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**HONOLULU CITY  
COUNCIL DISTRICT 7**



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## UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Councilmember Cordero has forwarded the following constituent concerns to the City Administration for investigation and action:

- Request for sidewalk improvements on the east side of 'Aiea Heights Drive from the intersection of Uhaloa Street to the five-way intersection. The unimproved and uneven sidewalk poses a tripping hazard for pedestrians and is not usable by those who use wheelchairs or other mobility devices, leading them to walk on/use the roadway to traverse the area.
- Request to create a paved walkway on the west side of 'Aiea Heights Drive, from where the guardrail is situated (below Hoio Street), down to Ulune Street.
- Request to clear the debris and trim the overgrowth in the 'Aiea Stream.

Our office will inform the Board when we receive responses from the investigating agencies.

## HURRICANE SEASON IS FROM JUNE 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER

The hurricane season began on June 1, and extends through November. Let us all prepare now with a plan and have our 14-day disaster supply kit ready. For more information, visit the Department of Emergency Management website at [honolulu.gov/dem/default.html](http://honolulu.gov/dem/default.html).

Furthermore, stay informed with weather advisories, traffic situations, and other City-related alerts by signing up for HNL Info at [honolulu.gov/site-dem-sitearticles/35962-what-is-hnl-info.html](http://honolulu.gov/site-dem-sitearticles/35962-what-is-hnl-info.html).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 06/15/24

11:15 a.m. - Community-Council Corner at the Salt Lake People's Open Market, 5337 Likini Street

### 06/25/24

9:00 a.m. - Budget Committee  
1:00 p.m. - Executive Matters & Legal Affairs Committee  
2:30 p.m. - Transportation Committee

### 06/26/24

9:00 a.m. - Zoning Committee  
1:00 p.m. - Parks, Enterprise Services & Culture & the Arts Committee  
2:30 p.m. - Housing, Sustainability & Health Committee

### 06/27/24

9:00 a.m. - Planning & the Economy Committee  
1:00 p.m. - Public Safety Committee  
2:30 p.m. - Public Infrastructure & Technology Committee

### 07/10/24

10:00 a.m. - City Council Meeting

To view the 2024 City Council Calendar, please visit [honolulucitycouncil.org](http://honolulucitycouncil.org).

## HELPFUL LINKS

Watch Council Meetings Live on 'Ōlelo 54 or on [www.honolulucitycouncil.org](http://www.honolulucitycouncil.org)

View Bills/Resolutions at <https://hnl doc.ehawaii.gov/hnl doc/>

Submit Your Testimony Online at <https://hnl doc.ehawaii.gov/hnl doc/testimony>

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 PO'OKELA FELLOWS INTERNS



On May 31, 2024, Councilmember Cordero had the honor of meeting and presenting honorary certificates to this year's Po'okela Fellows Interns. The Po'okela Fellows Internship Program helps college students gain exposure to the City's departments and agencies, connect with City leaders, apply classroom knowledge to various projects, and make a difference in our communities. To learn more about this Program, visit <https://www8.honolulu.gov/dhr/pookela-internship-program/>.

## MAYOR BLANGIARDI SIGNS RESOLUTION TO CREATE STANDALONE OCEAN SAFETY DEPARTMENT



*Photo by the Ocean Safety Department Press Release*

On Wednesday, May 30, 2024, Mayor Rick Blangiardi signed Resolution 24-103 to create a new standalone Ocean Safety Department, effective immediately. The City's lifeguards now have their own department, a decisive action that follows the unanimous recommendation of an independent task force, which was established at the direction of Mayor Blangiardi.

Mayor Blangiardi also signed Resolution 24-50, FD1, allowing voters to decide on November's ballot whether to establish an Ocean Safety Commission to oversee the new department. These two Resolutions give

City lifeguards their own department as quickly as possible, while also allowing voters to determine whether a commission ought to provide oversight and accountability for the leadership of the new Ocean Safety Department.

In 2023, Mayor Blangiardi directed that an independent task force be created to study the feasibility of an independent Ocean Safety Department. The task force concluded unanimously that Ocean Safety would operate more effectively on its own. Since 1998, the Ocean Safety and Lifeguard Services Division has been paired with the Emergency Medical Services Division under the umbrella of the Honolulu Emergency Services Department.

The origin of O'ahu's lifeguards traces back to the Waikīkī Beach Boys in 1901, with the Outrigger Canoe Club and the Hui Nalu Surfing Club steering increasingly organized lifeguarding between 1910 and 1917, when Act 201 of the Territory of Hawai'i officially established a "Life-Saving Patrol" for Waikīkī Beach, a moment widely recognized as the birth of the Ocean Safety and Lifeguard Services Division. In 1949, lifeguards were placed under the City's Department of Parks and Recreation. In 1998, they were placed under the newly-created Emergency Services Department, where they stayed until now.

Currently, there are 271 Water Safety Officers, eight rescue ski teams, and 42 lifeguard towers monitoring 227 miles of coastline on O'ahu, utilizing surfboards, fins, jet skis, a deep understanding of the ocean, and their finely-honed mental and physical prowess to keep millions of beachgoers safe.

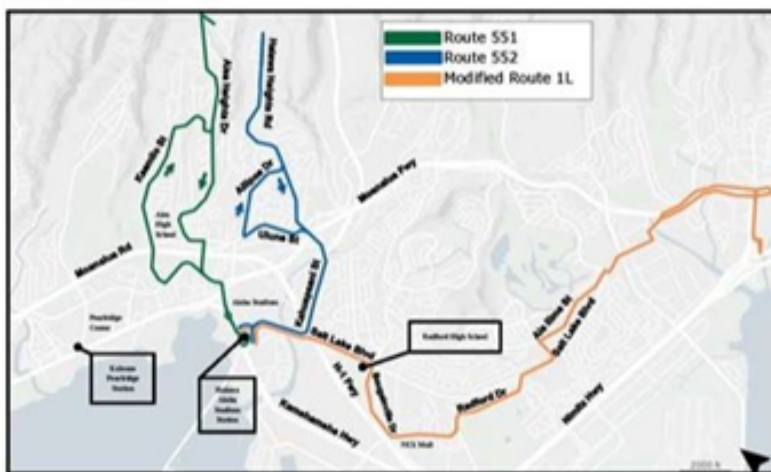
For more key figures and dates in the history of Ocean Safety, please visit: [emergencyservices.honolulu.gov/ocean-safety-lifeguard-services/the-history-of-ocean-safety/](https://emergencyservices.honolulu.gov/ocean-safety-lifeguard-services/the-history-of-ocean-safety/).

## THEBUS ROUTE MODIFICATIONS AS OF JUNE 2, 2024

The modifications to the TheBus service began on June 2. Here are the routes in our Council district that have been modified:

### Route 11 (Makalapa-Hālawa-'Aiea Heights-Honolulu):

- Route 11 will be discontinued. The follow are alternate bus routes:
  - Route 551 ('Aiea Heights-Aloha Stadium)
    - Operates one-way mauka-bound service on Ka'amilo Street and one-way makai-bound service on 'Aiea Heights Drive between Ka'amilo Street and Moanalua Road, and the service frequency will be increased 30 minutes.
  - Route 552 (Hālawa Heights-Aloha Stadium)
    - Operates one-way mauka-bound service on Ali'ipoe Drive and one-way makai-bound service on Hālawa Heights Road between Ali'ipoe Drive and Ulune Street, and the service frequency will be increased 30 minutes.
  - Service to/from Honolulu:
    - Transfer at Aloha Stadium to Routes A (City Express Pearlridge-UH Mānoa), 1L (Hālawa-Hawai'i Kai Limited Stop), 20 (Waikīkī-Airport-Aloha Stadium).
- Discontinued service areas (see Rider Alert Route 11 for discontinued bus stop locations):
  - No direct service between 'Aiea Heights/Hālawa Heights and Downtown – transfer at Aloha Stadium.
  - Ka'amilo Street – makai-bound between Moanalua Road and 'Aiea Heights Drive.
  - 'Aiea Heights Drive – mauka-bound between Moanalua Road and Ka'amilo Street.
  - Ali'ipoe Drive – makai-bound between Ulune Street & Hālawa Heights Road.
  - Hālawa Heights Road – mauka-bound between Ulune Street and Ali'ipoe Drive.



### Route 1L (Hālawa-Hawai'i Kai):

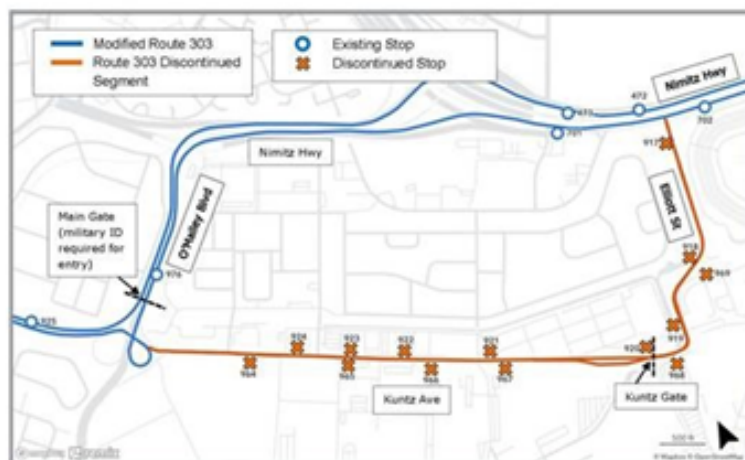
- Route 1L will be re-routed to serve Bougainville Drive and Radford Drive.
- Discontinued segment: Salt Lake Boulevard between Bougainville Drive and Radford Drive.
  - Bus stops that Route 1L will no longer serve:
    - Bus Stop #2964 (Salt Lake Boulevard + Bougainville Drive) – will continue to be served by Route 32 (Kalihi Transit Center-Foster Village-Pearlridge).
    - Bus Stop #4704 (Salt Lake Boulevard + Namur Road) – will be discontinued.
    - Bus Stop #4705 (Salt Lake Boulevard + Maluna Street) – will be discontinued.





**Route 303 (Hickam-Airport-Kalihi Transit Center):**

- Route 303 service is discontinued on Elliot Street and Kuntz Avenue due to the closure of Kuntz Gate by Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.
- Route 303 bus stops are located on Nimitz Highway and O'Malley Boulevard.



Here are additional routes that are being modified that service neighboring communities:

**Route 46 (Kapolei Commons-UH West O'ahu):**

- The following early morning trips will be discontinued due to low ridership:
  - Kapolei Commons to UH West O'ahu
    - 4:00 a.m.; 4:10 a.m.; 4:20 a.m.; and 4:30 a.m.
  - UH West O'ahu to Kapolei Commons
    - 4:40 a.m.; and 4:50 a.m.

**“New” Route 43 (Waipahū-Waiawa) and Route 432 (East-West Waipahū):**

- Existing Route 43 (Waipahū-Honolulu-Alapa'i) will discontinue service on Leolua Street and to/from Honolulu between Waiawa Road and Alapa'i Transit Center.
- Route 432 (East-West Waipahū) will be discontinued and replaced by “New” Route 43.
- The “New” Route 43 (Waipahū-Waiawa) will operate between Hōae'ae West Loch Skyline Station and Waiawa Road, and existing route within Waipahū remains unchanged. Future extension to Waiawa Pearl Highlands Skyline Station after roadway access is constructed.
- Extended hours of service:
  - Weekdays, Saturdays, and Holidays: 4:30 a.m. – 2:00 a.m. (next day)
  - Sundays: 5:00 a.m. – 1:30 a.m. (next day)
- Increased service frequencies:
  - Weekdays: 20 minutes
  - Weekends and Holidays: 30 minutes



The Department of Transportation Services continues to monitor and evaluate TheBus system to address changes in service demand, productivity, and resource allocation. For TheBus schedule and route information, please visit: [www.thebus.org](http://www.thebus.org). For TheBus customer service, please call (808) 848-5555 and press 5.