

National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii Breaks Ground in Kapolei

The July 29, 2016 ground breaking for National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii's (NKFH) West O'ahu operations is significant for two reasons: (1) Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders and Asians are among the ethnic groups at highest risk of chronic kidney disease, and (2) these groups are concentrated in West O'ahu. By opening its planned facility in Kapolei, NKFH is bringing clinical

classrooms, and private rooms for counseling. Clinical, research and outreach staff, as well as most of the executive and administrative personnel will also be based here. West O'ahu residents will have access to free kidney screenings and lifestyle education classes, while physicians and other allied health professionals will be able to lease office space at the center.

Fundraising underway

NKFH is continuing its active engagement of donors to raise funds to cover the cost of the land and the construction of the building — a total of \$12 million. So far, the organization has secured more than 65 percent of the funding.

"We're most grateful to our generous donors who have brought us this far," said John Aeto, NKFH's spokesperson. "We are confident that we will meet our goal of raising the remaining 35 percent so that we can complete the project."

For information on how you can help, please go to www.kidneyhi.org

and donate online. You can earmark your gift for the NKFH Kapolei project under Reasons for Donation. You may also call in your donation information to 808-593-1515, ext. 5968, or mail your check to:

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 1314 S. King Street, #1555
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Construction has begun, and the facility is targeted to open in January 2018. The project is located on the Leihano campus at Manawai Street and Kapolei Parkway.



and educational services directly to the target population.

The project includes a dual-function three-story building. The ground floor will house the Senator Daniel K. Akaka Community Center, which will have a conference room and a library for Senator Akaka's career papers and books. The rest of the building will be the Kidney Resource Center that will include a certified teaching kitchen, fitness rooms, health education



Roads Update:

Kalaeloa Boulevard and Kapolei Interchange

Two major transportation systems are now being improved within the City of Kapolei.



Kalaeloa Boulevard

A little over a year ago, Kapolei Properties Division started a \$50 million infrastructure improvement project that includes the widening and rebuilding of the aging Kalaeloa Boulevard between Lauwiliwili Street and Malakole Street. It is the main connector for some of Kapolei's busiest job centers — James Campbell Industrial Park, the Kapolei Business Park and Kalaeloa Harbor, and is traveled by more than 40,000 vehicles every day.

To withstand the hard use by cars and heavy trucks, the new asphalt road surface is now 15 inches thick, which is designed to last for 30 years — three times as

long as the original asphalt surface, which was 4 inches thick with a 10-year life span. The boulevard is also being expanded to three travel lanes in each direction, and will have 6-foot wide bike lanes on both sides of the roadway.

The project also includes a new wastewater and sewer system to accommodate the growth of the expanding Kapolei Business Park. Both projects are about 50 percent complete. The City and County of Honolulu has been assisting with project approvals. Kalaeloa Boulevard improvements are slated for completion by the end of 2017, and the wastewater and sewer system is scheduled for an April 2017 finish.

Kapolei Interchange Phase 2

This massive interchange project is designed to give motorists easier access from H-1 Freeway into the urban core via on- and off-ramps to Wakea Street and Kamokila Boulevard.

Phase 1 of the Interchange was completed in 2011, and Phase 2 is now under construction. This phase, which includes additional ramps and a new overpass from the Wakea Street extension to west-bound lanes on H-1 Freeway, is

now 15 percent complete with a target finish date of May 2018. Future phases include construction of more entrance and exit ramps at the Palailai Interchange. These additions will balance traffic distribution by linking major roadways throughout the region, and greatly ease traffic flow.

The Kapolei Interchange, which is a federally funded project, is a public/private partnership between the State of Hawai'i and Kapolei Properties Division.

