

West Hawai'i Town Hall

July 2, 2026

DKI/Saddle Road Repairs



- **Emergency Zone Declaration (June 2026):** HDOT established a **Traffic Emergency Zone** between mile markers **5.5 and 28**, enabling rapid improvements
- **Paving/Striping (June-August 2026)**
 - Open-graded friction course paving between **MP 13.3-14, MP 16-19, MP 21.8-22.2**, with additional paving continuing makai.
 - **Restriping** from **MP 5.5-28** using reflective wet-weather paint.
 - Added **speed monitoring** and rumble strips
- **Long-Term Planning:**
 - Study on long-term safety improvements is expected to be completed in 3 months

DKI Extension

- Schedule
 - Consultant selected
 - Community meeting was held in May
 - 2025-2028 PE1 Federal & State Environmental
 - 2028-2030 PE2 Design and ROW
 - 2031-2035 Construction
- Estimated cost in today's dollars for Alt 4 (which was the preferred in 2017) is \$150M
- Partnering with U.S. Army to seek Defense Access Road funding for extension

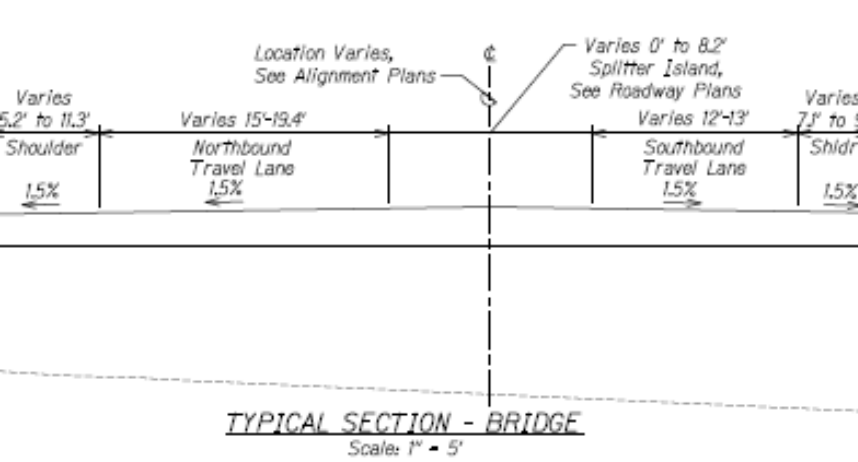


Project website
<https://danielkinouyehwyextension.com/>

Highway 11 Pavement Projects

- **(Route 11) Kuakini Highway, from Nahenahe Loop to Walua Road**
 - Resurfacing of this 3-mile section is scheduled for 2026; est. cost \$5M
- **(Route 11) Mamalahoa Highway, from Ohai Road to Kaulia Road**
 - Rehabilitation of this 2.82-mile section is scheduled for 2028; est. cost \$6.9M
- **(Route 11) Kanoelehua Ave, from Kamehameha Ave to Waianuhea Pl**
 - Rehabilitation of this 3.17-mile section was scheduled for 2029. Expediting to 2027 due to current pavement conditions. Est. cost \$20M
- **(Route 11) Volcano Rd, from Waianuhea Pl to Keaau-Pahoa Bypass Rd**
 - Rehabilitation of this 3.39-mile section is scheduled for 2030; est. cost \$15.7M

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
 - Awarded – April 2026
 - Est start of construction – November 2026
 - Est substantial completion – November 2028

KOA Runway 17-35 Rehabilitation

- Project rehabilitating KOA's single runway to address cracking, delamination and pavement deterioration through pavement reconstruction.
- Work included electrical and lighting upgrades, and new runway markings
- Full runway length 11,000 feet is now available
- Started construction October 2024
- Contract cost - \$98.6 M
- Currently in 5th and final phase (grooving and pavement markings) expected to end October 2026



KOA and ITO Parking

- HDOT partnered with Metropolis to implement **ticketless, automated license-plate-based parking** at both KOA and ITO
- Stall counts can now be viewed at
 - <https://www.koaparkinghawaii.com/>
 - <https://www.itoparkinghawaii.com/>
- Users can drive in/out without pulling a ticket; payment is automatic
- Advance parking reservations are available
- **Service fee of \$0.99 per transaction and \$2.99 for advance reservations is assessed**
- Cash/credit options still available via attendant (service fee for cash transactions will be waived)

Hilo International Airport Projects

- **Runway 8-26 and Taxiway A Rehabilitation**

<https://us.planengage.com/hawaiiairports/page/Runway-8-26-and-Taxiway-A>

- Project to reconstruct/rehabilitate runway and taxiway pavement (Runway 8-26, Taxiway A, connector Taxiways B, D, and A at entrance to Runway 26 and construction of new Taxiway E and potential repaving of Runway 3-21 for grade corrections) is in scoping
- Next steps include Airline Committee review in August 2026

- **Terminal Improvements**

<https://www.hawaiiairportsmodernization.com/projects/terminal-infrastructure-improvements-hilo-international-airport>

- Project to repair/replace structural beams and columns, roof and gutter repairs, 2nd level arcade carpet replacement, drainage improvements fronting and in main terminal, electrical work
- Construction anticipated mid-2028

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 ship-to-shore cranes
- Planned improvements (\$50 M partially funded by federal grant)
 - Widen Kawaihae Road, add 875 foot left-turn/storage lane at main port gate
 - Replace asphalt with concrete on 16 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



Port of Hilo



- Proposed land acquisition: 5 privately-owned parcels = 9.38 acres
- Planned improvements (post-acquisition)
 - Expand cargo yard
 - Redesign port gate on Kalaniana'ole Avenue
 - Separate cruise passenger operations from heavy cargo