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## **GOVERNOR LINGLE RELEASES \$3,066,000 FOR NORTH-SOUTH ROAD IN KAPOLEI**

HONOLULU – Governor Linda Lingle has released \$3,066,000 for Phase 1B of the North-South Road project in Kapolei. The project, which has been divided into three phases, will connect Kapolei Parkway to the H-1 Freeway upon completion. The addition of a new H-1 interchange will reduce traffic at the existing Makakilo and Kunia interchanges.

“The North-South Road is the largest of several projects the state is moving forward to address the transportation demands of the growing ‘Ewa, Kalaeloa, Kapolei and Makakilo areas,” said Governor Lingle. “By supplementing existing north-south routes to and from H-1 Freeway, the new road will provide West O’ahu residents with much needed traffic relief during their daily commutes.”

Phase 1A of the project was completed this month. Phase 1B will complete the unfinished portions of the road between Farrington Highway and Kapolei Parkway, as well as bridge-crossing structures, intersection improvements, water and sewer lines, and drainage systems. Phase 1C, which started last month, will construct the interchange at H-1 and the road from H-1 to Farrington Highway.

Governor Lingle released \$12,780,000 for Phase 1B of this project in July of this year. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands allocated an additional \$6,710,000. The Federal Highways Administration allotment amounts to \$47,997,000.

The North-South Road is scheduled to be opened in late summer 2009.

The state Department of Transportation has other projects in various stages of development that will create a more efficient roadway network and further ease traffic in West O'ahu. They include the widening of Fort Weaver Road between 'A'awa Street and Geiger Road; a new H-1 Freeway Kapolei interchange; the widening of Fort Barrette Road between Farrington Highway and Roosevelt Avenue in Kalaeloa; and the new East-West Road in Kapolei, which will run parallel to Farrington Highway near the future University of Hawai'i-West O'ahu campus.

Motorists can find up-to-date information on roadwork and lane closures at [www.hawaii.gov/dot/publicaffairs/roadwork](http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/publicaffairs/roadwork).

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