

LĪHU'E CIVIC CENTER FIRST PHASE IMPROVEMENTS INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITY



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With Līhu'e Civic Center Site Improvements Master Plan, the County undertook an ambitious urban design process to improve the overall urban environment in a roughly 16-acre, two-block area in the heart of Līhu'e. The area includes County and State public buildings, the Kaua'i Museum, Hawaiian Telcom offices, and the old, 1960s-era Līhu'e Shopping Center—surrounded by parking lots—which the County repurposed for use as civic offices.

The completed first phase improvements focus on strategies that promote traffic calming, improve connectivity, and implement sustainability concepts. Elements include: 1) safer pedestrian routes within parking areas and along streets; 2) converting Eiwa Street to a one-way, transit corridor with bus shelters and safer pedestrian crossings; and 3) landscaping with native Hawaiian plants and drip irrigation.

The first phase streetscape and landscape improvements are bringing to life a renewed and revitalized Civic Center by creating a pedestrian, bicycle, and transit-friendly town center where workers, residents, and visitors can safely navigate. As walkability in the area increases, so does public interaction and active engagement in civic life.

While the first phase improvements are simple, they have initiated the revitalization of Līhu'e's core and are bringing back a sense of place to that has long been missed by the community and desired by those who work at the Civic Center.



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