

Waimea Community Association

March 5, 2026

Topics

KOA 17-35

Waimea-Kohala Airport

Kawaihae Harbor improvements

DKI extension

Mamalahoa Highway

Waiaka bridge

Kawaihae/Lindsey Road

Priority Multimodal Network

Passing lanes and safety

NEVI

Fire Breaks/Vegetation Management

KOA Runway Rehabilitation



- Rehabilitating KOA's single 12,000' runway, addressing extensive cracking, delamination, and pavement deterioration.
- Nightly closures (M-F from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning) and shortened runway configuration to maintain daily operations while allowing reconstruction at runway ends.
- Estimated completion - April 2026
- Contract cost - \$98.6 M

Waimea-Kohala Airport (MUE)



- Users are Mokulele, Hawaii Life Flight, and International Life Support
- EAS and GA Funds
 - FAA now allows combination of GA funds
 - FAA budget includes EAS for MUE
- Upcoming projects
 - Rehab Runway 4-22
 - Working on proposal to connect to county water for fire suppression

Port of Kawaihae

- Quick Facts:
 - FY 2025 TEU (equivalent to one 20-ft container) – 66,000 in, 64,000 out
 - Comparatively, Sand Island brings in 534,000 in the same period with 9 cranes
- Planned improvements (\$33.9 M with 70% from PIDP Grant)
 - Widen Kawaihae Road, add left-turn/storage lane at main port gate
 - Replace asphalt with concrete on 10 acres
 - Install higher 80-foot mast lighting in cargo yard (Note: Lighting is subject to federal/state regulatory compliance and county was consulted)
 - Relocate office building and maintenance shed
- Project Schedule
 - Ready to Advertise – November 2026
 - Est NTP – Spring 2027
 - Est 20 months for construction



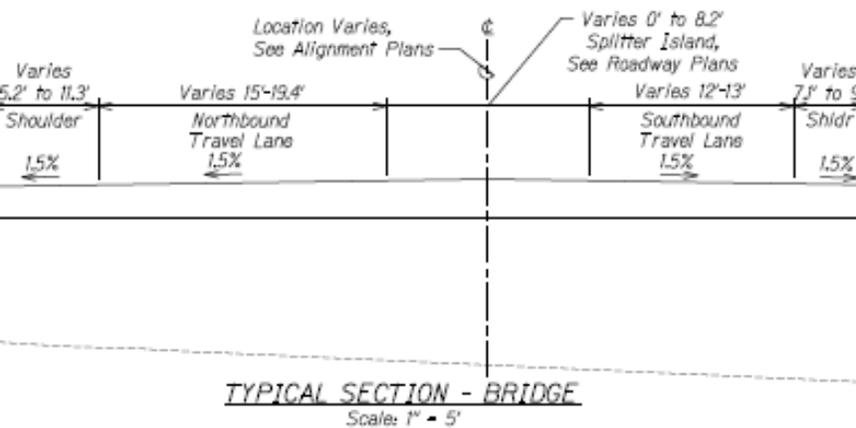
Māmalahoa Highway

- Rte 190 MM 0-1
 - Resurfacing Complete
 - Completing striping March 6 but keeping next week as contingency
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- Projects in Design
 - 190B-01-23 Māmalahoa Highway, Traffic Signals at Kaloko Drive - est RTA Aug. 2026
 - 190B-02-23 Māmalahoa Highway, Traffic Signals at Ka'iminani Drive - est RTA Sept. 2026





Kawaihae Road - Wai'aka Bridge Replacement and Roundabout at intersection with Kohala Mountain Road



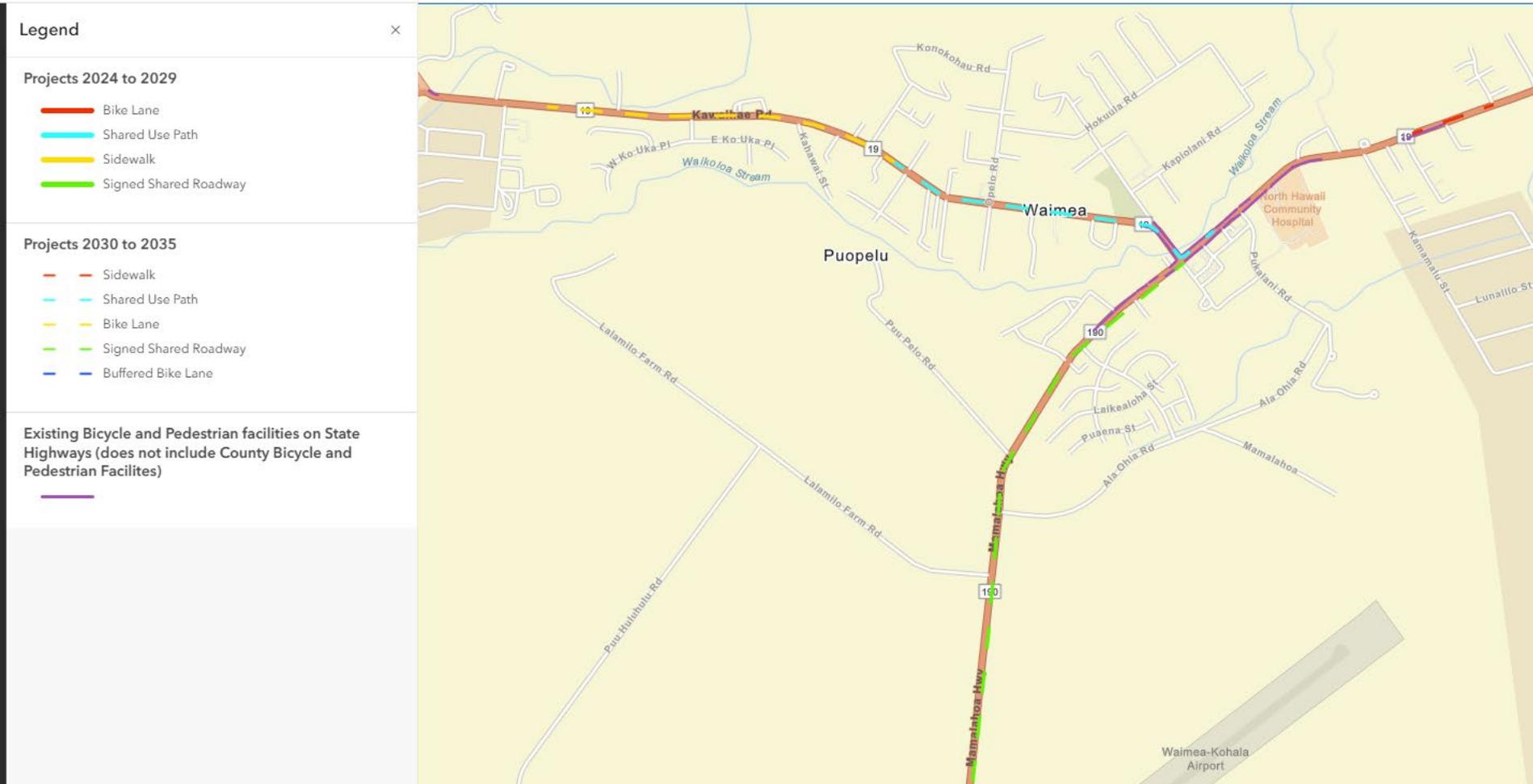
- New bridge will increase the span of the bridge from 34 feet to 60 feet
 - This will improve the hydraulic capacity to reduce overtopping events
 - Bridge will have two travel lanes, shoulders, and shared use path for pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians
- Roundabout is designed for WB-67 (typical large trucks on this corridor are WB-50) - See path (red line) on bottom drawing
- Designed diameter is 130-feet
 - 18-foot roadway
 - 25-foot truck apron
 - 22-feet to center on all sides of roundabout
- Construction schedule
 - Advertised - January 2026
 - Est award - April 2026
 - Est start of construction - November 2026
 - Est substantial completion - November 2028

Kawaihae Road and Lindsey Road Intersection and Roadway Multimodal Improvements

- Roundabout diameter: 125-foot (outside diameter)
- Lane width within roundabout: 18-foot
- Central island (radius 24-foot) with mountable truck apron (truck apron = 19.5-foot)
- Est. Cost \$12 million of car rental surcharge
- Designed to accommodate WB62 with trailer



Priority Multimodal Projects for Waimea



M RTP	Network	Project	Project Type	Island	Route	Cost	Construction Year
0637M	Bike/Ped	Waimea - Shared Use Path Mamalahoa Hwy	Shared Use Path	Hawaii	190	\$6,000,000	2030
0792L	Ped	Waimea - Sidewalk Hawaii Belt Rd	Sidewalk	Hawaii	19	\$750,000	2033
0646V	Bike/Ped	Waimea - Shared Use Path Kawaihae Rd	Shared Use Path	Hawaii	19	\$7,200,000	2034
TBD	Bike	Waimea - Bike Lanes Hawaii Belt Rd	Bike Lane	Hawaii	19	\$4,800,000	2034

Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway - Removal of Passing Zones

- Eliminated all passing zones between MP 78-92.6 to address documented safety risks
- Crash history over last 5 years (Passing-related incidents)
 - 2 fatalities
 - 6 serious injuries
 - 28 injuries
 - Multiple near-miss reports



Planned West Hawaii sites:

- Waimea Civic Center (est. late 2026)
- Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway and Kealakehe Parkway (est. 2027)

Fire Breaks

- HDOT is working with county fire departments to prioritize vegetation management, fire breaks.
- FY 26 Plan for Hawaii Island is 205.2 acres at a cost of \$4.29M

Highway 19

- Kiholo (56174), MP 67-69, 5.0 mi, \$1,923
- Waiaka Bridge to Kawaihae, MP 61-63, 1.9 mi, \$56,544.48
- Waiaka Bridge to Kawaihae, MP 64-67, 2.0 mi, \$75,392.64

Highway 190

- Pu'uwa'awa'a (57064), MP 13-20, 3.8 mi, \$3,559
- Waimea to West Hawaii Concrete, MP 1-4, 7.5 mi, \$106,013.22
- West Hawaii Concrete to Kamakoa Bridge, MP 4-8, 8.1 mi, \$141,350.96
- West Hawaii Concrete to Kamakoa Bridge, MP 4-8, 8.25 mi, \$141,350.96
- Kamakoa Bridge to MP 8-11, 7.35 mi, \$212,026.44

Highway 250 - Kohala Mountain Road

- MP 2.70-7, 6.55 mi, \$158,928.00

Highway 200 - Daniel K. Inouye Highway

- MP 46.5-51.5, 6.06 mi, \$176,688.70

Highway 270 - 'Akoni Pule Highway

- MP 15-19, 8.0 mi, \$141,350.96

Mahalo