



\$172 Million Earmarked for Kapolei Improvement Projects

Area legislators secure major funding for infrastructure

With the help of area legislators, Representative Sharon Har and Senator Mike Gabbard, this year's state budget has earmarked more than \$172 million in Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) funds for Kapolei. It includes infrastructure repair and maintenance of Kapolei's highways, harbor, airport, and energy corridor, as well as improvements and new construction for school facilities. Some are small ticket items, while others are major initiatives — all together adding up to a better functioning, more livable and vibrant Kapolei.

"We want to make our Second City of Kapolei the best place to live, work, and raise a family," said Representative Har. "This means putting Kapolei first — starting with the funding required to improve residents quality of life and to support economic development."

Senator Gabbard said, "Improved education facilities and vastly upgraded transportation and energy infrastructure are key to Kapolei's ability to become a vital economic center. This session's

legislative appropriation is a good step in that direction. My colleagues and I in the Legislature are committed to doing what it takes to make this happen."

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Gabbard has served District 20 for 10 years and continues to work



for changes that will benefit both Kapolei and the State of Hawai'i. This includes Kapolei's improvement projects as well as bills he authored that were passed in the Legislature. They include industrial hemp cultivation and research, banning the sale of products from certain wildlife species, standardizing water audits of public water systems, and establishing a renewable fuels production tax credit while repealing the existing ethanol facility tax credit.

The Kapolei CIP funds cover a range of projects, including:

Schools

■ **Kapolei Middle.** Re-roofing (\$2.6 million); New Bus Lanes and Drop-Off; (\$1.8 million); Additional Parking (\$100,000)

■ **Makakilo Elementary.** ADA Compliance (\$1.045 million)

Transportation

■ **H-1 Makakilo to Palailai Interchange Improvements.** (\$7 million)

■ **Kalaeloa Airport.** Utility Improvements (\$638,000)

■ **Kakuhihewa State Building.** Department of Transportation Office Renovations (\$500,000)

Kalaeloa Improvements

■ **Kalaeloa Energy Corridor.** (\$3 million)

■ **Youth Challenge Academy.** Kalaeloa Guardrail Replacement (\$388,000)

■ **Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbor.** Improvements for existing facilities and design and construction for a new pier facility (\$109,250,000)



UH West O'ahu

■ **UHWO.** Creative Media Building (\$35 million); Admin and Allied Health Facility (\$7 million)

Grants in Aid

■ **Child and Family Services.** Operations (\$100,000)

■ **KAMP Hawaii Incorporated.** Operations (\$75,000)

■ **Kapolei Community Development Corporation.** Heritage Center (\$500,000)

■ **National Kidney Foundation.** Program Development Center (\$2 million)

■ **Special Olympics.** Multi-Purpose Facility and Fitness Building (\$700,000)

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Solutions for traffic improvement

Traffic improvement has been a big priority for Representative Har, who has been working with the Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT) to find ways to alleviate the daily commute for area residents. Although HDOT has received less funding by way of Federal funds, House Bill 2086 (2016) allocated an additional \$37 million from the general fund into the State Highway Fund.

"With the crippling amount of traffic on the roads every day, I appreciate the 'all hands on deck' approach HDOT is taking, with no project too big or too small for attention," said Har. Here are some of the initiatives Har is working on with both HDOT and the City's Department of Transportation Services.

EASTBOUND H-1 SHOULDER LANE BETWEEN KUALAKAI AND KUNIA INTERCHANGES:

Har is working with HDOT to open an eastbound shoulder lane between the Kualakai and Kunia Interchanges. "There are engineering issues that exist due to a gulch that is bridged along the route," said Har. "But we are committed to making this shoulder lane a reality to help alleviate West O'ahu traffic."

ADDITIONAL AM ZIPPER LANE:

While an extra west-bound lane on the H-1 has improved conditions during the afternoon rush hour, in August, east-bound commute is slated to receive an additional lane in the zipper which will stay open until 9:00 a.m.

KALAELOA BLVD. AND CAMPBELL INDUSTRIAL PARK:

Rep. Har has been working with HDOT and the City's Department of Transportation Services (DTS) to address the afternoon traffic issues that exist when drivers are exiting Campbell



Industrial. To date, they have implemented HPD officers on Farrington Highway westbound to assist with the flow of traffic from Kalaeloa Boulevard. They are now working on the installation of a traffic signal at this intersection, which will allow more cars to flow through. DTS is examining the restriping of lanes on Kalaeloa Boulevard past Kapolei Parkway, while HDOT will implement the Nānākuli contraflow lane beginning in August.

KAPOLEI AND PALAILAI INTERCHANGES:

Improvements to the freeway interchanges at Makakilo Drive and Wakea Street are now in Phase 3. \$7M was appropriated for these improvements and will include an extension of the Wakea overpass.

Har said, "As Kapolei transitions from a bedroom community and grows into the Second City it was expected to be, there are lots of growing pains that need to be addressed — issues such as traffic and infrastructure, homelessness, and education, among many others. I am devoted to ensuring that our West O'ahu community is a safe place where we can live, work, play and raise our families."

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