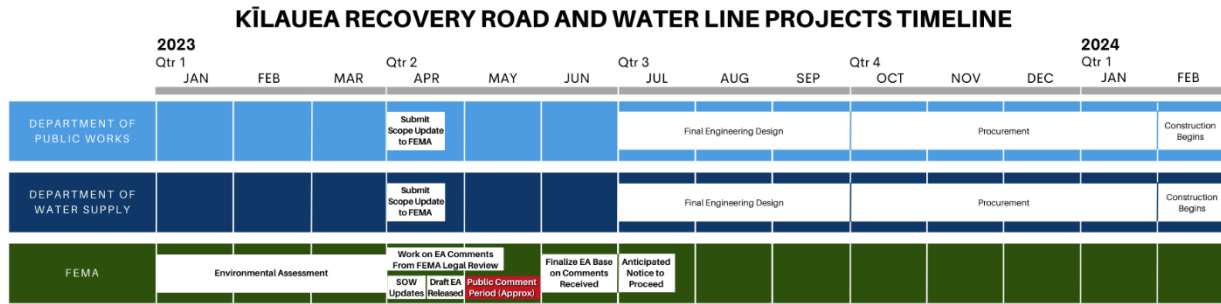


Kīlauea Recovery Road and Waterline Projects Environmental Assessment Update



Note: These dates are subject to change as progress continues

Department of Public Works, Department of Water Supply, Kīlauea Eruption Recovery and FEMA are continuing to work on completing the Environmental Assessment process for the Pohoiki Roads project.

As of late March 2023, the legal team of FEMA has completed their review and final revisions are being made to the EA document. The objective of this FEMA review was to ensure that the draft EA is in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

FEMA is currently taking steps to conclude the process and finalize the draft Environmental Assessment for public review and comment.

While this review is a normal part of the process, delays have arisen that were outside of our control.

Over the next 6 weeks, the County will be working closely with FEMA to finalize the EA. Once draft EA is completed, it will be released by FEMA which will then lead to a 30-day comment period likely occurring in May. During this comment period, DPW will also hold a community meeting to discuss the findings of the EA and show the process for the public to submit comments. As soon as we determine the exact dates for the comment period and community meeting, we will release that information to the public for participation.

We understand that this delay may cause frustration for residents and changes the timeline we released last year. However, we want to assure the community that we are actively working to address the issues and remain committed to completing this project as soon as possible.

We appreciate the understanding and patience of our community, and we will keep you updated on the release of the EA and any changes to the project timeline as soon as possible.