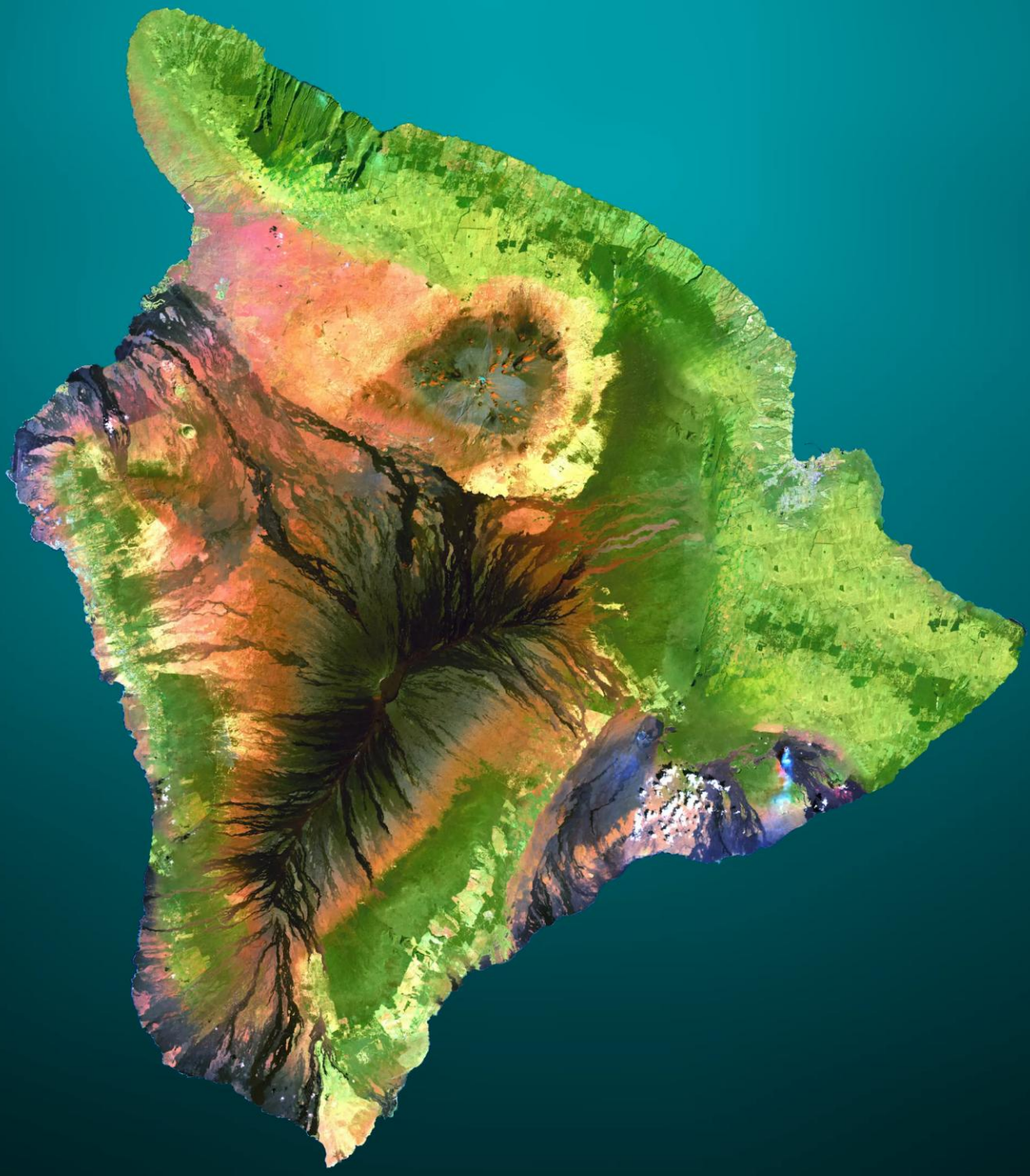


Kea`au Benioff Health Center

A Partnership for a Healthier East Hawai'i

Presented by Hilo Benioff Medical Center in partnership with W.H. Shipman, Ltd.

April 2026





Our Vision

- A place of healing, connection, and community
- Family-focused care for children and adults

Community Impact

- Expands local healthcare access
- Reduces travel burden to Hilo
- Creates local jobs
- Supports community resilience
- Strengthens partnerships with schools, police, fire, and businesses



KEA'AU BENIOFF  HEALTH CENTER

THE KEA'AU
BENIOFF 
HEALTH CENTER
URGENT CARE
PRIMARY CARE
DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING





Collaboration in Action

- Hilo Benioff Medical Center (HHSC East Hawai'i Region)
- W.H. Shipman, Ltd.
- State of Hawai'i (Governor & Legislature)
- Benioff Foundation
- Hawai'i County (Mayor & County Council)
- Local schools, first responders, and business community

Extra Space Storage

Sunset Pet
Memorial Services

Ken's Towing
Service, Inc

Kea`au Benioff Health Center Project



Tropical Hawaiian
Products

Off Road Towing

CU Hawaii Federal
Credit Union



KEA`AU

Herbert Shipman Park

Shipman Park

Keaau

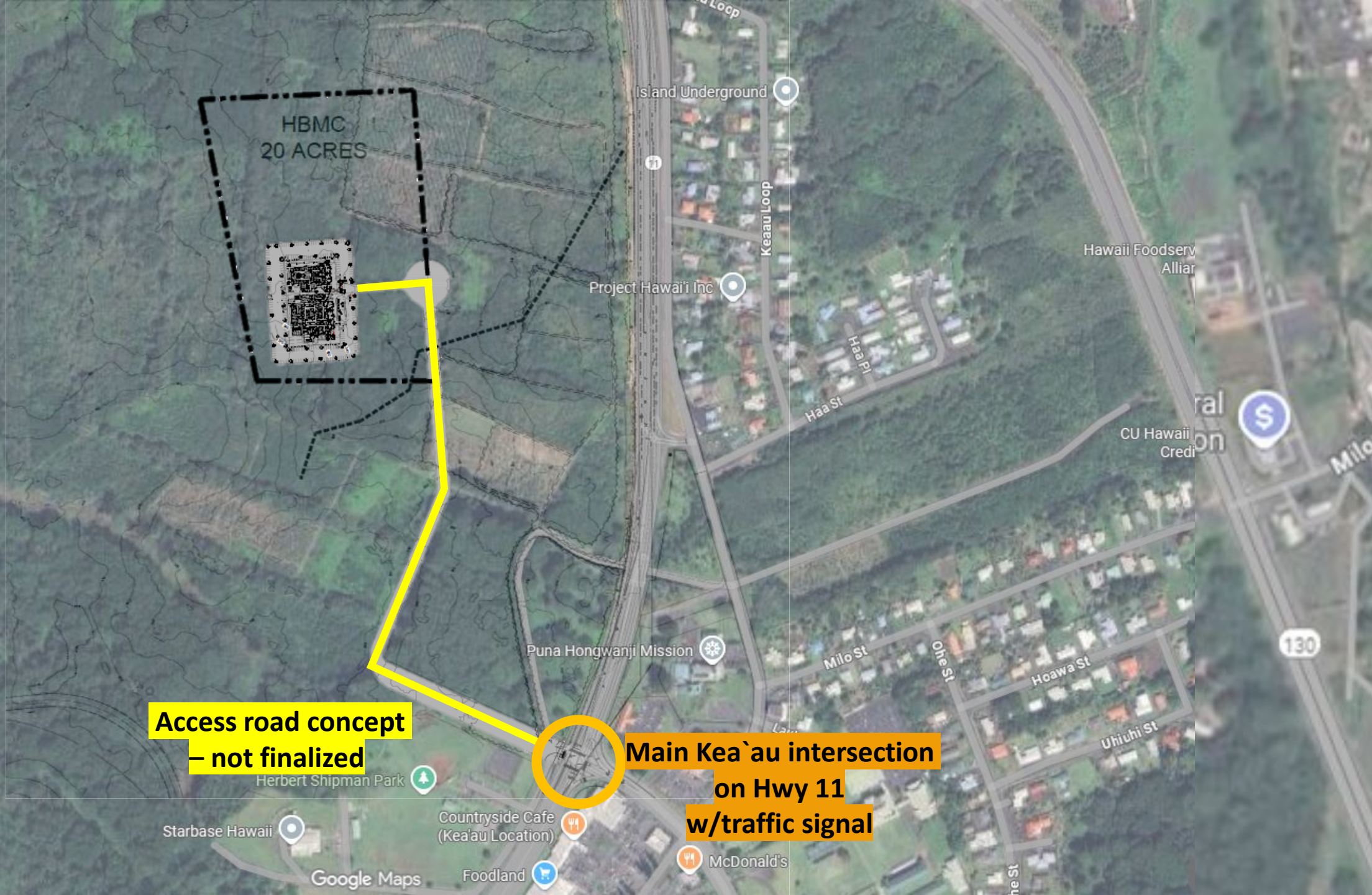
Kea`au Elementary & High School

Kea`au High School

Hālau Nā Mamo O Ka
Liko Maile O Kohala



Google Maps



HBMC
20 ACRES

Project Hawai'i Inc

Hawaii Foodserv
Alliar

CU Hawaii
Credi

Puna Hongwanji Mission

Access road concept
– not finalized

Main Kea`au intersection
on Hwy 11
w/traffic signal

Starbase Hawaii

Countryside Cafe
(Kea'au Location)

McDonald's

Google Maps

Foodland

Project Overview

- Size: 36,000 sq. ft.
- Completion: 2028
- Staffing: 95 employees + 25 providers
- Hours: 12 hrs/day, 7 days/week (most activity during business hours)
- Cost: \$70+ million



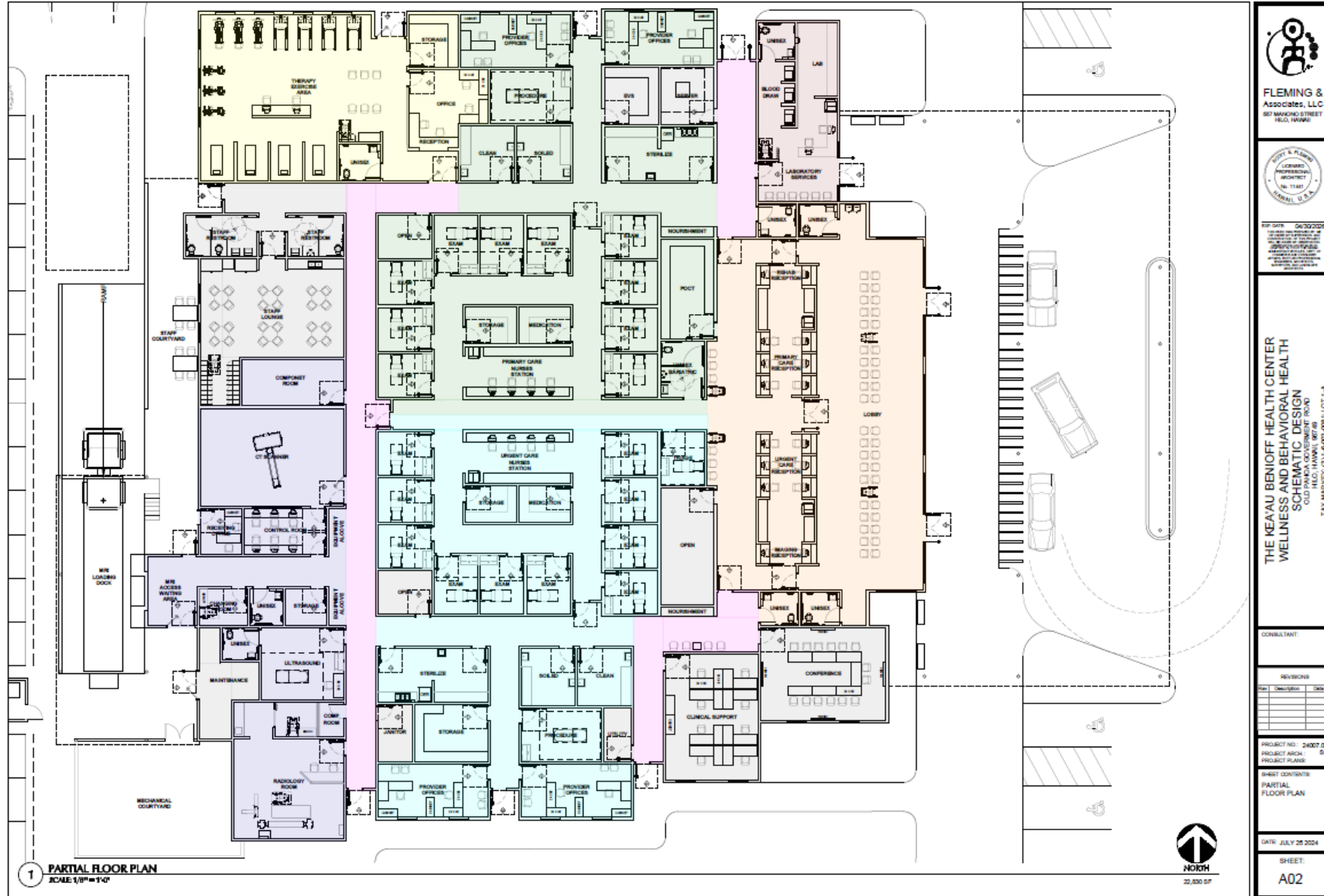


“We’re not just investing in a building — we’re investing in people.” — Sen. Joy San Buenaventura

Services

- Enhanced Urgent Care - No emergency room or ambulance transport
- Primary Care
- Specialty Care – Ex. Cardiology, Urology
- Imaging – X-Ray, Ultrasound and CT
- Behavioral Health - Preventive and management services for adults and children, no crisis management, no substance abuse treatment

Urgent, Primary, Specialty Care & Imaging



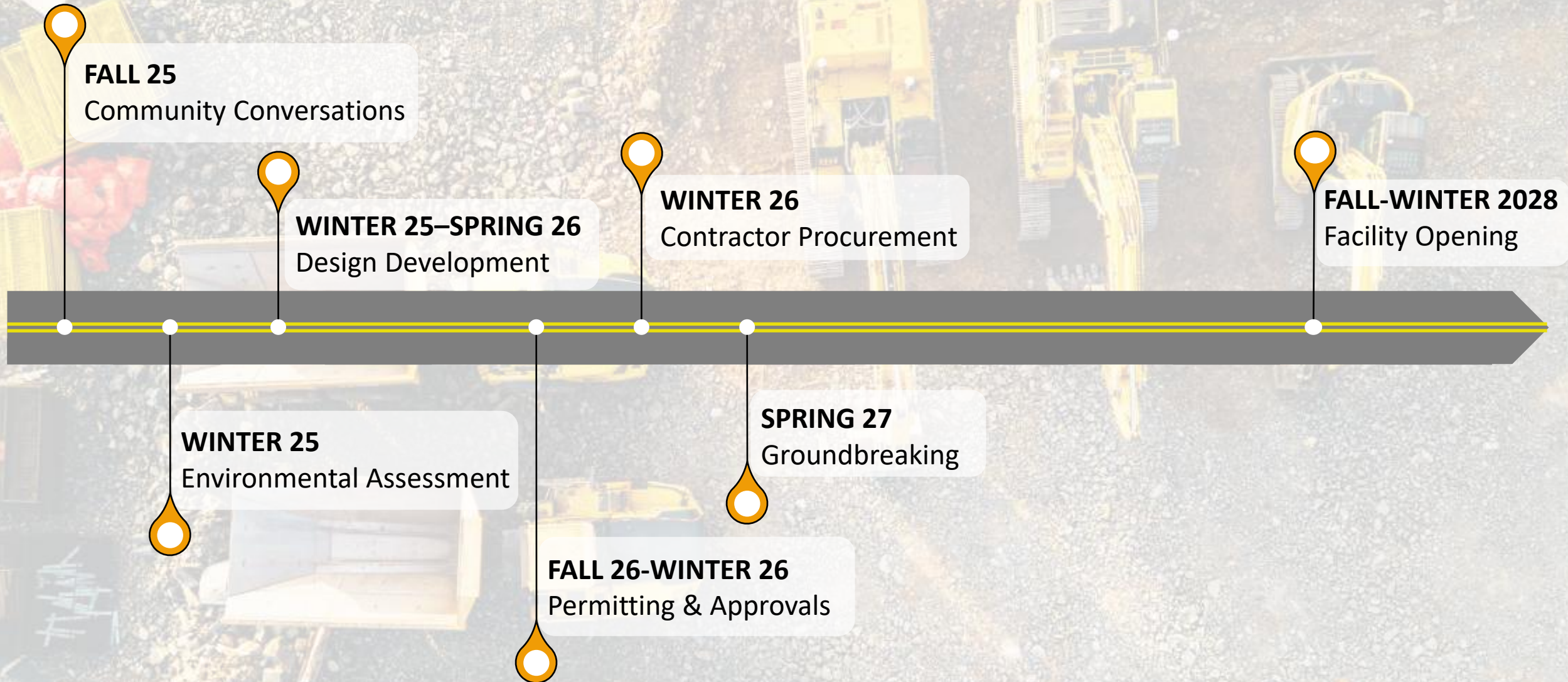
Outpatient Behavioral Health – Adults & Children





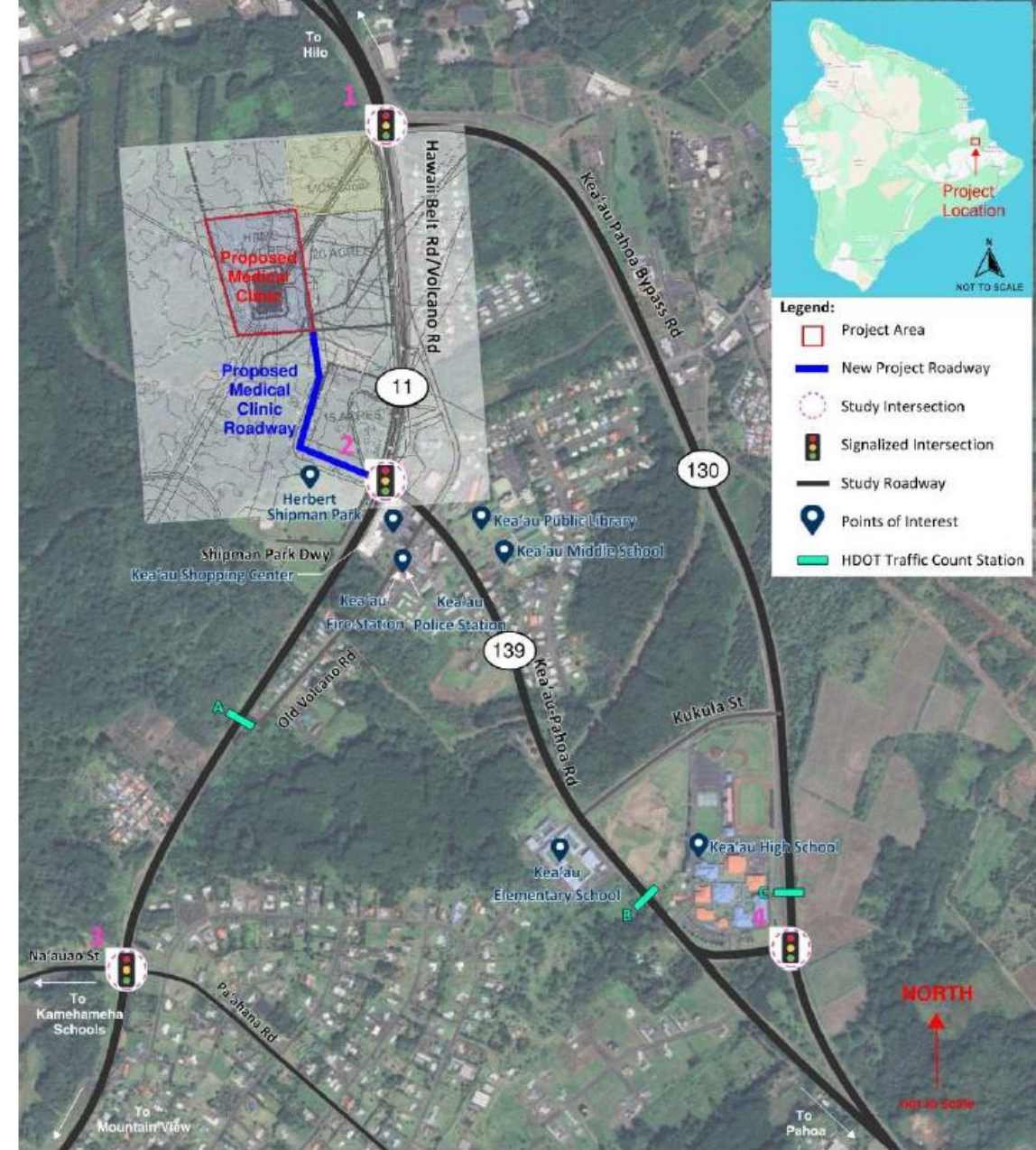


Facility Construction Timeline



Traffic Impact Analysis

- **No big traffic problems expected.** Roads including Hwy 11, Route 139, and the road near Kea'au High School — will continue to move smoothly.
- **A small increase in cars, not a major change.** Clinic will add about 100 extra cars in the morning and around 150 in the evening.
- **A new driveway will help with flow.** A new access road will connect Highway 11 to the clinic.
- **No need for road widening or new traffic lights.** No major road construction needed.

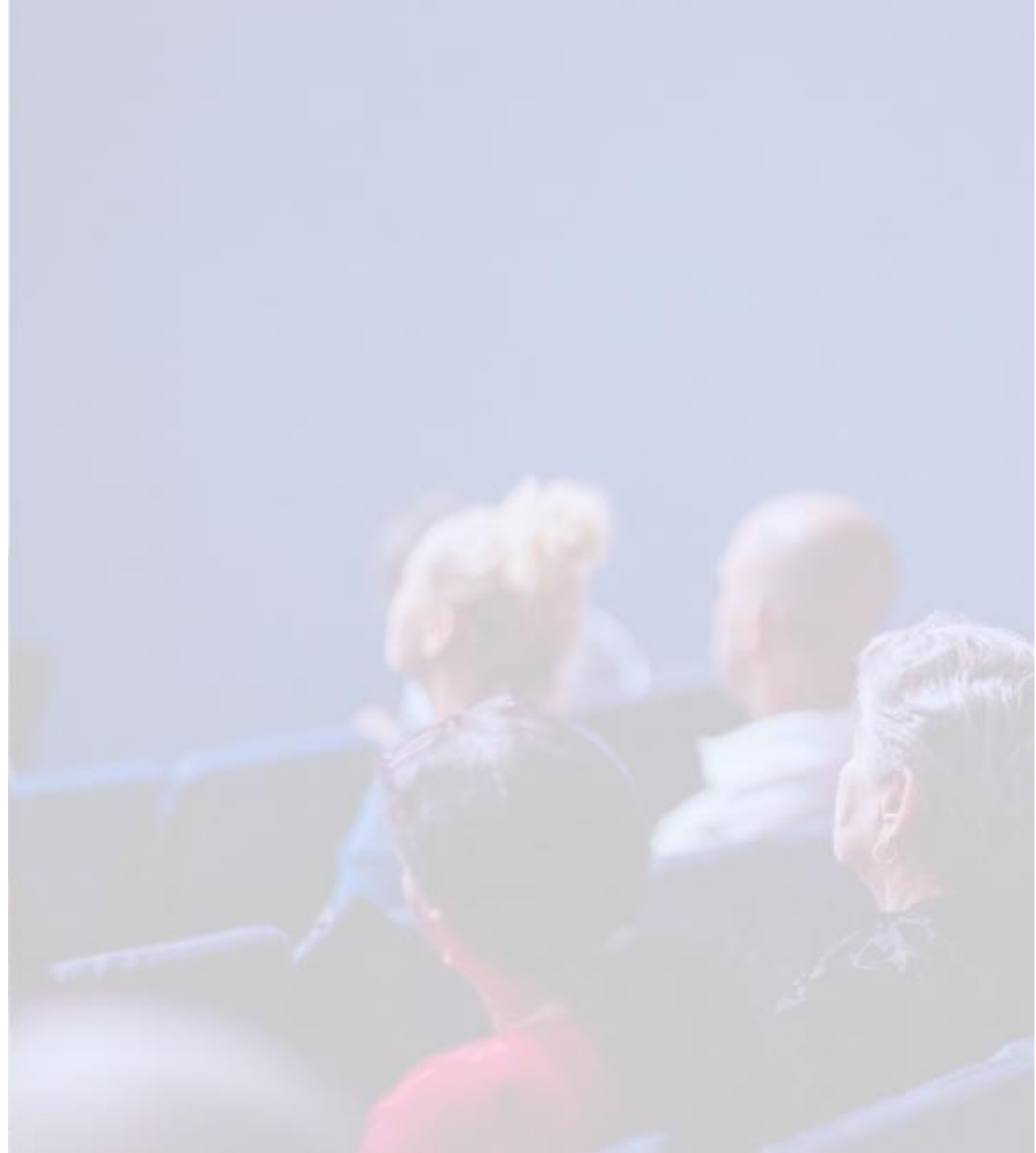


Puna Community Development Plan Action Committee Questions

1. Are there any plans to expand the campus to include an adjacent hospital? If so, is there a general timeline for when planning/design might begin?
2. In what ways will the Hilo Benioff Medical Center support employment and career pathways to high school students in Kea'au?
3. How will the Medical Center ensure staff are appropriately trained to serve the local community, including an understanding of local traditions, values, and communication styles?
4. How will native plants be incorporated into the project's landscape design?
5. What partnerships or relationships are being established to demonstrate the Medical Center's commitment to being a long-term community steward?
6. How will the design of the facility (both structurally and aesthetically) reflect the community it serves?
7. Will there be a focus on local hiring, and if so, what processes will support that effort?

Community Concerns

- Behavioral Health
- Not an Emergency Room
- Location
- Future Development
- Business Competition





“We’re building more than a health center —
we’re building a future of wellness and
opportunity for East Hawai‘i”