

HANA HIGHWAY BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

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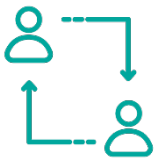


Federal Highway Administration
Central Federal Lands and Hawaii
Department of Transportation
entered into a formal partnership in
2013.



Multi YR

Memorandum of Agreement for
delivery of a Program of Projects.
Includes projects across Oahu, Kauai,
Big Island, and Maui.



Peer-to-Peer Exchange Agreement



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AGENDA

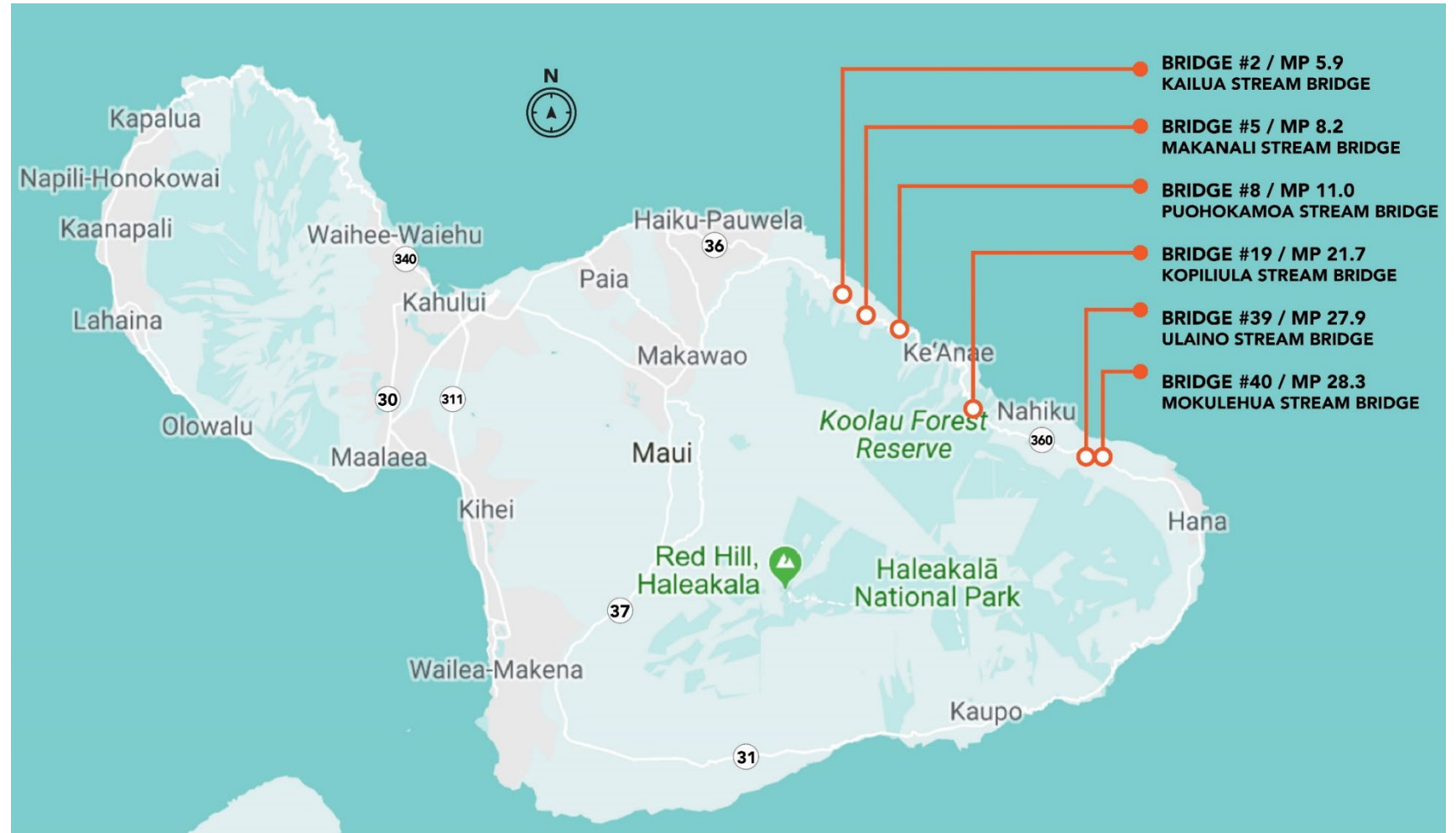
- ≡ Project overview
- ≡ Alternatives study results
 - Rehabilitation vs Replacement/New Bridge
 - Proposed Solution (bridge-by-bridge)
- ≡ Constructability and traffic control
- ≡ Schedule
- ≡ Questions & Answers



PROJECT OVERVIEW

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The Hana Highway Bridge Improvements Project is evaluating **six bridges** along the Hana Highway for improvements to maintain a **safe** and **functional** roadway system.



PROJECT PURPOSE & NEED

- ≡ Improve six bridges, in a context sensitive manner, so they remain functional
- ≡ Address existing substandard structural conditions through upgrades to address project needs
 - ≡ Reliability of transportation network
 - ≡ Structural conditions
 - ≡ Load capacity and safety



WHY ARE THE HANA HIGHWAY BRIDGES UNIQUE?

≡ Significance

- Contributes to the historic district
- Highly intact belt road system
- Unique bridge engineering and construction

≡ Character Defining Features

- Abutments
- Approach walls
- Railings



WHAT WE HEARD FROM YOU

- ≡ Reduce overall construction schedule
- ≡ Minimize traffic impacts
- ≡ Retain historic character
- ≡ Keep bridges single-lane
- ≡ Provide long-lasting solution



EVALUATION CRITERIA

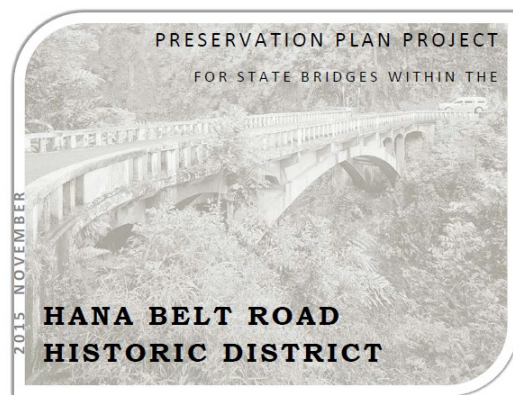
- ≡ Constructability & maintenance of traffic
- ≡ Historic character
- ≡ Environmental resources & right-of-way
- ≡ Construction & maintenance costs
- ≡ Design standards & service life

ALTERNATIVES STUDY RESULTS

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

≡ Rehabilitation

- Start with the 2015 Preservation Plan
- Maintain as many existing character defining features as practicable
- Design improvements to meet project goals



≡ Replacement/New Bridge

- Maintain as many existing character defining features as practicable
- Replace to best match existing character as practicable
- Design concepts to meet project goals

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Rehabilitation

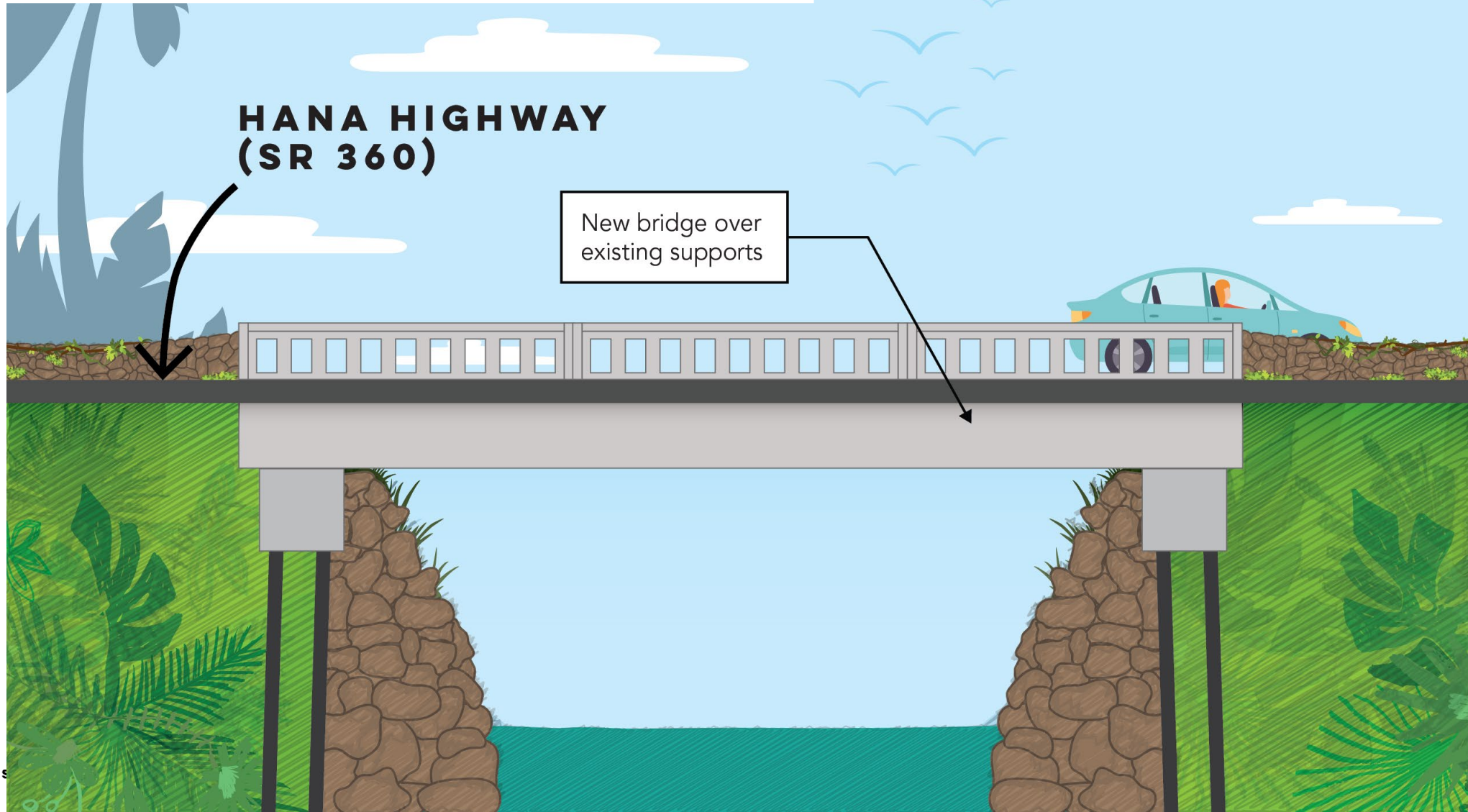
- ≡ Longer construction duration & greater traffic impacts
- ≡ Existing structure is either concealed or rebuilt
- ≡ High risk – Greater stream impacts
- ≡ Higher cost
- ≡ Shorter design life

Replacement/New Bridge

- ≡ Shorter construction duration & less traffic impacts
- ≡ Existing substructure elements retained
- ≡ Lower risk – Less stream impacts
- ≡ Lower cost
- ≡ Longer design life

PROPOSED SOLUTION

Kailua Stream (#2)
Makanali Stream (#5)
Puohokamoa Stream (#8)
Ulaino Stream (#39)
Mokulehua Stream (#40)



KAILUA STREAM BRIDGE (#2)



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Alternative #1 - Rehabilitation



Alternative #2 – Replacement/New Bridge



KAILUA STREAM BRIDGE (#2)

Proposed Bridge Rendering: Single-span concrete girders spanning over existing supports

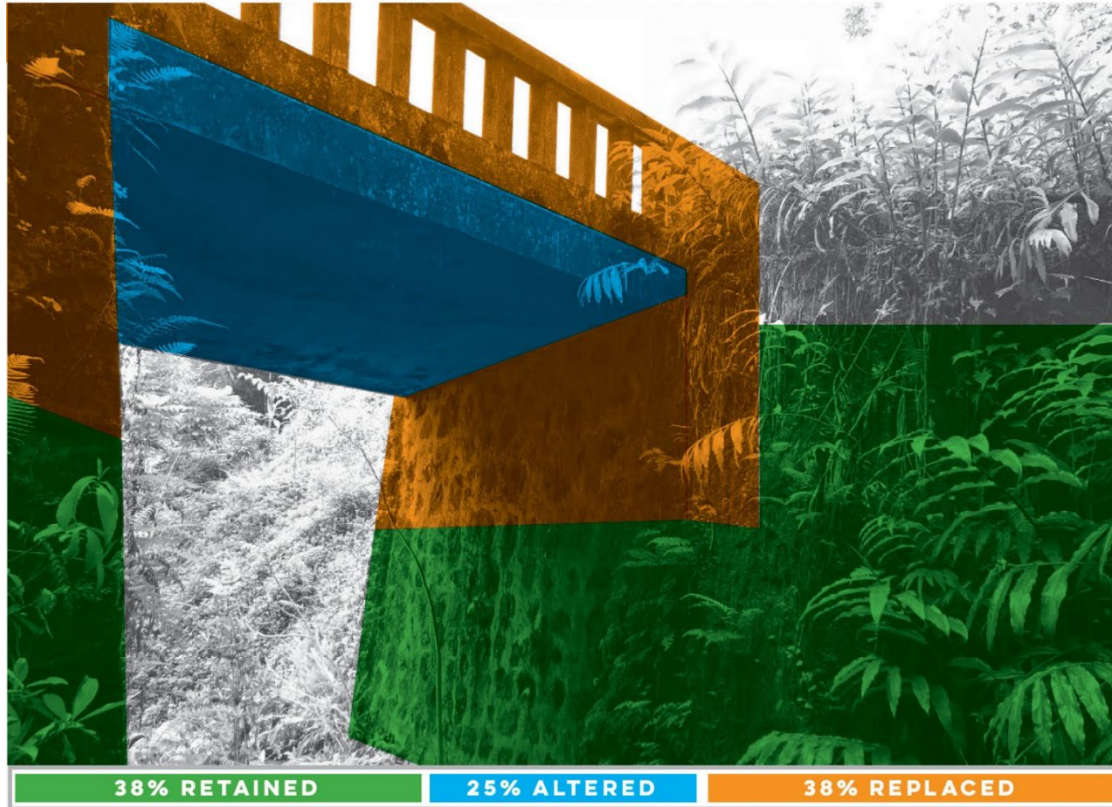


MAKANALI STREAM BRIDGE (#5)



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Alternative #1 - Rehabilitation



Alternative #2 – Replacement/New Bridge



MAKANALI STREAM BRIDGE (#5)

Proposed Bridge Rendering: Single-span concrete girders slab spanning over existing supports

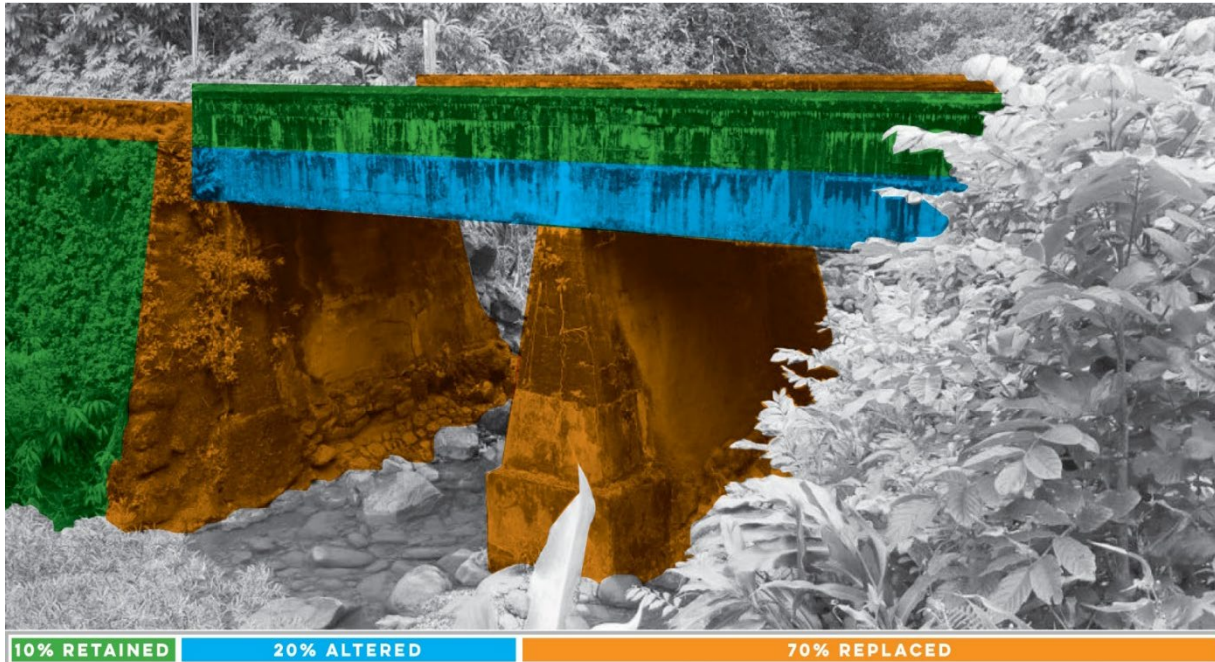


PUOHOKAMOA STREAM BRIDGE (#8)

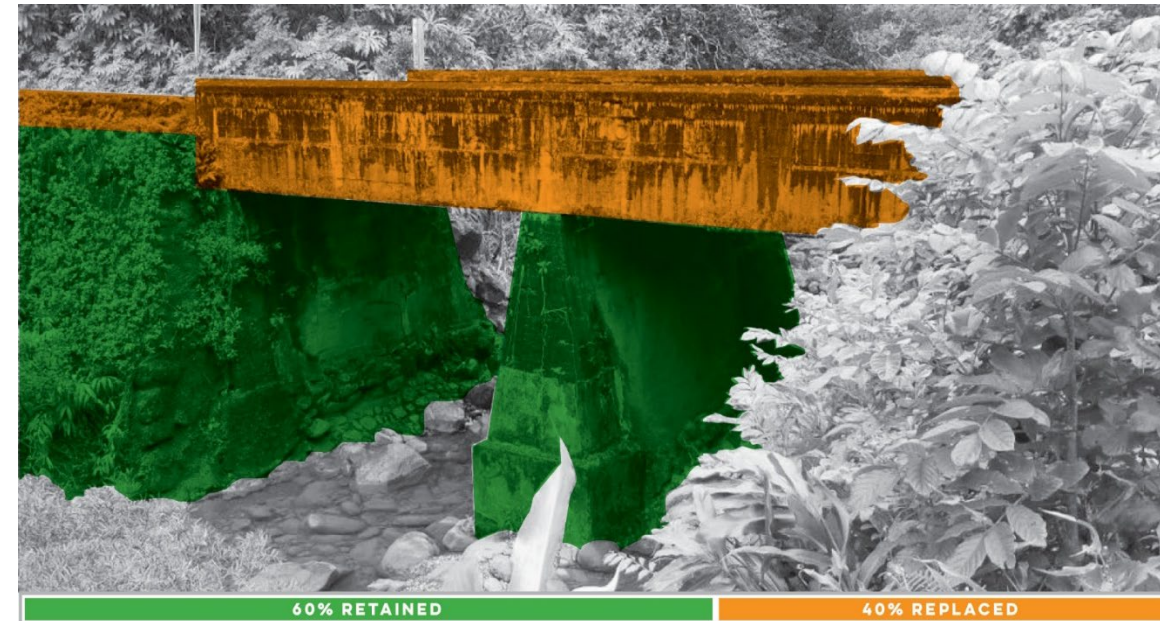


PUOHOKAMOA STREAM BRIDGE (#8)

Alternative #1 - Rehabilitation



Alternative #2 – Replacement/New Bridge



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ULAINO STREAM BRIDGE (#39)



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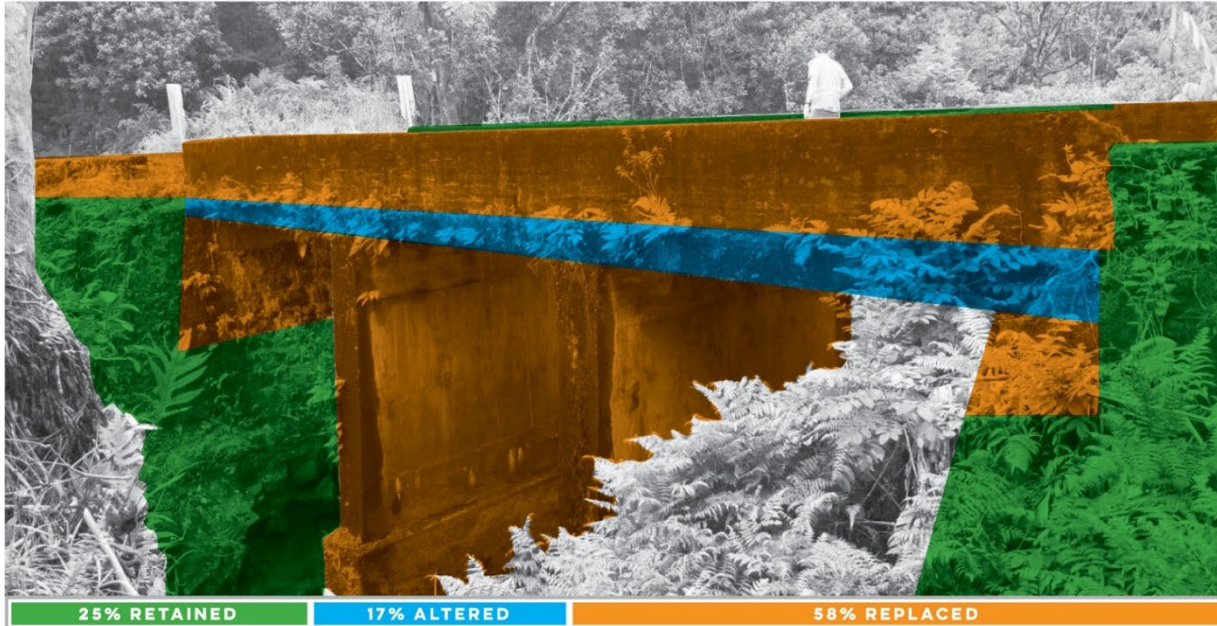


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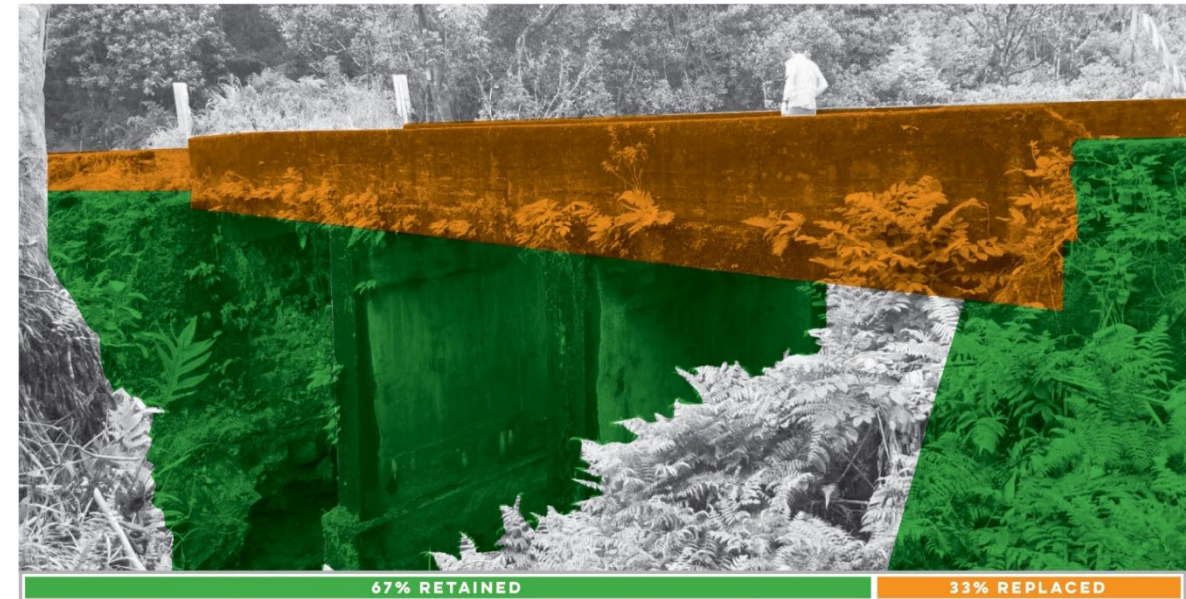


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KOPILIULA STREAM BRIDGE (#19)

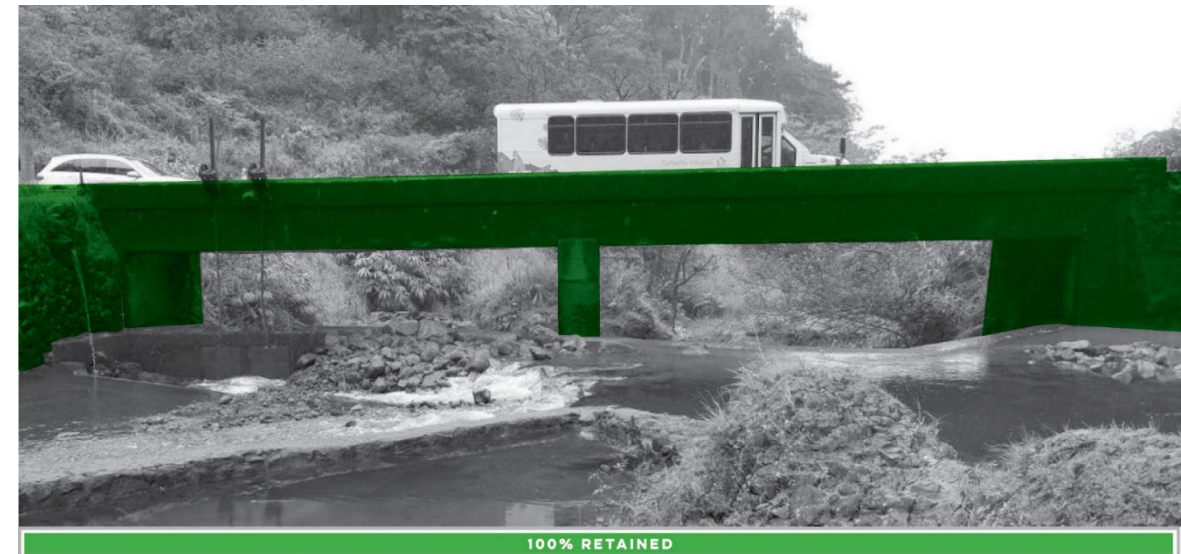


KOPILIULA STREAM BRIDGE (#19)

Alternative #1 - Rehabilitation



Alternative #2 – Retain Existing Bridge/ New Off-Alignment Bridge



KOPILIULA STREAM BRIDGE (#19)

Proposed Bridge Location: New two-span, concrete bridge adjacent to existing



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Proposed Bridge Rendering: New two-span, concrete bridge adjacent to existing



CONSTRUCTABILITY & TRAFFIC CONTROL

Constructability Considerations

Roadway	Protect Existing Bridge Elements
Curves	Material Availability
Safety	Challenging Terrain
Retain historic character	Limited Work Area
Access	Road Closures
Weight Limits	Flash Flooding
	Equipment Limitations

Narrow Road

Cost

Steep

Rockslides

TEMPORARY BYPASS BRIDGE

Not Proposed

- ≡ Safety concerns
 - ≡ New alignment
 - ≡ Poor site distance
- ≡ Challenging to install
- ≡ 15% - 35% Higher costs
- ≡ Risk for adjacent property owners
- ≡ Increased impacts to adjacent property owners' access



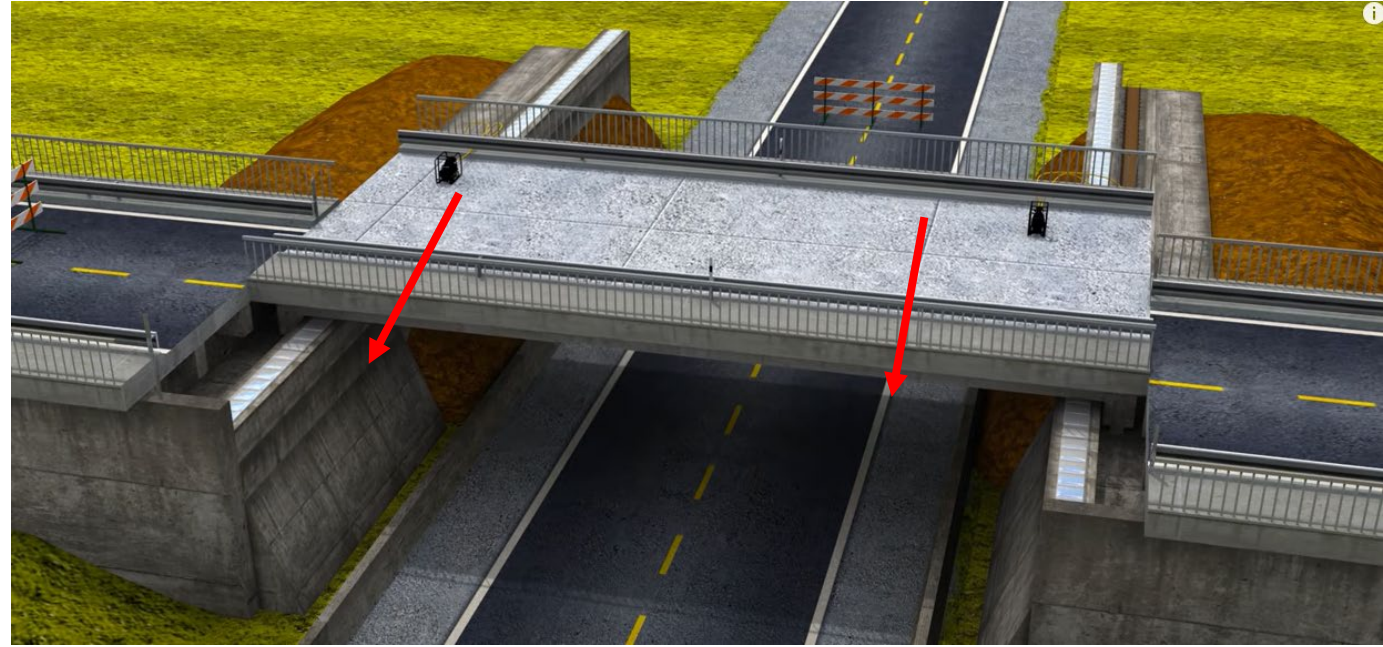
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BRIDGE SLIDE CONSTRUCTION

Proposed

- ≡ Increased safety
 - ≡ Maintain alignment
 - ≡ Better sight distance compared to bypass bridge
- ≡ Proven off-line construction method
- ≡ Lower costs
- ≡ Requires overnight closures & multi-day full closure
- ≡ Low risk for adjacent property owners
- ≡ Better maintains adjacent property owners' access
- ≡ Accurate and up-to-date notifications mitigate closure impacts
- ≡ Specifics regarding emergency services & access will be presented next public mtg

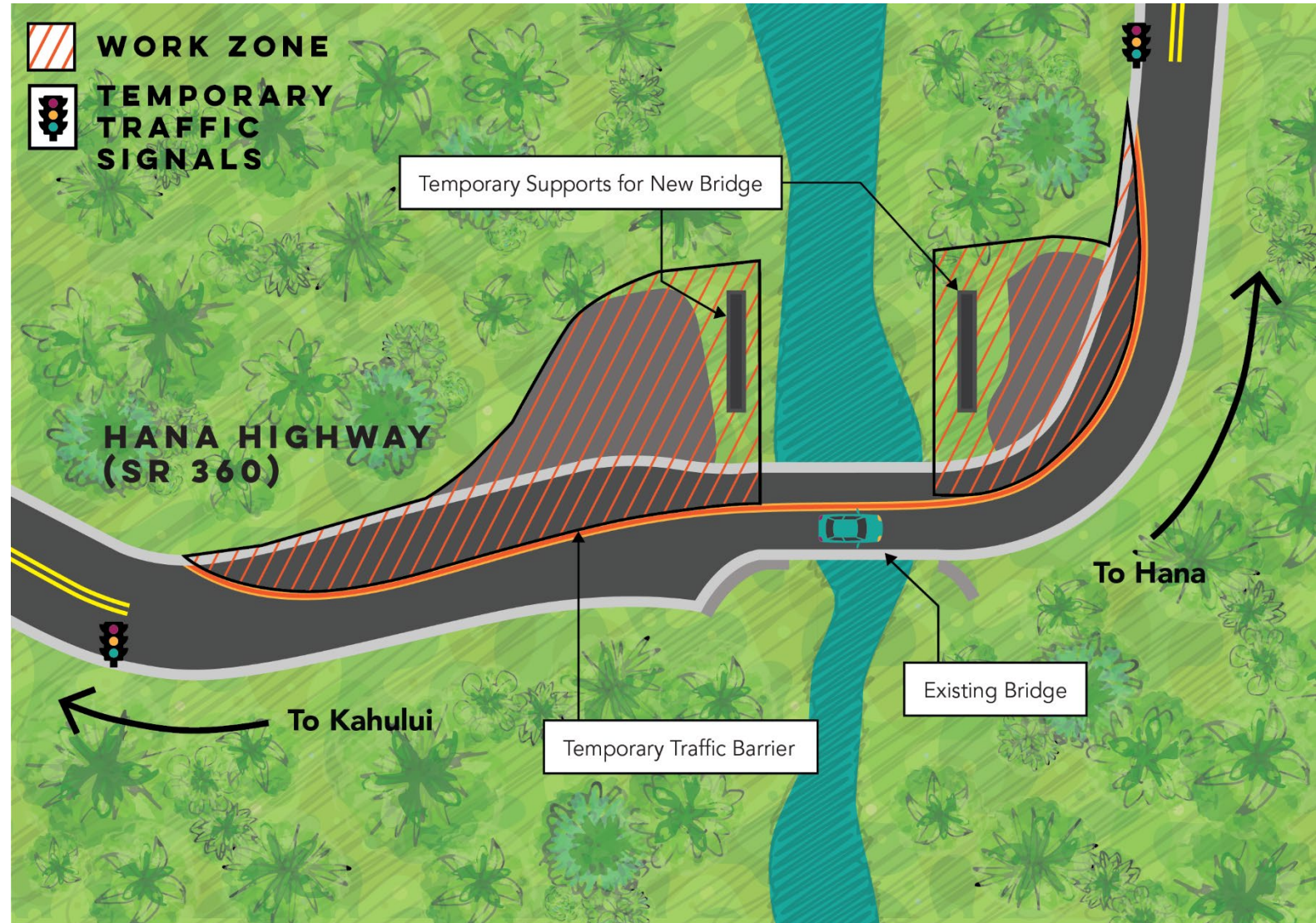


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BRIDGE SLIDE

STEP ONE

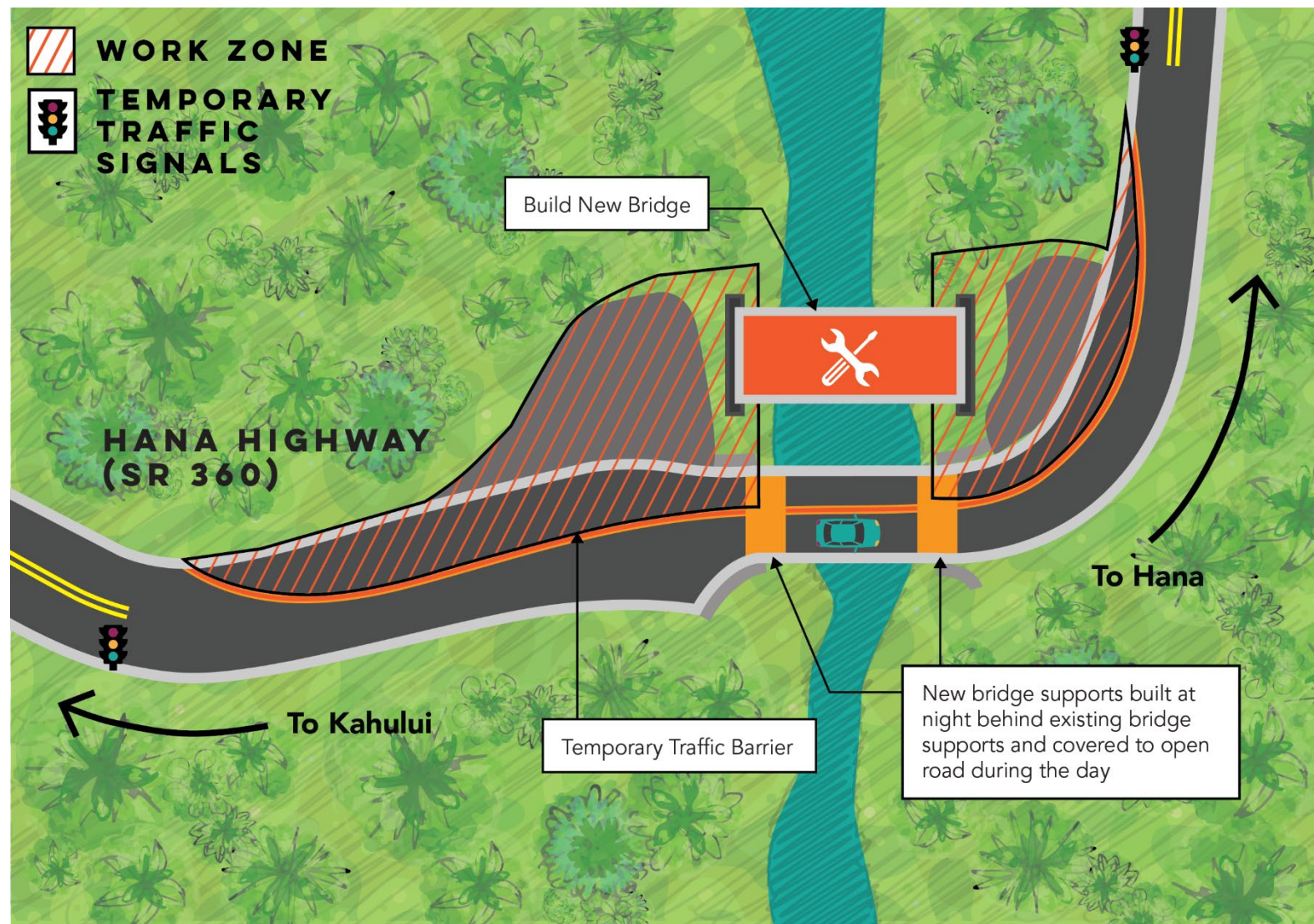
- ≡ Temporary traffic signals installed each side of bridge
- ≡ Temporary supports for construction of new bridge built to side of existing bridge
- ≡ Existing bridge remains open to traffic



BRIDGE SLIDE

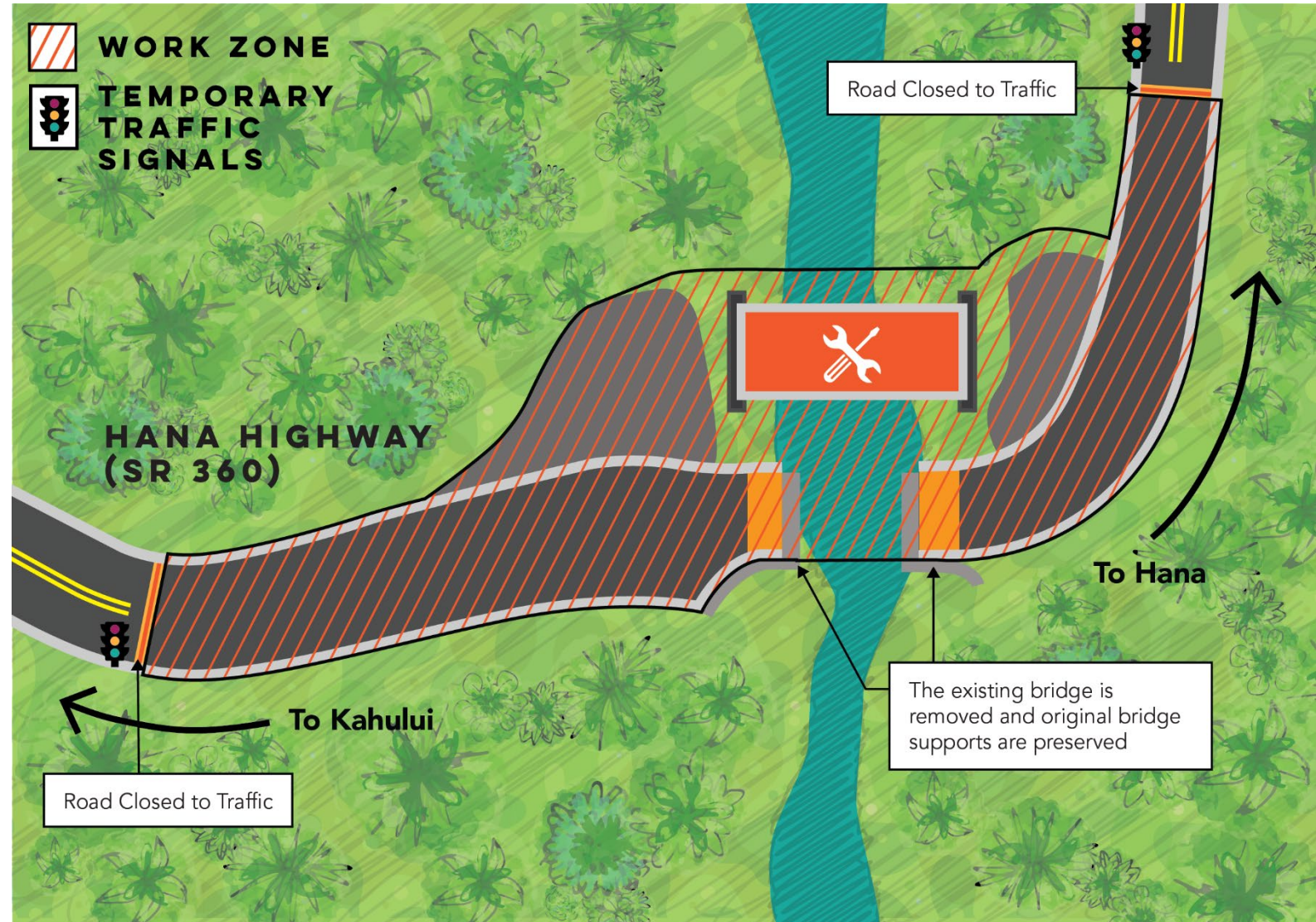
STEP TWO

- ≡ New bridge built on temporary supports to side of existing bridge
- ≡ New bridge supports built behind existing bridge supports
- ≡ Existing bridge remains open to traffic with plates covering work installed during limited nighttime closures



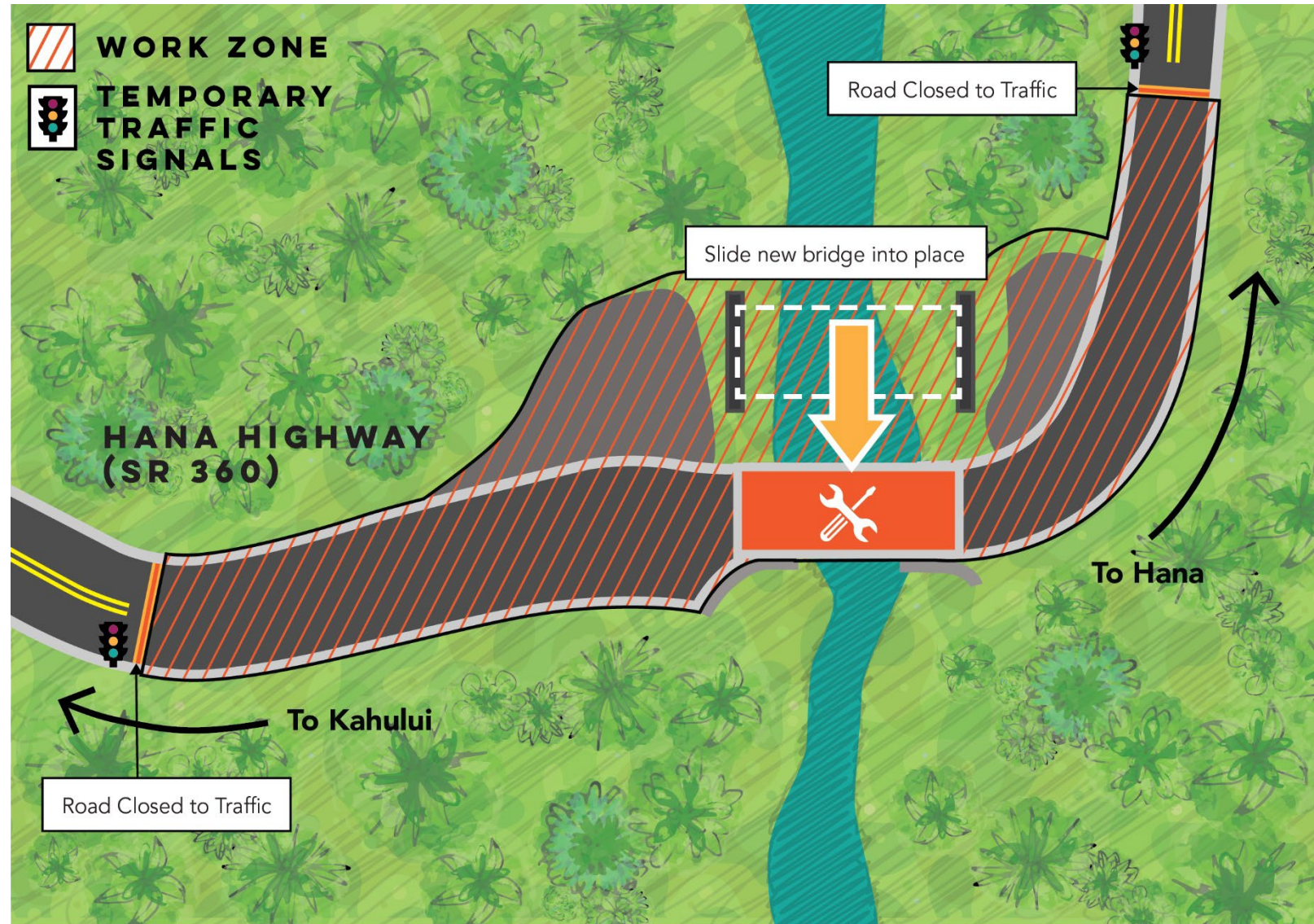
BRIDGE SLIDE STEP THREE

- ≡ Remove the existing bridge, but preserve the existing bridge supports
- ≡ Roadway and bridge are temporarily closed to traffic



BRIDGE SLIDE STEP FOUR

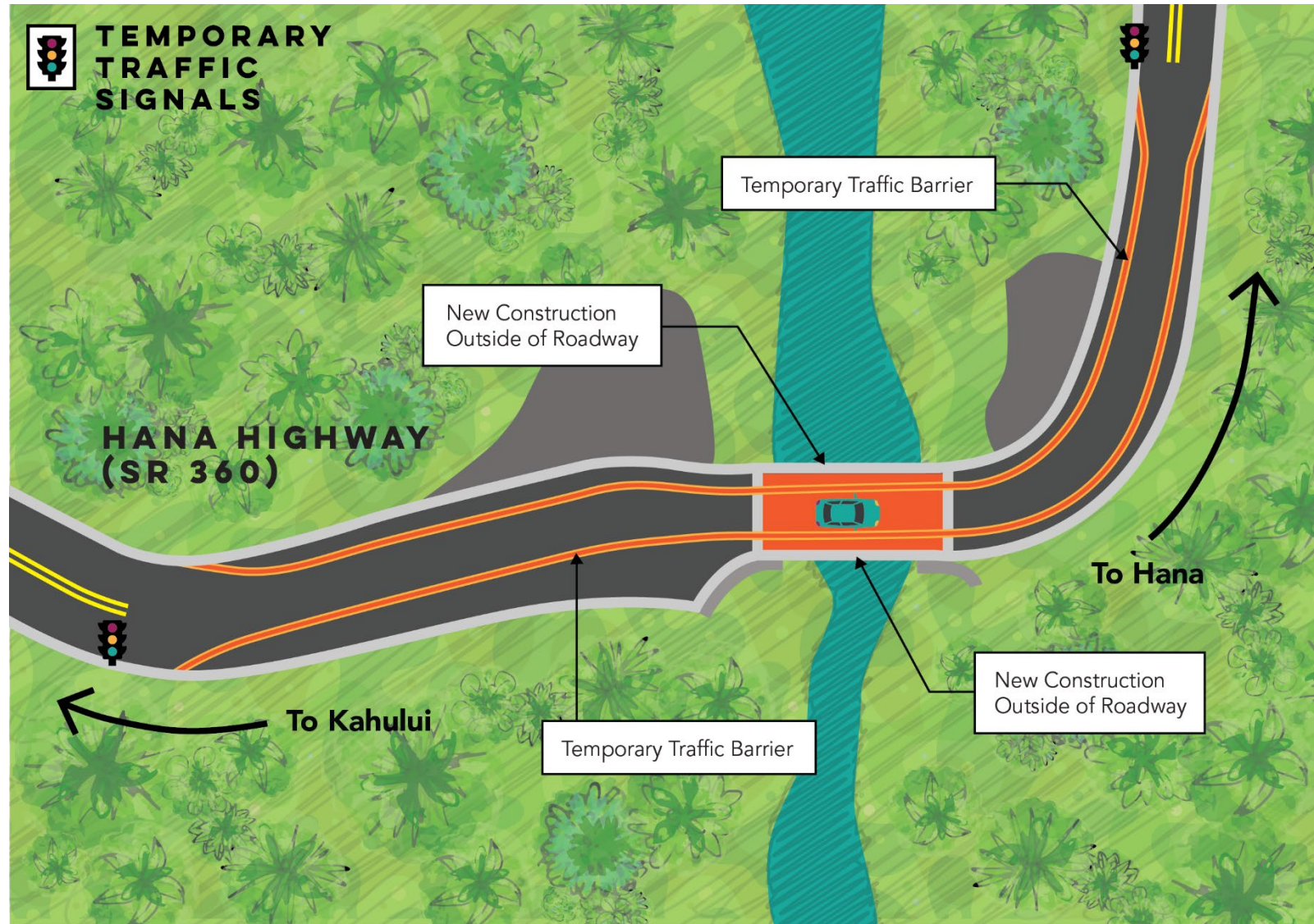
- ≡ New bridge slid into place
- ≡ Roadway and bridge are temporarily closed to traffic



BRIDGE SLIDE

STEP FIVE

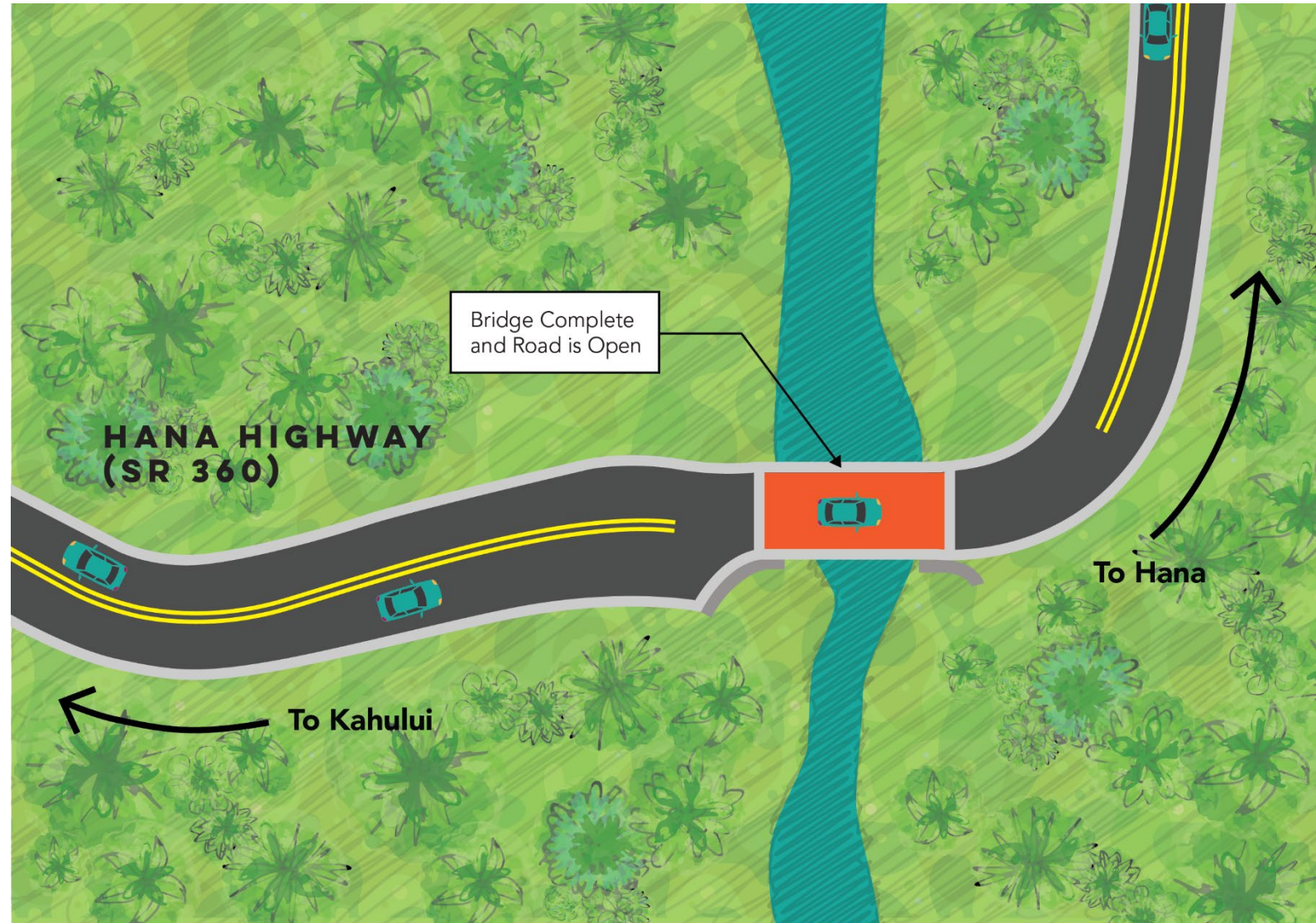
- ≡ New bridge and roadway reopened to traffic
- ≡ New construction along edges of new bridge outside of traffic lane
- ≡ Roadway and bridge open to traffic



BRIDGE SLIDE

STEP SIX

- ≡ New bridge complete
- ≡ Construction area and surrounding environment restored
- ≡ Roadway and bridge open to traffic and temporary barriers and temporary traffic signals removed



SCHEDULE

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

- ≡ Finalize Design: February 2026
- ≡ Construction Start: Summer 2026
- ≡ Approximate Construction Duration: 3 years
- ≡ Concurrent construction possible for up to 2 bridges

NEXT STEPS

- ≡ Progress bridge final designs
- ≡ Obtain required permits
- ≡ Ongoing stakeholder communication
- ≡ Begin construction Summer 2026
- ≡ Project updates during construction



STAY ENGAGED



STAY ENGAGED - QUESTIONS?



There are multiple opportunities to stay engaged during the duration of the project:



SIGN-UP

You can sign up to be placed on our email distribution list to be informed about project progress.



QUESTIONS?

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