



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HIGHWAYS DIVISION
KAUAI DISTRICT
1720 HALEUKANA STREET
LIHUE, HAWAII 96766

IN REPLY REFER TO:

HWY-K 4.150067

February 11, 2015

Mr. Greg Allen
161 Wailua Road
Kapaa, HI 96746

Dear Mr. Allen:

Subject: Kuhio Hwy Improvements

Thank you for your inquiry about upcoming projects on Kuhio Highway in Kapaa. We understand the many concerns that all residents on Kauai share regarding congestion problems that currently exist on Kuhio Highway.


The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) currently has several plans to improve Kuhio Highway in the Wailua area. The proposed projects are;

- Add one lane to Kuhio Highway from the Lihue end of the Kapaa Bypass Road to the vicinity of Kuamoo Road. This project is planned for construction in late 2015 with construction duration of approximately eighteen months.
- Low cost solutions are being evaluated by our Kauai staff. Signal timing, restricted access, and other solutions are being evaluated. We are coordinating with the county and local citizens to provide input.
- Planning has begun to realign the Lihue end of the Kapaa Bypass Route with Aleka Loop to facilitate both capacity and safety improvements at this intersection.
- HDOT is in the process of completing a study that will look at additional improvements in and around Kapaa. The study was originated to review much of the existing work that has already been studied in the Kapaa area and to identify projects that can be accomplished in a relatively short time frame to improve capacity and safety. The study is being done in conjunction with the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT), County of Kauai, and local citizens groups. One of the solutions being proposed from this study is to add an additional lane to the north end (single land end) of the Kapaa Bypass so that we can have two way traffic around Kapaa Town.

- HDOT has also replaced the 1997 Kauai Long-Range Land Transportation Plan with the Federal-aid Highways 2035 Transportation Plan for the Kauai District. This updated plan will guide our major projects for the next 20 years. Additional travel lanes from Kapule Hwy to Mailihuna Road are recommended by this report.

HDOT is actively working to address traffic concerns along this corridor and appreciates the continued cooperation between the County of Kauai, local developers, and the community as we do our best to alleviate congestion along Kuhio Highway in Kapaa and elsewhere on island. We appreciate your interest and hope that you will continue to coordinate your efforts for all the citizens of Kauai. Please contact me at 808-241-3006 if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Raymond J. Mc Cormick".

RAYMOND J. MC CORMICK,
District Engineer