



## THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I

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### **Blessing held for 'Ōpaeka'a Bridge in Wailua; completion slated for September**

WAILUA – A blessing was held Friday for the 'Ōpaeka'a Bridge, between Pu'upilo Road and Pulana Street. Closed since January for pre-construction work, the bridge is slated to open in September. The closure period could be extended due to weather delays.

“Mahalo to Hawaiian Dredging Construction, Kai Hawai'i, Bow Construction Management, the Department of Public Works, and to the community for your patience with this project,” said Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami. “Today's blessing is for the safety of the workers who will work on this historical bridge and strengthen it for the benefit of our community.”

The scope of this \$5 million project include retaining and repairing existing visible trusses, retaining existing rock abutments, adding new abutments behind existing abutments, new concrete deck system, and installing steel crash tested railings inside trusses. The bridge will maintain its existing width. New striping will indicate shared roadway with bicycles.

The bridge has been closed since January 2020. Motorists are advised to continue with appropriate arrangements to accommodate the necessary road closures, use alternate routes, follow detour signs, drive with caution, and allow for extra time to get to destinations.

Anyone with questions may contact Ryder Coelho of Hawaiian Dredging Construction Co., Inc. at 808-341-2855 or Eddie Casticimo of Bow Construction Management Service, Inc. at 808-246-8880.





Photo caption: Mayor Kawakami (center) joined by representatives of the Department of Public Works, Hawaiian Dredging Construction, Kai Hawai'i, and Bow Construction Management.



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