

Queen Kaahumanu Highway Widening Phase 2
Kealakehe Parkway to Keahole Airport Road

NEWSLETTER

The long anticipated second phase of the Queen Kaahumanu Highway widening will begin this spring and will include the widening of the highway to two lanes in each direction. The 5.2 miles of improved highway will start from just south of Kealakehe Parkway to just north of the Keahole Airport Road intersection.

PROJECT STATUS

The project is currently in the design phase. The project contractor, Goodfellow Brothers, Inc., is poised to start construction as early as April 2011. The construction is expected to take approximately 21 months.

HOT TOPICS

Kaiminani Drive Intersection

In response to community concerns, access to the highway from Kaiminani Drive is being reconsidered. The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) is evaluating construction of a makai leg at the Kaiminani Drive intersection as part of this project.

Ironman Triathlon

The Ironman Triathlon will not be adversely impacted by the project. For the three weeks leading up to the event, the designated 'Ironman Corridor' will be restored to "Ironman" Standards and kept open for training and general bike riding.

Kaloko Archaeology

New archeological and cultural sites have been discovered within the project as a result of supplementary archaeology surveys. New sites and features are being evaluated for their significance.

Site protection and preservation are being discussed with the National Park Service and State Historic Preservation Division. Issues of common interest include access and project impacts on the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historic Park, archaeological treatment plans, and protection of the Ala Kahaki National Historic Trail.

Construction along the park will not begin until these consultations are completed.

PROJECT UPDATES

Periodic newsletters will be produced to provide timely updates.

A second public informational meeting is being planned for this spring.

Project updates are also available on the project's web site at www.BuildQueenK.com

Questions or Comments?

Inquiries may be posted through the website at www.BuildQueenK.com or call the project hotline at 1-888-440-7988.