Traffic crash closes portion of Kūhiō Highway on Friday

KAPA‘A – A portion of Kūhiō Highway in the vicinity of Niu Street in Kapa’a was closed in both directions for two hours on Friday, following a traffic crash.

A 69-year-old male sustained serious injuries, was transported to Wilcox Hospital, and later transferred to Queen’s Medical Center in O’ahu, where he remains in critical condition.

According to a preliminary report, at approximately 4:50 p.m. on Friday, the 26-year-old male driver of a Toyota multi-purpose vehicle traveling southbound on Kūhiō Highway in the vicinity of Niu Street struck the 69-year-old pedestrian. The pedestrian was attempting to cross the highway on a marked crosswalk.

Kaua‘i Police closed both lanes of Kūhiō Highway until approximately 6:50 p.m. Traffic was diverted through nearby streets.

Speed does not appear to be a factor. However, toxicology reports are pending to determine if there was any impairment on the driver’s part.

Any witnesses to the crash are asked to contact Officer Shawn Hanna of the Traffic Safety Section at 241-1615.