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University of Hawaii at Hilo

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Student Life Center: The Student Life Center construction is completed and is now open for students. The project included a fitness center and swimming pool, and the campus is hoping that it will receive LEEDS Gold recognition, which means that it will be operated with sustainable practices.

Student Services Building: The design of Student Services Building will be complete in Fall 2008. This project will enable the university to have a “one stop student services concept which will be extremely convenient and beneficial to our students. Additional parking is planned near the corner of Kawili and Kapiolani Streets. Construction should begin in early 2009 and complete in early 2011. During the construction time period, a portion of the Campus Center Parking lot will be closed.

Science and Technology Building: The off-site parking is completed and in operation. The building construction is still in the building permit process. The anticipated completion date is early 2010.

The College of Pharmacy Interim Facilities: This project is located in the University Park next to Komohana Agriculture Complex. The contractor had received a notice to proceed and facility should be completed in March 2009.

Air Quality Improvements at Business Education and Chemical Storage: Phase 1 which includes approximately half of the offices and classrooms in Business Education is completed. The Chemical Storage Building interior work has been completed. The remainder of the offices and classrooms in Business Education is included in Phase 2. Phase 2 is scheduled to be completed during the summer of 2009.

Fire Alarm and Lighting Improvements: A construction contract for this project is being processed. Fire alarm systems and exterior lighting throughout the Main Campus will be upgraded, which will increase campus safety and security. A detailed schedule for each involved facility is posted in OFPC Web Site.

A/C and Air Quality Improvements at Edith Kanakaole Hall, Bldg. 333: Design of this project was completed in the Summer of 2008. Construction will occur in four (4) phases. Half of the ground floor classrooms will be done during the summer of 2009. Half of the second floor

will be done during the Fall 2009 semester. The remainder of the second floor will be done during the Spring 2010 semester. The ground floor classrooms not included in Phase 1 will be completed during the summer of 2010. Portable buildings will be constructed adjacent to the Student Life Center to accommodate staff that must be relocated during construction.

Telescope/Observatory Project: The renovation of 24-inch Observatory project is substantially completed. A separate RCUH contract will install the new telescope.

Hawaiian Language College Building: Preliminary design of this project is being finalized. Construction funds are included in the UH Hilo CIP budget request for the next biennium and will be reviewed by BOR on 9/19/08.

Air Quality Improvements at Various Buildings: A construction contract for this project has been awarded. Construction at College Hall C and Wentworth Hall will occur during the summer of 2009. Construction at College of Agriculture will be done during the summer of 2010.

Removal of Large Capacity Cesspools: The construction of the new sewer lines from Lanikaula Street to the PB-2, Old Gym and College Hall A and B is completed.

Sewer Infrastructure Improvements: There is a planned Sewer Line Improvement on both Kawili Street. Major traffic disruptions should be anticipated. The estimated one year construction should begin by the end of 2008. The affected construction area is on Kawili Street from Adult Student Housing (ASH) and continuing down to Kilauea Avenue. The project is in the bidding process and the bids will be opened in November 2008. This project needs to be completed prior to the Main Entrance and Traffic Light Improvement Project gets underway.

Main Entrance and Traffic Light Improvement Project: Right after the sewer line on Kawili Street is completed, the Main Entrance and Traffic Light Improvement project will commence in early 2009. During this project, the main entrance will be closed periodically to vehicular traffic. Motorists will have to use the lower entrance to the parking lot.

There are many more projects in various phases of development. Please go to <http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/uhh/planning/> for more details and location maps.

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