

KAUA'I HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW COMMISSION

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Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes Section 92-3.7, which codified Act 220, SLH 2021, the meetings of the County of Kaua'i Historic Preservation Review Commission will be conducted as follows:

- **The meeting location that will be open to the public is:**

Līhu'e Civic Center, Moikeha Building
Meeting Room 2A-2B
4444 Rice Street, Līhu'e, Kaua'i, Hawai'i

- **Written testimony** indicating your 1) name or pseudonym, and if applicable, your position/title and organization you are representing, and 2) the agenda item that you are providing comment on, may be submitted on any agenda item in writing to planningdepartment@kauai.gov or mailed to the County of Kaua'i Planning Department, 4444 Rice Street, Suite A473, Līhu'e, Hawai'i 96766. Written testimony received by the Planning Department at least **24 hours prior** to the meeting will be posted as testimony to the Kaua'i Historic Preservation Review Commission's website prior to the meeting (<https://www.kauai.gov/Government/Boards-and-Commissions/Historic-Preservation-Commission>). Any testimony received after this time will be retained as part of the record, but we cannot assure the Commission will receive it with sufficient time for review prior to the meeting.
- **Oral testimony** will be taken on specific agenda items, **at the public meeting location** indicated on the meeting agenda.
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KAUA'I HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING
NOTICE AND AGENDA

RECEIVED

Thursday, April 16, 2026
1:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter
Līhu'e Civic Center, Moikeha Building
Meeting Room 2A-2B
4444 Rice Street, Līhu'e, Kaua'i, Hawai'i

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OFFICE OF
THE COUNTY CLERK
COUNTY OF KAUAI

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. MINUTES OF THE MEETING(S) OF THE KHPRC

1. March 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes

E. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation, Kaua'i District

Kūhiō Highway Intersection Improvements at the Temporary Kapa'a Bypass Road

TMK: (4) 4-3-001:999, (4) 4-3-002:999, (4) 4-3-010:999, (4) 4-3-010:001, and (4) 4-3-010:005

Kapa'a, Kaua'i

National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106: Consultation with Native Hawaiian Organizations and Potential Consulting Parties.

- a. Director's Report pertaining to this matter.

2. State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation, Kaua'i District

Kūhiō Highway Intersection Improvements at Kukui Street and Niu Street

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F. COMMUNICATIONS

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Appointment of an At-Large Commissioner Position

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes Sections 92-4 and 92-5(a)(4), the purpose of this executive session is to consult with the County's legal counsel on questions, issues, status and procedural matters. This consultation involves consideration of the powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and/or liabilities of the Commission and the County as they relate to the following matters:

1. State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation, Kaua'i District

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J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

K. SELECTION OF NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA TOPICS (May 21, 2026)

L. ADJOURNMENT

DRAFT to be Approved

OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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| Board/Commission | Kaua`i Historic Preservation Review Commission | Meeting Date: | March 19, 2026 |
| Location | Līhu`e Civic Center, Mo`ikeha Building, Meeting Room 2A/2B | Start of Meeting: | 1:04 p.m. |
| | | End of Meeting: | 2:35 p.m. |
| Present | Chair Aubrey Summers and Vice Chair Gerald Ida. Commissioners: Chucky Boy Chock, Carolyn Larson, and Susan Remoaldo. Deputy County Attorney Charles Foster. Planning Department Staff: Deputy Director Jodi A. Higuchi Sayegusa, Planner Marisa Valenciano, and Secretary Duke Nakamatsu. Boards and Commissions Staff: Support Clerk Celine De Leon and Administrator Ellen Ching. | | |
| Excused | Commissioners: Kathleen Kikuchi-Samonte, Sandi Quinsaas, Julie Souza, and Ex-Officio Hi`ilei Hamberg. | | |
| Absent | | | |



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| A. Call to Order | Chair Summer called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. | |
| B. Roll Call | Deputy Planning Director Jodi A. Higuchi Sayegusa verified attendance by roll call: Commissioner Chock replied here. Commissioner Kikuchi-Samonte was excused. Commissioner Larson replied here. Commissioner Quinsaas was excused. Commissioner Remoaldo replied here. Commissioner Souza was excused. Ex-Officio Hamberg was excused. Vice Chair Ida replied here. | A quorum was established |

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| | Chair Summers replied here. | with five (5) Commissioners present. |
| C. Approval of Agenda | | Ms. Larson moved to approve the March 19, 2026, agenda. Ms. Remoaldo seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0. |
| D. Minutes of the Meeting(s) of the KHPRC | <p>1. February 19, 2026, Meeting Minutes</p> <p>Ms. Larson stated that her last name is not “Summers” but “Larson” on page 1.</p> | Ms. Larson moved to approve the minutes of February 19, 2026, as amended. Ms. Remoaldo seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0. |
| E. General Business | <p>1. <u>Certified Local Government 40th Anniversary – Overview of the history of the program on Kaua`i</u></p> <p><i>There was no one in the public to testify on this agenda item.</i></p> <p>Ms. Valenciano noted that Ms. Pat Griffin highlighted the Certified Local Government’s (CLG’s) 40th anniversary as an opportunity to reflect on its history and key developments.</p> <p><i>The Commission heard from Ms. Pat Griffin.</i></p> <p>Ms. Griffin outlined the origins of historic preservation efforts under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, including the creation of the National Register of Historic Places, State Historic Preservation Offices, and Section 106 review. She explained the establishment of the CLG program in 1980 to involve local communities,</p> | |

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| | <p>noting Kaua`i's early participation and unique county-based structure. She reviewed changes to CLG funding distribution, past uses of funds such as updating historic property inventories, and encouraged exploring current grant opportunities. She also referenced past Commission operations and her prior operational review for consideration.</p> <p>Ms. Larson asked for clarification on the year the National Historic Preservation Act was enacted.</p> <p>Ms. Griffin clarified that the National Historic Preservation Act was enacted in 1966 and that the CLG program was established in 1980.</p> <p>Ms. Larson asked who was involved on Kaua`i in establishing the CLG program.</p> <p>Ms. Griffin stated that she was unsure who was involved in establishing the CLG on Kaua`i, noting the information may exist in Planning Department records but she has not seen it.</p> <p>Vice Chair Ida noted that he was an original KHPRC member and identified Ms. Danita Aiu as a key figure from the mayor's office who largely organized the establishment of the CLG program.</p> <p>Ms. Griffin recommended improvements to Commission procedures, including a simple guide for motions, clearer mitigation options, and better documentation practices. She emphasized the importance of tracking final outcomes of Commission decisions, improving communication with the Planning Commission, and considering commissioner representation at public hearings. She highlighted the need for ongoing training, workshops, and field trips to support informed decision-making. She also</p> | |

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| | <p>suggested exploring funding support for these activities. Additionally, she discussed challenges in public engagement with historic preservation, including resistance to national and state registers despite incentives, and encouraged stronger outreach and education efforts.</p> <p>Ms. Larson emphasized learning from unsuccessful outcomes, noting that analyzing what went wrong can inform better future decisions. She suggested developing a clear framework of Kaua'i's key historical stories and associated resources to help identify and prioritize significant sites in advance, improving preservation efforts.</p> <p>Ms. Remoaldo agreed with Ms. Larson, noting that impactful experiences often came from outcomes that did not go as intended. She references the Numila Camp in Ele'ele as an example, explaining that preservation discussions sometimes result in relocation of structures for practical use, rather than maintaining them in their original location.</p> <p>Ms. Griffin inquired specifically about the architectural aspects.</p> <p>Chair Summers praised the Planning Department's responsiveness to preservation, highlighting their use of historic villages and plantation camps in form-based codes. She noted that these codes effectively protect key architectural features such as porches and overhangs, reflecting strong local preservation practices.</p> <p>Ms. Griffin agreed, noting strong support from the Planning Director and administration, and observed that the Commission is no longer commonly referred to as the Historical Review Commission.</p> <p>Ms. Larson noted that while the Commission did not take responsibility for it, they</p> | |

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| | <p>would accept credit for the bridge memorandum agreement on repairing small bridges.</p> <p>Ms. Griffin clarified the different meanings of “rehabilitation” in preservation versus public works, noting that for bridges it often involves updating to modern standards. She also highlighted the County and community support, including the previous administration, in preserving the local post office, a National Register building, rather than relocating it, leveraging a \$15 million TIGER grant for walkable, livable areas.</p> <p>The Commission thanked Ms. Griffin for coming in.</p> <p>Ms. Valenciano noted that she and Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa participates in quarterly meetings with other CLGs, including Maui, Big Island, SHPD, and Historic Hawai`i. She highlighted Kaua`i’s distinction as the first established CLG and emphasized that over 40 years, the Commission has become well-known, with projects regularly coming before it. While not every outcome is a success, the Commission’s work has had tangible, visible impacts in the community.</p> <p>Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa added that the recommendations provide valuable guidance for growing the program. She praised Ms. Valenciano for her thorough research and oversight as the designated historic planner, noting the careful review of projects affecting historic properties, scenic landscapes, and archaeology. Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa emphasized the progress made in program management, clarity of reports, and ongoing opportunities to build on this foundation.</p> <p>Ms. Larson agreed that attentive staff are a major asset for Kaua`i and suggested exploring education initiatives. She proposed using CLG funds to create educational resources, such as videos or guides, covering topics like tax advantages of state or</p> | |

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| | <p>national register listings and procedural background. She also suggested offering structured classes or training for commissioners to enhance knowledge and expertise.</p> <p>Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa responded that educational resources are available through Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF) videos and webinars on YouTube, which commissioners can access freely and interactively. She noted additional subject-specific training opportunities exist and suggested providing relevant information as needed. Regarding funding, she explained that CLG funds or other grants might support training, but logistical constraints, such as one-year project terms and procurement processes, have limited prior efforts. Discrete training-focused applications may be a feasible option.</p> <p>Ms. Larson suggested contracting someone to develop a structural educational program for commissioners, compiling available courses, identifying core "required" content, and highlighting optional extras. She also proposed creating a system to track and access information on all items reviewed by KHPRC, allowing commissioners to follow up on projects, understand broader historic resource context, and gain insight into staff workflows.</p> <p>Chair Summers noted that the County tracks permitted projects, but many items reviewed by KHPRC do not become permitted. While agreeing it would be interesting to follow all items, she expressed concern about the feasibility given the commission's existing workload.</p> <p>Ms. Valenciano explained that while internal permit processes track projects through various agencies, KHPRC is advisory and often sees pre-conceptual plans that may change based on feedback. She noted that tracking all outcomes, including Section 106 reviews or projects stalled elsewhere, would be extremely difficult and beyond</p> | |

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| | <p>the commission's capacity. KHPRC can maintain records of items it reviews and follow up when projects return through the permit process, but comprehensive tracking of all historic-related actions is not feasible.</p> <p>Ms. Larson asked whether staff could provide information on how many projects, beyond those reviewed at a monthly meeting, are received but not brought before KHPRC.</p> <p>Ms. Valenciano noted that tracking unreviewed projects is difficult and highly variable.</p> <p>Ms. Larson asked whether unreviewed projects typically range from 2-5.</p> <p>Ms. Valenciano explained that the number of projects brought to KHPRC varies with seasons, economics, and building permits, and that changing laws complicate determinations. She emphasized that staff prioritize projects requiring Commission attention while handling minor or Class 1 projects administratively, respecting commissioners' time and focusing on projects with significant historic impact.</p> <p>Ms. Larson clarified she only wants to know the number of projects received.</p> <p>Ms. Valenciano stated the number of projects varies and is too inconsistent to identify trends.</p> <p>Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa explained that staff review all proposals received at the front counter, assessing whether projects, such as residential renovations on properties listed but not registered, warrant commission attention. It is not a matter of choosing to exclude projects.</p> | |

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| | <p>Ms. Larson said that understanding staff's review process is valuable for commissioners, providing insight into how projects are assessed before coming to KHPRC.</p> <p>Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa suggested providing verbal or written updates in reports to show how projects reach KHPRC. She noted that staff review all submittals, but only some affect the Commission, with workload fluctuating. She highlighted the Numila project as a significant example with major relevance to KHPRC.</p> <p>With no further discussion, the Commission moved onto the next agenda item.</p> | |
| F. Communications | There were no communications. | |
| G. Unfinished Business | There was no unfinished business. | |
| H. New Business | <p><u>2. Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places</u> <u>United States Coast Guard Nawiliwili Harbor Light</u> <u>TMK: (4) 3-5-001:004</u> <u>Ninini Point, Kaua'i</u></p> <p><i>There was no one in the public to testify on this agenda item.</i></p> <p>Ms. Valenciano reported that the US Coast Guard prepared the nomination for Nawiliwili Harbor Light, a 72-foot concrete lighthouse built in 1932 on Ninini Point, still operational as a navigational aid. The nomination seeks National Register listing</p> | |

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| | <p>only. The lighthouse is eligible under Criteria A for its contributions to local maritime history and transportation, with potential Criteria C eligibility as representative of its era. Earlier towers and the lightkeeper's house were removed, but the structure retains historic integrity with minor alterations. The department recommends that the Commission support the nomination.</p> <p>Ms. Larson asked why the State Register process isn't being followed and what would be required for inclusion if it proceeds anyway.</p> <p>Ms. Valenciano noted she couldn't speak for the US Coast Guard but understands they could later apply for the State Register, though the process might differ. She explained that listing on any register provides recognition, preservation acknowledgement, and potential funding, tax benefits, and resources. National listing can offer more benefits than state listing, and federal agencies are allowed to nominate themselves to the National Register under federal regulations, which may explain why the State Register wasn't pursued.</p> <p>Vice Chair Ida said the decision is obvious and mentioned past reports of people building along the coastline.</p> <p>Ms. Larson's main concern is that the application treats only the light itself, not the full light station. She emphasized including the keeper's house and other original structures, noting their importance for interpreting the site's history. She suggested recommending that the applicant revise the nomination to reflect the entire light station.</p> <p>Chair Summers noted that the property boundary likely does not include the site of the former house.</p> | |

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| | <p>Ms. Larson noted the residence looks close to the light in photos but may not be part of the property.</p> <p>DCA Foster stated the federal government transferred the property to the state, except for about six feet around the structure.</p> <p>Ms. Larson questioned how to address the lighthouse's original role as part of a light station despite the property transfer.</p> <p>Ms. Valenciano summarized that comments should focus on specific suggestions or amendments to the form, noting the applicant identified only the light as contributing. She added that questions about including features outside the agency's jurisdiction, like those beyond the current boundary, remain unresolved.</p> <p>Ms. Larson suggested acknowledging in the application that the lighthouse was originally part of a larger station, noting that focusing only on the light risks losing the broader historical context.</p> <p>Chair Summers noted that page 4 states the lighthouse sits on a 70x60-foot parcel, which is all that remains of the original property shown by the drawing's scale.</p> <p>Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa said the proposal is discreet and focused on a specific parcel, supported it with a suggestion to consider broader contributions, and noted that further consideration rests with the property owner.</p> <p>Ms. Larson agreed with the general point and suggested encouraging the applicant</p> | |

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| | <p>to view the feature as part of a larger historic context. She noted nearby elements, like a rock wall, may indicate related past uses, and recommended amended the motion to include language asking the applicant to reconsider the site more holistically and potentially revise the nomination wording.</p> <p>Ms. Valenciano said the motion should be more specific, suggesting it clearly direct the applicant to consider including related features, like the remnant wall, so the guidance is clear.</p> <p>Ms. Larson offered to provide edit notes for clarity but said the motion itself could remain more general.</p> <p>Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa clarified that the nomination is limited to the specific parcel and lighthouse, but the language should acknowledge it as just one contributing resource within a broader site context.</p> <p>Ms. Valenciano noted that the nomination specifically covers the 1932 concrete tower, with a context period of 1932-1976, and clarified that earlier features like the keeper's dwelling fall outside that period.</p> <p>Ms. Larson questioned whether the keeper's house existed during the same 1932-1976 period as the tower.</p> <p>Ms. Valenciano clarified that historic photos show a keeper's house in 1915 predating the 1932 tower, and a 1932-36 dwelling, but the nomination focuses on the 1932 tower as the contributing resource, noting that the earlier structures no longer exist.</p> | |

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| | <p>Ms. Remoaldo asked if a state nomination could supplement the national nomination for the other features.</p> <p>Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa noted that no state nomination currently exists.</p> <p>Ms. Remoaldo suggested that if a state nomination were made for the other features on state property, it could serve as a supplement to the national nomination for the light.</p> <p>Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa said the interplay between state and national nominations should be explored, noting a state nomination could provide a broader site perspective.</p> <p>Vice Chair Ida noted that the stone wall at Ninini Point is not ancient and likely unrelated to the lighthouse, based on his archaeological survey of the coast.</p> <p>Ms. Larson asked why the stone wall is considered unrelated to the lighthouse.</p> <p>Vice Chair Ida explained that excavations near the wall suggested they weren't built for the lighthouse, likely being a plantation wall, as historic photos show a large wall along the cliff predating the houses.</p> <p>Ms. Larson asked if the wall might have been for cattle.</p> <p>Vice Chair Ida clarified the wall may be plantation-related, noting little remains of the lighthouse outbuildings aside from a small foundation.</p> <p>Ms. Larson questioned the wall's purpose, suggesting it may have been a cow or pig</p> | |

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| | <p>pen rather than part of a house.</p> <p>Chair Summers noted that aerial photos show the rock wall lies outside the property boundary.</p> <p>Ms. Larson stated that the wall is immaterial and proposed a motion to support the application while encouraging the applicant to view the light and nomination as part of the original station, including former residences, outbuildings, and other structures.</p> <p>Chair Summers noted it may be difficult since the nomination involves features outside the applicant's property and jurisdiction.</p> <p>Ms. Larson clarified that referencing the light as part of the original station doesn't mean the applicant is nominating or including those other features.</p> <p>Ms. Valenciano noted the nomination is thorough and includes more detail than typical forms. She emphasized clarifying whether the motion asks the applicant to amend their narrative or to add more contributing resources, as these are different actions.</p> <p>Vice Chair Ida said the nomination is clear and doesn't need amendments, noting it acknowledges the broader station with photos of outbuildings, but the focus, and jurisdiction, is just the lighthouse.</p> <p>Ms. Larson agreed it's a fine point, noting a few minor wording changes could frame the site as a whole, but ultimately the light remains the only nominated resource.</p> | |

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| | <p>Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa said the conversation and any suggested edits could be documented and shared to provide context and support for the nomination, but any changes to the form would be only suggestions, not guaranteed amendments.</p> <p>Ms. Larson said she's comfortable with staff referring to the applicant to this discussion, noting the group could be more specific, but it's acceptable as is.</p> <p>Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa emphasized that the Commission's role is to provide support or comment, and while the discussion may inform the applicant's wording, any changes are not guaranteed since it remains their nomination.</p> <p>With no further discussion, the Commission moved onto the next agenda item.</p> | <p>Mr. Ida moved to support the nomination of the Nawiliwili Harbor Light to the National Register of Historic Places. Ms. Remoaldo seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0.</p> |
| I. Executive Session | There was no executive session held. | |
| J. Announcements | There were no announcements. | |
| K. Selection of Next Meeting Date and Agenda Topics | Ms. Valenciano noted the next meeting is April 16, 2026, and mentioned several upcoming projects and a possible presentation on the Hawai'i State Preservation Plan by SHPD's consultants. | |

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| L. Adjournment | | Ms. Larson moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Ida seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0. Chair Summers adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m. |

Submitted by: _____
Celine De Leon, Staff Support Clerk

Reviewed and Approved by: _____
Aubrey Summers, Chair

- () Approved as circulated on
- () Approved as amended. See minutes of _____ meeting.

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In reply REFER to:
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MARCH 16, 2026

KAUAI HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW COMMISSION
C/O COUNTY OF KAUAI PLANNING DEPARTMENT
4444 RICE STREET, SUITE A473
LIHUE, HI 96766

SUBJECT: NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT, SECTION 106
CONSULTATION WITH NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATIONS AND
POTENTIAL CONSULTING PARTIES
KUHIO HIGHWAY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
AT TEMPORARY KAPAA BYPASS ROAD
SOUTH OLOHENA AHUPUAA, PUNA MOKU, ISLAND OF KAUAI
FEDERAL-AID PROJECT NO. NH-056-1(066)
TAX MAP KEYS: (4) 4-3-001:999; (4) 4-3-002:999; (4) 4-3-010:999 AND (4) 4-
3-010:001, (4) 4-3-010:005

Dear Kauai Historic Preservation Review Commission:

On behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation (HDOT) is hereby notifying you that on December 30, 2025, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 (amended, 2006), was initiated with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for the subject highway intersection improvements project.

The proposed federally funded HDOT project is considered a federal action and undertaking as defined in 36 *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)*, Part §800.16(y). Effective May 1, 2016, FHWA has issued a Programmatic Delegation of Authority allowing the HDOT and local public agencies to conduct NHPA Section 106 consultations with the SHPO, Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHO), and other consulting parties per 36 *CFR*, Part §800.2(c)(4). The FHWA will remain responsible for all findings and determinations charged to the agency during the Section 106 process.

Overview of the Undertaking

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT), is proposing improvements at the intersection between Kuhio Highway (State Route 56), Kapaa Bypass, and Papaloa Road in Kapaa, Kauai. HDOT is currently evaluating realigning the southern terminus of Kapaa Bypass Road at Kuhio Highway to intersect with the existing intersection of Kuhio Highway with Papaloa Road (North) near the Coconut Marketplace.

The realignment will consolidate the two (2) existing T intersections into a single full access intersection in the form of a two-lane roundabout. In addition to consolidating the intersections, the realignment will provide the opportunity to allow left turns from Papalooa Road (North) onto Kuhio Highway. The installation of approximately 30-foot tall, safety standard compliant highway lights is also proposed as a part of this project. These intersection improvements will improve safety and connectivity of the road and ease traffic in the area.

FHWA is providing funding for these improvements. Therefore, the FHWA requires compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other federal requirements including Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966.

Consultations

A Section 106 notice/advertisement will be included in the Garden Island Newspaper.

Entitled consulting parties during the Section 106 process includes the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation, SHPO, NHOs, and if applicable, local governments and applicants for federal assistance, permits, licenses and other approvals.

NHOs and/or Hawaiian Descendants

NHOs and Native Hawaiian descendants with ancestral, lineal or cultural ties to, cultural and historical property knowledge of and/or concerns for, and cultural or religious attachment to the proposed Area of Potential Effects (APE) are asked to provide a response to this letter within 30 days of notification.

Other Individuals and Organizations

Individuals and organizations with demonstrated legal, economic, or historic preservation interest are asked to respond within 30 days of notification, and provide intent to participate in the Section 106 process. Participation is subject to FHWA approval.

~~Area of Potential Effects (APE)~~

We would like to invite you to comment on the proposed APE. The proposed project is located at the intersection between Kuhio Highway (State Route 56), Kapaa Bypass, and Papalooa Road in Kapaa, Kauai. The APE is approximately 8.96 acres. Construction staging and stock piling will occur in the northeast portion of the project area, mauka of Kuhio Highway. Please refer to the enclosed map of the APE.

Identification of Historic Properties within the APE

We welcome any information you may have on historical and cultural sites that have been recorded in or which you may have knowledge of within the proposed APE. In addition, if you are acquainted with any persons or organization that is knowledgeable about the proposed APE, or any descendants with ancestral, lineal or cultural ties to or cultural knowledge and/or historical properties information of or concerns for, and cultural or religious attachment to the proposed project area, we would appreciate receiving their names and contact information within 30 days of notice.

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Conclusion

On behalf of FHWA, HDOT by way of this letter is notifying you of the proposed Kuhio Highway Intersection Improvements Project. Should you want to participate in the Section 106 process, we request your written intent. Please also provide your comments on the proposed APE, any information you may have on cultural and/or historical sites that have been recorded within the APE, as well as the names and contact information of people/organizations who may have cultural affiliations and historical properties information in the vicinity of the proposed APE.

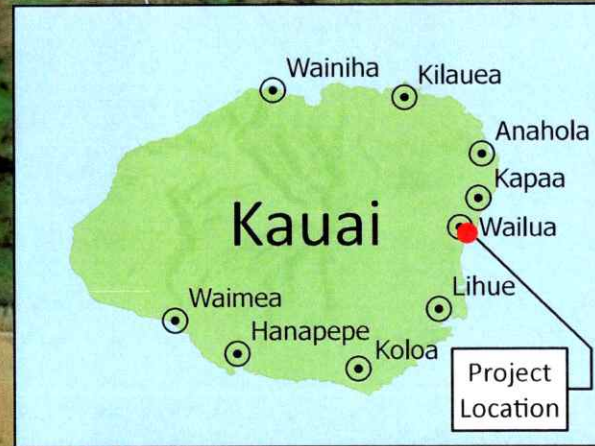
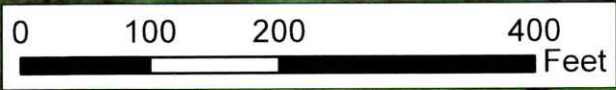
We would appreciate a written response within 30 days from date of receipt to HDOT Project Manager, Mr. Joel Bautista via email at joel.o.bautista@hawaii.gov, or by U.S. Postal Service to Department of Transportation, 1720 Haleukana Street, Lihue, Hawaii 96766.

Very truly yours,

Randall Haraguchi

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Attachment



Legend

- Area of Potential Effects
- Potential Staging Area (100,000 sq ft)
- Tax Map Keys

Kuhio Highway, Intersection Improvements at Temporary Kapaa Bypass Road
Area of Potential Effects Map

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I. SUMMARY

Action Required by KHPRC: To provide comments in a Section 106 response letter regarding the proposed project's potential effect on historic properties.

KHPRC actions may include the following:

- a. Provide comments in a response letter; or
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II. PROJECT INFORMATION

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| Parcel Location: | Kapa'a |
| Tax Map Key(s): | (4) 4-3-001:999, (4) 4-3-002:999, (4) 4-3-010:999, (4) 4-3-010:001, and (4) 4-3-010:005 |
| Applicant/ Agency | State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation |

III. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND

The State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is initiating the Section 106 process to use federal funding to conduct proposed improvements at the intersection of Kūhiō Highway and the Temporary Bypass Road near the Coconut Marketplace.

As represented, the project will help to improve safety and connectivity in this area by consolidating two existing T intersections into a two-lane roundabout. In addition to the intersection improvements, the project will include the installation of a 30-foot tall, safety standard compliant lights.

IV. AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT (APE)

Kaua'i Historic Preservation Review Commission (KHPRC)

April 16, 2026 Meeting

Section 106- State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation

Kūhiō Highway Intersection Improvements at the Kapa'a Temporary Bypass Road

TMK: (4) 4-3-001:999, (4) 4-3-002:999, (4) 4-3-010:999, (4) 4-3-010:001, and (4) 4-3-010:005

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As represented in the consultation letter maps, the proposed APE is approximately 8.96 acres and will include the construction staging and stockpiling areas.

V. IDENTIFICATION OF CULTURAL AND HISTORIC SITES

The Agency has invited NHO groups to comment on any information on historic and cultural sites that are located within the proposed APE.

VI. RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Department recommends that the Kaua'i Historic Preservation Review Commission make a motion to provide comments in a response letter pertaining to the Area of Potential Effect (APE), the identification of historic properties, and/ or the proposed project's effect on historic properties.

The Commission is further advised that this report does not represent the Planning Department's final recommendation in view of the forthcoming public hearing process whereby the entire record should be considered prior to decision making. The entire record includes but is not limited to:

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HWY-K 4.260030

March 20, 2026

Kaua'i Historic Preservation Review Commission
c/o County of Kaua'i Planning Department
4444 Rice Street, Suite A473
Lihue, HI 96766

Dear Colleagues:

Subject: National Historic Preservation Act: Section 106, Consultation with Native Hawaiian Organizations and Potential Consulting Parties
Kūhiō Highway Intersection Improvements
At Kukui Street and Niu Street
Ahupua'a of Kapa'a, Kauai Island
Federal Aid Project No.: No. NH-056-1(069)
Tax Map Keys: (4) 4-5-008:999 & (4) 4-5-011:999

On behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) is hereby notifying you that on July 18, 2025, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 (amended, 2006), was initiated with the Department of Land and Natural Resources State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for the subject Kūhiō Highway Intersection Improvements at Kukui Street and Niu Street Project.

This proposed project will be a federally funded HDOT project. It will be considered a federal action and undertaking, as defined in 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part §800.16(y). Effective May 1, 2016, FHWA has issued a Programmatic Delegation of Authority allowing the local public agencies to conduct NHPA Section 106 consultations with the SHPO, Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHO), and other consulting parties per 36 CFR, Section 800.2 (c) (4). The FHWA will remain responsible for all findings and determinations charged to the agency during the Section 106 process.

Overview of the Undertaking

The proposed activity will primarily involve surface work to improve the pedestrian safety at the Kūhiō Highway & Kukui Street and Kūhiō Highway & Niu Street intersections (Figure 1 and Figure 2). The maximum excavation depth will be 15 feet.

The project scope also includes the following construction tasks, which will occur at various locations in the Project Area (Area of Potential Effect (APE)).

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- New traffic signal system
- Concrete bulbouts, islands/medians, and curb ramps
- Crosswalks and striping
- Lighting and drainage improvements, including linear trenching for conduit installation along Kūhiō Highway.

Consultations

Entitled consulting parties during the Section 106 process includes the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation, SHPO, NHO, and if applicable, local governments and applicants for federal assistance, permits, licenses and other approvals.

NHO and/or Hawaiian Descendants

NHO and Native Hawaiian descendants with ancestral, lineal or cultural ties to, cultural and historical property knowledge of and/or concerns for, and cultural or religious attachment to the proposed APE are asked to provide a response to this letter within 30 days of notification.

Other Individuals and Organizations

Individuals and organizations with legal, economic or historic preservation interest are requested to respond within 30 days of notification and demonstrate your interest in the proposed undertaking and provide intent to participate in the Section 106 process. Your participation is subject to FHWA approval.

Request for Comment on the Area of Potential Effect (APE)

We would like to invite you to comment on the proposed APE.

The Kūhiō Highway Intersection Improvements at Kukui Street and Niu Street Project encompasses two separate locations at the intersection of Kūhiō Highway and Niu Street and the intersection of Kūhiō Highway and Kukui Street (see Figure 1 and Figure 2). The project area is within an area of commercial buildings, paved roadway, and sidewalks in the developed area of Kapa'a, 425-575 feet north-northwest Kapa'a Beach and 910-1300 feet west-southwest of Moikeha Canal. The Niu Street intersection is roughly bound by a mixed-use ball field associated with Kapa'a Beach.

The primary soil in the APE is Mokuleia fine sandy loam (Mr) (Figure 3). According to Foote et al. (1972:95):

This soil occurs on the eastern and northern coastal plains of Kaua'i. It is nearly level. This soil has a profile like that of Mokuleia clay loam, except for the texture of the surface layer. Permeability is moderately rapid in the surface layer and rapid in the subsoil. Runoff is very slow, and the erosion hazard is slight...

The APE lies on the east coast of Kaua'i. It is relatively level terrain. Rainfall averages 104 cm per year, predominantly occurring during the winter months between October and March (Giambelluca et al. 2013)

Identification of Historic Properties within the APE

We welcome any information you may have on historical and cultural sites that have been recorded in or which you may have knowledge of within the proposed APE. In addition, if you are acquainted with any persons or organization that is knowledgeable about the proposed APE, or any descendants with ancestral, lineal or cultural ties to or cultural knowledge and/or historical properties information of or concerns for, and cultural or religious attachment to the proposed project area, we would appreciate receiving their names and contact information within 30 days of notice.

Conclusion

On behalf of FHWA, HDOT by way of this letter is notifying you of the proposed Kūhiō Highway Intersection Improvements at Kukui Street and Niu Street Project. Should you want to participate in the Section 106 process, we request your written intent. Please also provide your comments on the proposed APE, any information you may have on cultural and/or historical sites that have been recorded within the APE, as well as the names and contact information of people/organizations who may have cultural affiliations and historical properties information in the vicinity of the proposed APE.

We would appreciate a written response within 30 days from date of receipt to Jeff Aguinaldo, Project Manager via email at Jeff.J.Aguinaldo@hawaii.gov or by U.S. Postal Service to Department of Transportation, 1720 Haleukana Street, Lihue, Hawai'i 96766. Please feel free to contact Mr. Aguinaldo by telephone at (808) 241-3018, if you have any questions and reference letter no. HWY-K 4.260030 as noted above.

Very truly yours,



Eric Fujikawa
District Engineer

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Figure 1. Project area on 2020 World Imagery aerial photograph.



Figure 2. Project area on USGS Quadrangle map.

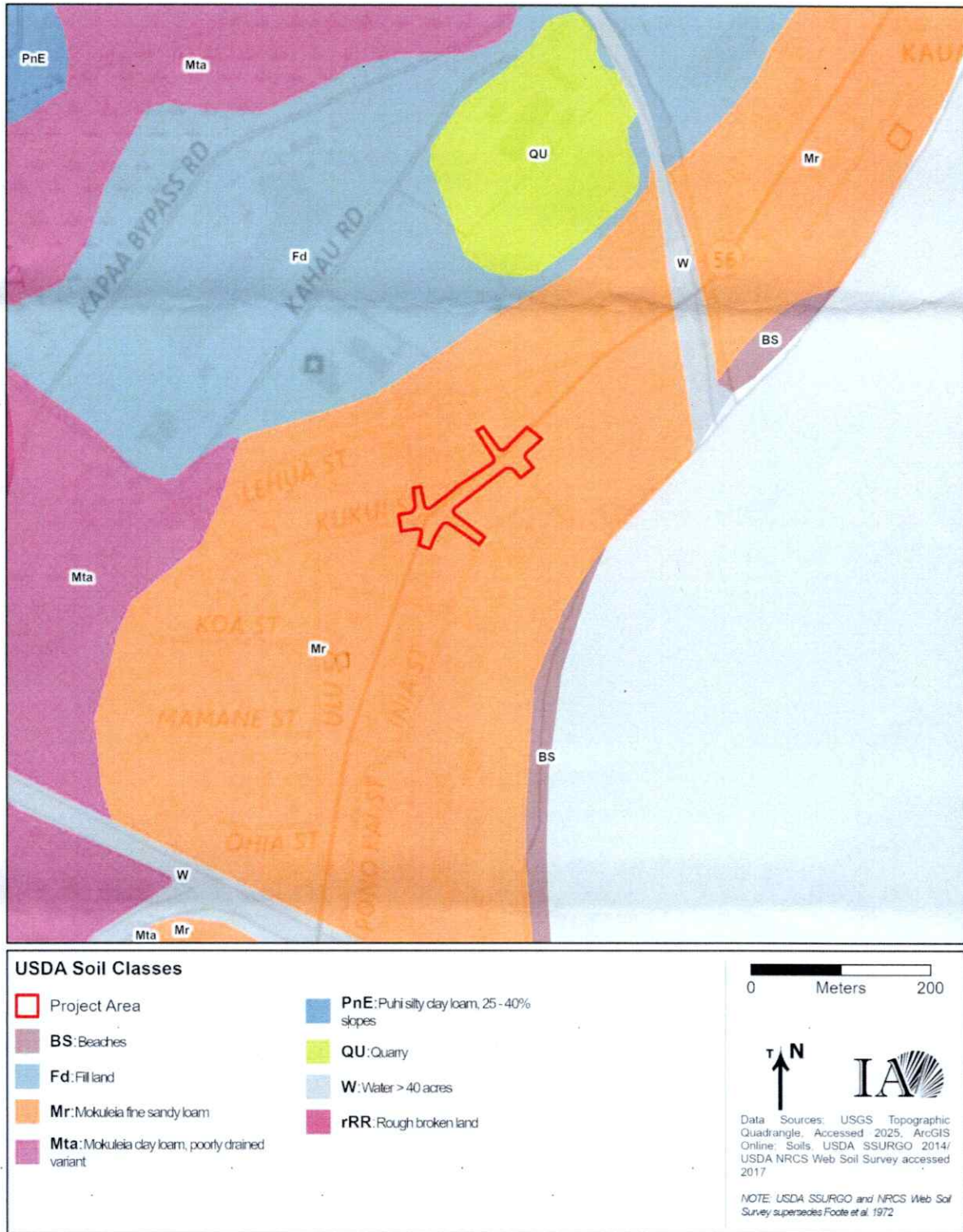


Figure 3. Project area on USDA soil classes map.

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As represented, the project will improve pedestrian safety on Kūhiō Highway at the intersections of Kukui Street and Niu Street and will include the following:

- New traffic signal system
- Concrete bulbouts, islands/medians, and curb ramps
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It should be noted that the maximum excavation depth will be 15 feet.

IV. AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT (APE)

As represented in the consultation letter maps, the Agency has identified the area of potential effect which encompasses the roadway, sidewalks, and some commercial buildings.

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