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ALOHA NEIGHBORS!

Spring has officially arrived, and we can feel the positive energy around us. As we enter April, it's an honor to connect with you through our monthly newsletter. This edition contains updates on ongoing projects, highlights of our collective achievements, and exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

Continuing into April, the City Council is diligently working on the City's FY25 Budget. Collectively, the City Council is committed to improving the quality of life for all residents, promoting a sustainable environment, and strengthening community bonds through fulfilling the requirements of the City Charter to adopt a balanced budget for the City and County of Honolulu. I urge you to remain informed and participate by sharing your thoughts and opinions as the City Council works with the Mayor and his Administration to designate resources efficiently to maintain and improve our island home. For more information on the City's budget process and upcoming Special Budget Committee meetings, visit the City Council's website at www.honolulucitycouncil.org/budget.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns on city-related issues or any relevant community needs that you feel should be addressed within the City's FY25 Budget. My team and I are committed to serving our community and addressing concerns and interests to the best of our abilities.

Mahalo,

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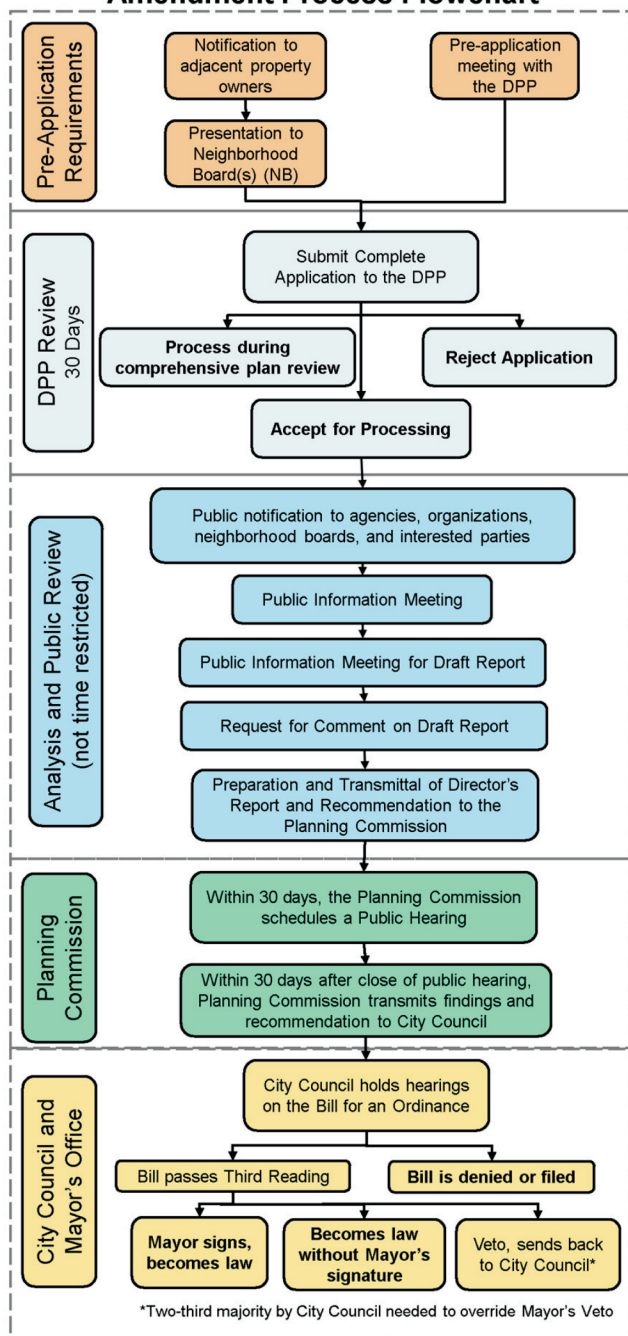
LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

PRIMARY URBAN CENTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN (PUCDP) UPDATE FOR KĀHALA NEIGHBORHOOD

The Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) updates the Development and Sustainable Communities Plans for eight regional planning areas on O'ahu. DPP conducts a comprehensive review of these plans every 5-10 years. In 2024, the PUCDP will be updated, which includes neighborhoods from Kāhala in East Honolulu to Pearl City in Central O'ahu.

DPP drafts the initial plans for the PUCDP. These plans are then reviewed by the community, revised by DPP, and sent to the Planning Commission for public hearings. After the Planning Commission completes its hearings, it sends its recommendations to the Honolulu City Council in Bill form. The Bill is then adopted by the Ordinance.

Development Plans and Sustainable Communities Plans Amendment Process Flowchart



Bill 24 (2024): To Adopt the Revised Primary Urban Center Development Plan for the City and County of Honolulu passed its first reading at the April 17, 2024, full Council meeting and has been referred to the Committee on Planning and The Economy.

These long-range plans guide land use planning and development through goals, policies, and actions based on a shared vision for each region developed in collaboration with the community. Your input is important to me, and I will work to prioritize your needs.

I am currently involved in making changes to the Land Use/Place Types Maps for the Kāhala Neighborhood. These maps indicate the various land use designations allowing development and density in each area. As per the PUCDP for Kāhala, it is interesting to note that Kāhala Mall is classified as a "commercial retail center," while the Kū'ono Marketplace, Kāhala Zippy's, Assaggio Bistro, the Kāhala Atrium, Kaimukī-Kāhala YMCA, and Church of the Latter-Day Saints are classified as "Near-Town Corridor-Center Medium." You can find more details on page 44 of the PUCDP.

I am concerned about the designation of the Near-Town Corridor-Center Medium for these parcels. This designation allows for residential and mixed-use buildings of 3-8 stories with commercial spaces on the ground floor and residential units on the upper floors. I am not convinced our community would welcome taller buildings on these parcels. Moreover, the Honolulu City Council is currently working on amending the Development Standards Section of the Land Use Ordinance, **Bill 64 (2023): Relating to Use Regulations**. The current version of this Bill would permit Kāhala Mall to develop housing above the commercial spaces, like Ala Moana Shopping Center. However, I disagree with DPP's view that the community would want several floors of residential units above Kāhala Mall, even though the height limit is lower in Kāhala compared to Ala Moana.

I am committed to preserving the charm and character of our Kāhala Neighborhood. I don't want the more intensive development to change what we already have. I agree that we need mixed-use development in other areas of the PUCDP but not on the eastern border of the Plan's area.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

RESOLUTIONS:

RESO 24-62: Urging the City Administration to construct additional beach/sand volleyball courts at City parks. The popularity and talent surrounding beach volleyball on our island have grown beyond the capacity of the available public courts for playing and practicing. There are only six City beach/sand volleyball courts, four at Queen's Beach and two at Ala Moana Regional Park. Hawai'i produces many incredible volleyball players, and it would be fantastic if more spaces were made available for community members who don't have access to private clubs and training to play. However, existing public courts are often reserved well in advance and used from sunrise to sunset. Therefore, additional beach/sand volleyball courts are more necessary than ever. **PASSED OUT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PARKS, ENTERPRISE SERVICES AND CULTURE & THE ARTS** (04/03/2024) for adoption at April full Council meeting (04/17/2024).

RESO 24-63: Relating to the Council's Appointment of Cynthia L. McMillan to serve on the City and County of Honolulu Rate Commission. The Rate Commission is responsible for reviewing the fares, fees, rates, and other charges for the use of Skyline, TheBus, and TheHandi-Van and recommending adjustments to ensure that the generated revenues, combined with other allocated funds, adequately sustain the system's operation and upkeep. The Commission may also consider factors like transportation equity, accessibility, sustainability, availability, and impact on ridership during the recommendation process. This appointment will replace the late Barbra Armentrout, who served the Rate Commission from 2017 until her recent passing. The term is to expire on June 30, 2025. **PASSED OUT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET** (04/02/2024) for adoption at April full Council meeting (04/17/2024).

RESO 24-64: Authorizing the use of overt video monitoring in the City and County of Honolulu at Scenic Points in East O'ahu. The resolution's objective is to address the alarming criminal activities at the scenic lookouts in East O'ahu, which include Makapu'u Point Lighthouse, Kaiwi State Scenic Shoreline trails, and Hālonā Blowhole. These sites attract both residents and visitors, but unfortunately, they have also drawn criminal activities, particularly vehicle break-ins. In 2023, 225 vehicle break-ins were reported at East O'ahu lookouts. As a solution, the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) has proposed a pilot program that will deploy portable surveillance trailers. These trailers will be equipped with surveillance cameras, speakers, and a blue light mounted on a mast, similar to those seen in grocery store parking lots around the island. Installing portable surveillance trailers will be a crucial tool for HPD to ensure public safety. **SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING** at April full Council meeting (04/17/2024) and **REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.**

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT MARCH FULL COUNCIL MEETING (03/25/2024):

RESO 24-30: Requesting the City Administration to provide an update regarding the installation and maintenance of low-flow fixtures at City Parks.

RESO 24-46: Urging the Building Board of Appeals to improve its procedures for notifying the public of its meetings and making its orders available for public inspection.



BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS



Fiscal Year 2025 Budget CD1 Version Projects in District 4

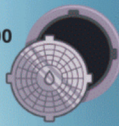


PUBLIC SAFETY PROJECTS

- Project #1998021 Fire Station Building Improvements: \$225,000**
- Waikīkī Fire Station Interior Improvements
 - Kaimukī Fire Station Historic Improvements to Windows & Roof

DRAINAGE & SEWERS

- Project #2000052 Drainage Improvements at Various Locations: \$2,000,000**
- Includes Keoniana Street, Hunakai Street, & Limu Street
- Project #2000101 Flood Control Improvements at Various Locations: \$300,000**
- Includes Kamilo'iiki Stream
- Project #2018071 NPDES MS4 Erosion Prone Area Improvements: \$125,000**
- Anapalau Place
- Project #2025101 Stormwater Pump Station Improvements: \$251,000**
- Hunakai Street
- Project #2007068 Sewer Condition Assessment Projects: \$650,000**
- Hawai'i Kai Tributary System—Kuli'ou'ou & Portlock Vicinities
 - Sand Island Tributary System—Waikīkī, Diamond Head to East O'ahu Vicinities
- Project #2000071 Sewer Mainline & Lateral Projects: \$2,210,000**
- Hawai'i Kai Tributary System—Kuli'ou'ou & Portlock Vicinities
 - Sand Island Tributary System—Waikīkī, Diamond Head to East O'ahu Vicinities
- Project# 19761276 Diamond Head Sewers Improvement District: \$401,000**



STREETS & WALKWAYS

- Project #2020105 Ala Wai Bridge \$61,737,000**
(\$49,389,000 is federally funded)
- Project #2018087 Reconstruction of Sidewalks: \$2,000,000**
- Includes Waikīkī

PARKS & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

- Project #2001053 Golf Course Improvements: \$620,000**
- Ala Wai Golf Course Underground Storage Tank Removal & Installation of New Above-Ground Storage Tank
- Project #2001097 Honolulu Zoo Improvements: \$2,325,000**
- Kapahulu Comfort Station Renovations
 - African Savannah Walkway Improvements
 - African Savannah Cheetah Bunker
 - Orangutan/Siamang Exhibit Modifications
 - Monsarrat Comfort Station
 - Event Lawn
 - Binturong Exhibit
- Project #2017078 Honolulu Zoo-Hawai'i Island Exhibit: \$770,000**
- Hawai'i Island Exhibit, Phase 1B--Wetland Marsh Habitat & Aviary
- Project #1993077 Honolulu Zoo-Veterinary Clinic: \$2,025,000**
- Project #2024079 Ala Wai Community Park Canoe Halau: \$1,000,000**
- Project #2016101 Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve: \$1,660,000**
- Project #1975076 Koko Crater Botanical Garden: \$500,000**
- Project #2024071 Playcourts at Various Parks-New: \$500,000**
- Project #2002072 Renovate Recreational Facilities: \$1,100,000**
- Includes Kīlauea District Park and a walkway at Queen's Beach Park.)
- Project #2016090 Sandy Beach Park (Wāwāmalu): \$400,000**
- Project #2023111 Waikīkī Surf Racks: \$460,000**
- Project #1998117 Waikīkī War Memorial Complex/Waikīkī Beach: \$300,000**



FY25 Budget Meeting Dates

March

3/11 - 3/14: Budget Briefings
3/27: 1st Reading of Budget Bills at Council

April

4/1: Special CD1 Budget Meeting
4/17: 2nd Reading of Budget Bills at Council

May

5/13: Special CD2 Budget Meeting

June

6/5: 3rd Reading of Budget Bills at Council
6/15: Charter Deadline for Council to Adopt the Budget



Get more information at

honolulu.citycouncil.org/budget

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I find out when the public meetings are scheduled to hear the budget measures?

The City's Annual Budget Process takes place from March to June. Electronic agendas are posted on the [Honolulu Record Collections page \(HNL DOCS\)](#). Additionally, hard-copy agendas are posted for viewing at Honolulu Hale.

How do I submit public testimony on any of the budget measures?

Citizens have multiple ways by which they may voice their opinions, as follows:

- Provide written or register to testify orally on the individual budget measures at the scheduled public meeting using the online Council Testimony Form available at <https://hnl.doc.ehawaii.gov/hnl/doc/testimony>.

How do I find out if a project in my neighborhood, such as a skate park, has been included in the budget?

The budget measures, specifically the CIP budget bill, will provide a list of proposed projects. If you are unable to locate a specific project in the CIP bill, you may contact your Councilmember.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN CURB RAMP WORK IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS

The Department of Design & Construction (DDC) is advising the public of a curb ramp project on O'ahu, starting on April 1, 2024, and concluding by the end of October 2024. The work will occur on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and will involve removing and replacing pavements, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and curb ramps. Please take caution and observe traffic control devices, posted signs, and Special Duty Officers. Expect delays and plan for extra travel time. Please direct any questions or concerns to DDC at (808) 768-8400.

PROJECT AREAS WITHIN DISTRICT 4:

Kaimukī:

- Charles Street & Kapahulu Avenue

'Āina Haina:

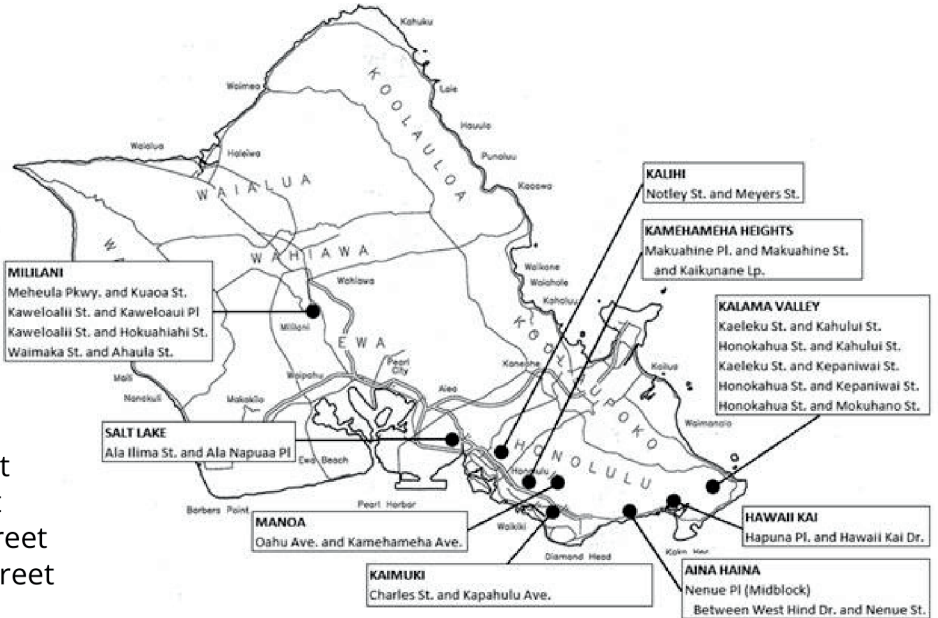
- Nenuē Place (Midblock) between Hind Drive & Nenuē Street

Hawai'i Kai:

- Hapuna Place & Hawai'i Kai Drive

Kalama Valley:

- Ka'elekū Street & Kahului Street
- Honokahua Street & Kahului Street
- Ka'elekū Street & Kepaniwai Street
- Honokahua Street & Kepaniwai Street
- Honokahua Street & Mokuhanō Street



The City and County of Honolulu has several ongoing Complete Streets improvements in the works for the Kaimukī, Kapahulu, Kāhala, Diamond Head, and Waikīkī neighborhoods to improve safety, public health, accessibility, and convenience for all people, whether they are traveling by foot, bicycle, transit, or ride-share, regardless of age or ability.

UPCOMING D4 IMPROVEMENTS:

- Kīlauea Avenue Roadway Improvements
- Monsarrat Avenue Pedestrian Crossing Improvements
- Kaimukī Avenue & 22nd Avenue Walkway Improvements
- Harding Avenue Walkway Improvements
- 18th Avenue Bikeway Improvements
- Ala Wai Boulevard Complete Streets
- Kūhiō Avenue Bus-Priority Lanes
- Ala Pono (Ala Wai Bridge)
- Kalākaua Avenue Crossing Improvements



Get more information at

www.honolulu.gov/completestreets



ANNOUNCEMENTS (CON'T)

HOW TO SUBMIT TESTIMONY

Submitting testimony to the Council is the best way to share your mana'o and impact important decisions. All testimony is collected for use during the public hearing process. Therefore, all testimony is public information.

Submit Written Testimony Online

- 1) Visit www.honolulu.gov/ccl-testimony-form.
- 2) Include your first and last name, phone number, and email address.
- 3) Select the appropriate meeting date and Council/Public Hearing Committee in which the measure will be heard. The meeting calendar and agendas are provided on www.honolulucitycouncil.org.
- 4) Enter the Agenda Item. This is the measure you wish to testify on (a bill or resolution number).
- 5) Select your position on the measure: Support/Oppose/Comment.
- 6) Indicate whether you are testifying as yourself or an organization.
- 7) Type in your written testimony or attach it as a .doc or .pdf.
- 8) Review for accuracy, then submit!

Submit Oral Testimony Online

People may submit oral testimony remotely through the Zoom video conferencing platform.

- 1) A Zoom link and meeting number will be provided on the meeting agenda and posted six days before the Council Meeting or Committee Hearing.
- 2) To register, visit www.zoom.us, click "Join a Meeting," and enter the meeting ID number. You will be taken to a form where you can complete the registration process.
- 3) You, as a registrant, will receive an email that contains links and information on joining the meeting by either phone or video conference.
- 4) Remote testimony will be taken at the start of the agenda and then closed. Each speaker is allowed to:
 - a. A three-minute presentation on Public Hearing, New Business, and Sunshine items; and
 - b. A one-minute presentation on all other items.
- 5) If you are testifying through Zoom, you are strongly encouraged to register at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting.



BEST PRACTICES

You must testify on behalf of yourself, or on behalf of an organization.

Speak from the heart. Share your personal reasons for why you are testifying and how the agenda item up for discussion impacts you.

Come prepared with talking points that are clear, concise and right to the point of your goal.

Time yourself presenting your oral testimony to ensure that you are speaking within the allotted time given!

TESTIMONY TEMPLATE

Dear Chair _____, Vice Chair _____, and members of the committee.

My name is _____ and I live in _____, and I am testifying today in support/opposition of (agenda item).

Clearly state your goal and the desired outcome of supporting OR opposing the measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Your Name

Zip Code

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