area. However, since these needs have separate funding streams, not building the proposed project would not mean these funds will be available for other projects in the Wahiawa-Whitmore Village community.

Support for the Project



How can you comment on this project?

The comment period for this project began on May 23, 2020 when the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) was published with the State Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC). The DEA is posted on OEQC's website where it can be viewed and downloaded. The DEA can be found at:

http://oeqc2.doh.hawaii.gov/Doc_Library/2020-05-23-OA-DEA-Wahiawa-Pedestrian-Bridge.pdf

Comments must be received by the end of the comment period which ends June 22, 2020. If you would like to submit a comment regarding this project, you may do so by contacting the project manager:



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