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UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Ulune Street and Kaimakani Street Traffic Signal Timing

In response to constituents' concerns about traffic signal timing at the intersection of Ulune Street and Kaimakani Street, Councilmember Cordero received confirmation from the U.S. Navy that this intersection falls under federal Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) jurisdiction. NAVFAC is conducting construction in the area and its contractor previously excavated the intersection and replacement in-ground loop sensors (that detect vehicles) will be installed at the end of the project. In the meantime, the contractor has mounted temporary microwave sensors, which were programmed by the Department of Transportation Services (DTS). NAVFAC is planning to meet with DTS on possible corrective actions to address the signal timing issues, and our office will share any updates from them with the community.

Parking on Unimproved Sidewalks is Prohibited

In response to a constituent's complaint regarding a food truck parked on the unimproved sidewalk next to the electrical boxes in front of the 'Aiea Library, Councilmember Cordero asked the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) to investigate. DPP investigated and observed a food truck parked on the unimproved sidewalk and referred the matter to the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) for enforcement; as City ordinance prohibits vehicles from being parked on unimproved sidewalks and parking issues fall under the jurisdiction of HPD. When HPD conducted their check, they did not see the vehicle parked there. HPD will continue to monitor this area and urges residents to immediately call 911 when they witness a violation so that an officer can respond as the activity is occurring.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) FUNDING FOR 'AIEA

Traffic Improvements at Various Locations - \$500,000

Design, construct, and inspect sustainable and resilient traffic improvements at various locations, including, but not limited to:

- Traffic and collision mitigation at the Kalaloea Street intersection.

Various Park Improvements Island-wide - \$6 million

Community Development Block Grant in Multi-Year Park Improvements in Underserved Communities - \$6 million

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

07/23/24

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

07/24/24

- 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

07/25/24

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

07/30/24

- 6:00 p.m. - Primary Urban Center Development Plan Community Meeting for District 7 at Moanalua High School

08/01/24

- 10:00 a.m. - Transit Construction Mitigation Fund Program Public Hearing

08/07/24

- 10:00 a.m. - City Council Meeting

To view the 2024 City Council Calendar, please visit honolulu.citycouncil.org.

HELPFUL LINKS

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

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

SAVE THE DATE: TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2024

PRIMARY URBAN CENTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN MEETING

The City is currently in the process of updating its Primary Urban Center Development Plan (PUC DP). The PUC DP serves as a policy guide for the establishment of more detailed zoning maps, regulations, and community-oriented plans that direct public policy, investment, and decision-making related to development in the Primary Urban Center (PUC), that extends from Kāhala to Pearl City. The Plan covers five City Council Districts (Districts IV, V, VI, VII, and VIII) and nearly 20 neighborhood boards, with a vision to:

- Protect and enhance Honolulu's natural, cultural, and scenic resources;
- Create livable neighborhoods with business centers, parks, plazas, and walkable streets;
- Provide in-town housing choices for people of all ages and incomes;
- Make Honolulu the Pacific's leading city and travel destination; and
- Create a balanced transportation system that provides excellent mobility for residents and visitors.

The updates to the PUC DP are being considered by the Council via Bill 24 (2024). As part of the public input process, the Council's Planning and the Economy (P&E) Committee is holding community meetings throughout the PUC. For Council District VII (Kapālama Kai, Kalihi Kai, Kahauiki, Mauiola, Māpunapuna, Moku Mokauea, Moanalua, Āliapa'akai, Ahua, Hickam, Āliamanu, Kapūkakī, Kapuaikaula, Hālawā, 'Aiea, Kalauao, Moku'ume'ume, and Waimalu Kai), the meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 30, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Moanalua High School.

The Council wants to hear your thoughts on the PUC DP, so please participate in the planning process by attending the community meeting on July 30. To prepare, you may wish to review the Plan and/or watch the PUC DP presentation (read printed version here) that the DPP made to the P&E Committee on June 27.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

On June 5, 2024, the Honolulu City Council approved the City's Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) budget by unanimously passing the following bills: Bill 11 (2024)—Legislative, Bill 12 (2024)—Executive Operating, Bill 13 (2024)—Executive CIP; and the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation budget via Bill 16 (2024)—Operating and Bill 17 (2024)—CIP that were signed into law on June 21, 2024, and took effect on July 1, 2024.

Although it was a challenge to accommodate the needs of our residents, maintain our City infrastructure and services, and manage fixed-cost increases while approving a balanced budget, Councilmember Cordero is confident that the Council's efforts to allocate funds to support projects and services that will improve the lives of our residents and families across O'ahu will yield positive results in the coming year.

In reviewing both the Mayor's proposed budget and the Councilmembers' amendments, it is clear that enhancing public safety and improving parks are key priorities. The Council played a crucial role in enhancing the quality of life for our residents by including initiatives such as allocating \$5 million in grants for affordable housing incentives, setting aside \$115 million for hazard pay for our first responders, improving parks and sewer infrastructure, and acquiring six new ambulances. Additionally, it prioritized public safety by appropriating an extra \$400,000 for Community Policing Teams across all eight police patrol districts island-wide.

Culture and Recreation is receiving \$154 million for operations and approximately \$75 million in CIP, reflecting the City's commitment to enhancing our parks and recreational programs in order to promote fitness and health and provide recreation opportunities for our residents. The Council also added an additional \$2.7 million to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), that equates to \$300,000 per Council District for park improvements.

Public Safety includes police, fire, ocean safety, and other public safety programs that constitutes approximately \$621 million for operations and approximately \$876 million in CIP, demonstrating our dedication to supporting First Responders and maintaining safety in public spaces. Public safety not only includes emergency services but also addresses Honolulu's infrastructure, including the essential ongoing repair, renovation, and maintenance of City roads, bridges, streams, flood control systems, sidewalks, wastewater and solid waste programs, multimodal transportation initiatives, and climate change adaptation efforts.

For more information about the Budget, visit honolulucitycouncil.org/budget.

FY25 NOTABLE PRIORITIES:

Sewer System

- \$417 million for projects complying with the 2010 Federal Consent Decree
- \$171.9 million for wastewater projects at Honouli'uli and Sand Island treatment plants

Roadways

- \$50 million for road rehabilitation
- \$14.5 million in road resurfacing
- \$3 million in bridge rehabilitation in partnership with the State of Hawai'i

Parks and Recreation

- \$55.8 million in parks improvements and land acquisitions
- \$6 million in CIP bulk funds for various park improvements
- \$6 million in Community Development Block Grants for multi-year park improvements in underserved communities
- \$7.7 million in general repairs for various parks
- \$5.3 million for tree services including trimming, pruning, and removals
- \$7.8 million of Transient Accommodation Tax Fund to help maintain and improve parks, beaches, and other recreational areas that are heavily used by tourists
- \$4.1 million for Honolulu Zoo for accreditation-related improvements
- \$1.9 million for municipal golf course improvements
- \$5.9 million for Neal S. Blaisdell Center improvements

Affordable Housing and Homelessness

- \$5 million in Rental Housing Grants to incentivize construction
- Over \$130 million per annum of Activity Bond Cap for affordable multi-family housing projects
- \$25.8 million for redevelopment and low-income housing
- \$19.5 million for homeless initiatives including:
 - \$1.6 million for Housing First Initiative;
 - \$1.6 million for Hale Mauiola Housing Navigation Center;
 - \$1.5 million for rental subsidies;
 - \$1.1 million for Pūnāwai Rest Stop services; and,
 - \$3 million for services at Iwilei Center
- \$25 million in Community Revitalization Initiative for acquisition, lease, development, and renovation of facilities for urban rest stops, navigation centers, workforce/affordable housing, and other community-focused projects
- \$1 million in special needs housing
- \$50 million for affordable housing development, including acquisition of land

Transportation and Infrastructure

- \$113.2 million of federal grants to replace buses and handi-vans, and improve roads and sidewalks
- \$10 million to HART for the construction of the rail system
- \$3.5 million for sustainable intermodal connectivity improvements
- \$415 million to operate Skyline, TheBus, and Handi-Van services

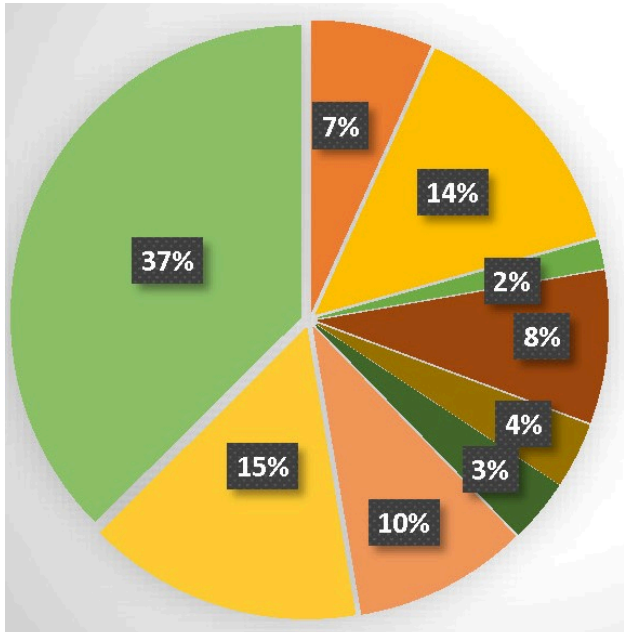
Climate Change and Sustainability

- \$10.9 million for electrification of transportation infrastructure
- \$2.7 million for installation of electric charging stations and renewable energy systems at various City facilities
- \$26.5 million for improvements at refuse convenience centers

QUICK BREAKDOWN OF THE BUDGET:

- Legislative Budget: \$29,907,004
- Executive Operating Budget: \$3,630,445,363
- Executive CIPs: \$1,046,725,023
- HART's Operating Budget: \$3,187,087
- HART's Capital Budget: \$574,000,000

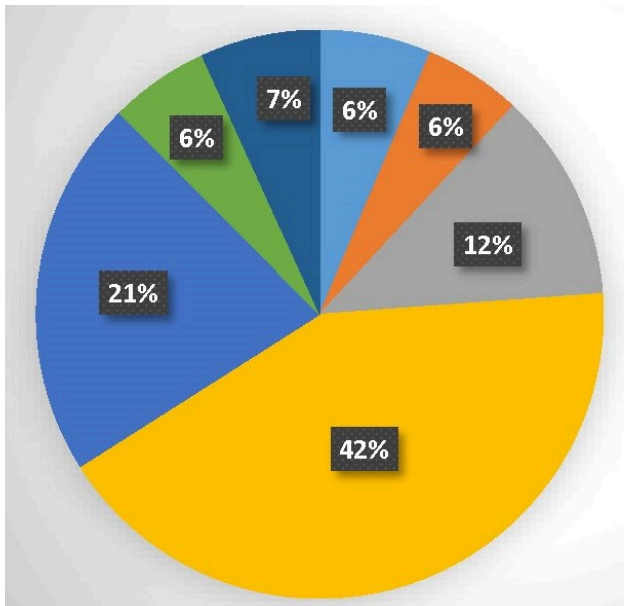
FY25 EXECUTIVE OPERATING BUDGET:



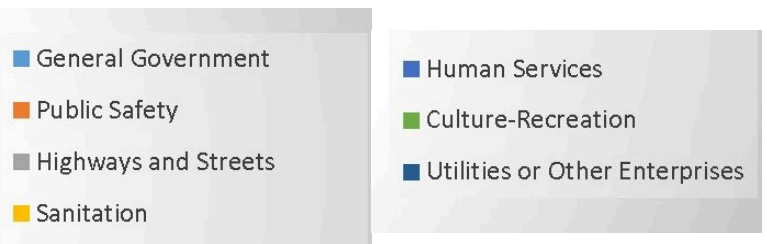
- General Government: \$300,668,807
- Public Safety: \$621,715,872
- Highways and Streets: \$70,169,250
- Sanitation: \$376,480,797
- Human Services: \$160,092,415
- Culture-Recreation: \$154,432,109
- Utilities or Other Enterprises: \$427,809,177
- Debt Service: \$679,580,000
- Miscellaneous: \$1,669,902,149



FY25 CIPs:



- General Government: \$87,999,600
- Public Safety: \$69,176,000
- Highways and Streets: \$163,491,000
- Sanitation: \$448,129,800
- Human Services: \$104,703,749
- Culture-Recreation: \$75,850,381
- Utilities or Other Enterprises: \$91,230,000



TRANSIT CONSTRUCTION MITIGATION FUND PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS) for the proposed adoption of the City Administrative Rules Chapter 2, Transit Construction Mitigation Fund Program (TCMFP). The Transit Construction Mitigation Fund was established by the City Council to mitigate negative economic impacts from the construction of the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project and the purpose of the public hearing is to establish administrative rules pertaining to the eligibility and administration of the TCMFP in accordance with Ordinance 24-1 related to the Fund.

Public Hearing Schedule

DATE: Thursday, August 1, 2024

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: In-Person and Remote Meeting at Mission Memorial Auditorium, 550 South King Street

Availability of Proposed Rules

The proposed rules are available for review online at honolulu.gov/budget/rules, or at BFS, 530 South King Street, Room 208, Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For assistance, please call the Department at (808)768-3901.

Public Testimony

Attendance at the public hearing is not necessary to submit testimony. Written testimony may be emailed to bfsmail@honolulu.gov, faxed to (808) 768-3179, or mailed to BFS at 530 South King Street, Room 208, Honolulu, HI 96813. Testimony to the Department prior to the hearing will be considered in the evaluation of the request. Written testimony must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the date of the hearing. The public may also join the public hearing and offer testimony from a computer, smartphone, or telephone. Visual presentation will be viewable on the screen situated inside the Conference Room or via WebEx as follows:

Join the public hearing from a computer or WebEx smartphone app: (Please mute your device, except to testify)

- WebEx Link: <https://globalpage-prod.webex.com/join>
- Meeting Number: 2491 031 9561
- Meeting Password: BFS1 (2371 when dialing from a phone or video system)

Join the public hearing from a telephone (audio only): (Please mute your device, except to testify)

- Phone Number: 1-408-418-9388 United States Toll
- Access Code: 2491 031 9561
- Numeric Meeting Password: 2371 when dialing from a phone or video system

If you require auxiliary aid and/or service or other accommodation due to a disability to participate in this event (i.e. sign language interpreter, interpreter for language other than English, or wheelchair accessibility), please contact (808) 768-3901 or email your request to bfsmail@honolulu.gov at least five (5) business days prior to the hearing. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to fulfill your request.


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SATURDAY 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
August MAKALAPA NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
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CLICK OR SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFO:



NOTICE OF THEBUS SERVICE MODIFICATIONS EFFECTIVE ON AUGUST 18, 2024

The City's Department of Transportation Services (DTS) announces upcoming TheBus service changes starting on August 18, 2024. Here are the routes in our district that are being modified:

Route 9 (Kaimukī-Pearl Harbor)

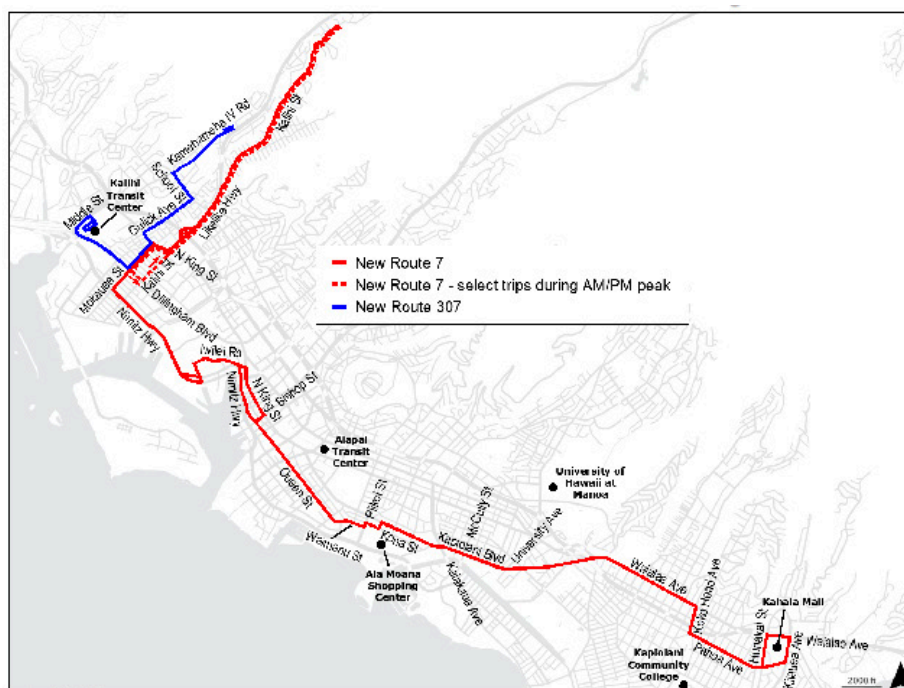
- Route 9 will be discontinued
- Bus service along Valkenburg Street and Center Drive will no longer be offered
- Service options along Discontinued Route 9
 - Routes 2/2L (select trips): service between Kapi'olani Community College (KCC) – 18th Avenue/Pāhoa Avenue
 - New Route 7: service between 18th Avenue/Pāhoa Avenue – Kaimukī Town/Waiialae Avenue – Kapiolani Boulevard/Ala Moana Shopping Center
 - Route 40: service between Kapiolani Boulevard/Ala Moana Shopping Center – Downtown/Hotel Street – Dillingham Boulevard – Nimitz Highway
 - Nimitz Highway – Radford Drive – Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH)
 - Radford Drive/Navy Exchange
 - Route 1L: service between Kaimukī/Waiialae Avenue, Mō'ili'ili, Downtown, Kalihi, Salt Lake, Radford Drive, and Aloha Stadium
 - JBPHH
 - Route PH 8 services Aloha Stadium

Route 7 (Kalihi Valley) to be New Route 7 (Kalihi-Kāhala)

- Route 7 will be restructured with an extension to Kāhala Mall and the Kamehameha IV Road segment will be discontinued and replaced by New Route 307
- The new Route 7 will service Kalihi Valley, Kalihi-Pālama, Iwilei, Downtown/Chinatown, Ala Moana, Kaka'ako, Mō'ili'ili, Kaimukī, and Kāhala Mall
- Kalihi Street between Dillingham Boulevard and North King Street will have a.m./p.m. peak service in the mauka-bound direction only

New Route 307 (Kamehameha IV-Kalihi Transit Center)

- The new Route 307 will serve the Kamehameha IV Road segment of the current Route 7, and will service Kamehameha IV Road, School Street, Gulick Avenue, North King Street, Mokauea Street, Dillingham Boulevard, and Kalihi Transit Center



DTS 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. For TheBus customer service, please call (808) 848-5555 and press 5.

CITY TAKES TITLE TO SURPLUS FEDERAL REAL PROPERTY (FORMER NAVAL AIR STATION, BARBERS POINT/KALAELOA REGIONAL PARK)



On Wednesday, June 12, Mayor Rick Blangiardi announced that the City has officially taken ownership of approximately 400 acres of former Naval Air Station lands at Barbers Point from the Secretary of the Interior, acting by and through the Director of the National Park Service (NPS) for public park and public recreation area purposes. This event marks a historic milestone for the City, the United States Navy (Navy) and the NPS as the City first applied for these lands back in 1999. The Navy was represented by Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations, and Environment)/Chief Sustainability Officer Meredith Berger and Captain Ted Carlson, Chief of Staff, Navy Region Hawai'i, and the NPS was represented by Tom Leatherman, Superintendent, Pearl Harbor National Memorial.

Mayor Blangiardi executed the 25-page deed, handed over by the NPS after being declared excess by the Navy, to take ownership of the parcels. The land was part of the Base Realignment and Closure Act, under which the U.S. military was able to release unused or underused property, in this case, for the benefit of local communities.

Upon taking title, the City will move forward with its planning process, which includes these key elements:

- Amending the City's Program of Utilization for the parcels to reflect the current park and recreational priorities of the people of O'ahu;
- Erecting appropriate signage documenting the donation of the federal lands to the City;
- Complying with covenants and agreements contained in the deed, including historic preservation; and initiating the planning process, including the preparation of environmental disclosure documents.

The former Navy lands deeded by the NPS to the City will be added to the inventory of lands under the control of the City's DPR. DPR Director Laura H. Thielen is excited about the opportunities flowing from the acceptance of these lands. To view the full press release, visit tinyurl.com/06-12-24-PressRelease.

BETTER BUILDING BENCHMARKING REPORTING DEADLINE EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

The 2024 reporting deadline for the Better Buildings Benchmarking Program has been extended from June 30, 2024, to September 30, 2024. This program, formally Ordinance 22-17, requires large commercial and multi-family buildings to annually report aggregate energy and water utility data to the City. Now, in its second year of implementation, the program currently requires buildings 50,000 square feet and larger to report annually. Buildings 25,000 square feet and larger will be required to report by June 30, 2025.

This year's reporting deadline was extended as the City works with Hawaiian Electric to develop a new process that will greatly simplify the way building owners obtain and report their electricity data. This upgrade will replace the previous manual process with a quicker auto-upload process that will deliver data directly into the building's account. The auto-upload will be available by the end of July, and the City will schedule a virtual training for building owners and property managers to learn the new process.

The City recently mailed affected buildings regarding the deadline extension, directing them to resilientoahu.org/benchmarking, where comprehensive resources and Help Desk appointments are available to ensure compliance. The webpage also includes a Buildings Transparency Map that displays each building's utility reports from last year, which will be updated annually to illustrate trends over time. Benchmarking is a way for buildings to compare their energy use to other buildings, and is helpful to identify energy and money saving opportunities and to improve building operations. The City, after benchmarking its own buildings, has greatly reduced its energy use and saved millions of dollars in the process. See the City's [Annual Sustainability Report](#) for more information.

The City, with the State and other partners, is also developing tools for building owners who want to take advantage of federal funds to support energy efficiency improvements in their buildings. Additionally, residents and businesses looking save money and conserve resources are encouraged to utilize incentives and rebates offered by the [Board of Water Supply](#) and [Hawai'i Energy](#).