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### ***\$8.5 million for repairs and improvements planned or underway on Big Island***

Over \$8.5 million in sidewalk, road, drainage, flood, and earthquake repairs are underway in parts of East and West Hawaii.

#### **Hilo**

- New sidewalks and curb ramps that meet Americans with Disabilities Act are being installed on Kapiolani Street across from the police station. Work began in November and scheduled to end on December 10. Estimated cost is \$62,500.
- \$99,700 in flood repairs along Puainako Street extension will include ground excavation and improvements to the embankment.
- Roadside improvements for portions of Kinoole and Komohana streets will include improvements to the drainage systems, road shoulders and building retaining walls. The road will not be altered or changed. The \$5 million project is under the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and qualifies for federal funds. The Federal Highways Administration will pay 80% of the improvement cost and the County of Hawaii, 20%. The project will take approximately a year to complete.

#### **Puna**

- Drainage and sight distance improvements are underway for Moho Road, also known as Road 8, in the Hawaiian Acres subdivision. The improvements, estimated at \$2 million, are expected to take six months to complete.

#### **Ka'u**

- Repairs to the concrete lining and channel slopes at Ha'ao Springs are being made to the county drainage system in Waiohinu. Estimated cost is \$51,000. Work began on November 3 and is expected to end on December 17.

## Kona

- Kealakekua—Two drywells will be installed in front of the American Savings building to capture water runoff. The estimated cost is \$75,000. Two lanes remain open to traffic. Construction starts the first week in December and ends the third week of December.
- Honaunau—A large storm drain and additional pipes will be installed in the culvert on the Painted Church Road, near to the Painted Church to handle increases in water volume. Estimated cost is \$200,000. This project is one of two that repairs damages from the 2007 floods in Honaunau.
- Under design are repairs to a culvert on Middle Ke'ei Road.
- Two earthquake repairs along Mamalahoa Highway will be done using Federal funds, under the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) with 80% Federal reimbursement and 20% funding from the County of Hawaii.
  - Repairs at mile post 110.4 on Mamalahoa Highway and at mile post 9 on Napo'opo'o Road include the guard rail, drainage systems, reinforcing the embankment, and repaving the road shoulders. Estimated cost range is \$590,000.
  - From mile posts 4.5 to 7.0 on Mamalahoa repairs will be made to retaining walls and slopes. Estimated cost is \$400,000.

For information on ongoing construction work for buildings, and roads around the island, go to [www.co.hawaii.hi.us](http://www.co.hawaii.hi.us), click on media releases and scroll to Public Works. A complete list of all projects underway is included in several media releases from 2006 to date.

*Rules of the Road* is a colorful brochure with safety tips for pedestrians and motorists. It is free and available from the County of Hawai'i Public Works offices in Hilo and Kona. Please ask for a copy.