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COMMUNITY UPDATES FOR HEKAHA STREET AND ULUNE STREET

The City's Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will be conducting a traffic survey on Hekaha Street to include volume and speed counts. This investigation is to determine solutions to the speeding concerns raised by constituents and is expected to be completed in September 2023.

DTS is proposing a road rechannelization on Ulune Street, similar to Upper Kamehameha IV Road between Likelike Hwy and School This project will require removal and installation of new striping and signage.

PARKS IMPROVEMENTS IN 'AIEA

As parks are a top priority of Councilmember Cordero, she advocated for the inclusion of funding for improvements and maintenance in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 budget. The following are the funds appropriated for park improvements in our district:

- Allocation of \$600,000 in FY24 Budget for park improvements, including but not limited to:
 - o Improvements to the baseball field dugouts, backstop, and perimeter fencing at 'Aiea District Park.
 - Establishing a dog park at 'Aiea District Park.

Other park improvement projects and requests:

- Repairing the roof of the recreation center at 'Aiea District Park.
- Repairing the baseball field backstop at Hālawa District Park.

'AIEA DISTRICT PARK POOL UPDATE

Last week, the 'Aiea District Park pool was closed for upgrades to the pool pump as a part of the National Association of Energy Service Companies (NORESCO) energy savings contract.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

07/07 Special City Council Meeting, 2:30 p.m.

07/12 City Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

07/19 Special Planning and the Economy Committee, 10:00 a.m. Special Public Safety Committee, 1:00 p.m.

07/20 Special Planning and the Economy Committee, 10:00 a.m.

07/25 Budget Committee, 9:00 a.m. **Executive Matters and Legal Affairs** Committee, 1:00 p.m. Transportation Committee, 2:30 p.m.

07/26 Zoning Committee, 9:00 a.m. Parks, Enterprise Services and Culture and the Arts Committee, 1:00 p.m. Housing, Sustainability and Health Committee, 2:30 p.m.

07/27 Planning and the Economy Committee, 9:00 a.m. Public Safety Committee, 1:00 p.m. Public Infrastructure and Technology Committee, 2:30 p.m.

08/09 City Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

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BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR COUNCIL DISTRICT 7

On Wednesday, June 7, 2023, the Honolulu City Council unanimously passed a \$4.7 billion budget that was signed into law on June 23, 2023 and took effect on July 1, 2023.



During the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Budget (July 1, 2023, to end of June 2024) meetings, the City Council approved appropriations to ensure that the City continues to provide services to support the needs of our community.

In this budget cycle, Councilmember Cordero advocated for appropriations of more than \$91 million in Council District 7. Here are the projects appropriated for 'Aiea:

PROJECT TITLE	AMOUNT
HALAWA CORPORATION YARD IMPROVEMENTS	\$1,000,000
AFFORDABLE HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE REGIONAL PLANNING - HALAWA	\$2,000,000
AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING PLAN IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7	\$100,000
HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION	\$135,000
EXPANDING HPD COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7	\$100,000
PARKS IMPROVEMENTS IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7	\$600,000
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEVICES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS	\$650,000
REHABILITATION OF STREETS	\$1,250,000



AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESS INITIATIVES

The City and County of Honolulu is in a housing crisis where demand exceeds housing inventory at all income levels. The City Council and Administration prioritize many projects to assist in our housing needs, which include funding for acquisitions, development, and construction of mixed-income housing projects and homeless housing.

For the FY24 Budget process, the City Council appropriated more than \$300 million to support housing initiatives. These projects include:

- \$2,000,000 for the Affordable Housing Infrastructure Regional Planning in Hālawa.
- \$2,000,000 for the Affordable Housing Infrastructure Regional Planning in Iwilei.
- \$2,000,000 for the Affordable Housing Infrastructure Regional Planning in West O'ahu.
- \$8,378,000 for the Affordable Housing Strategic Development Program.
- \$170,000,000 for Affordable Housing.
- \$20,000,000 for the Affordable Housing Infrastructure Development Prioritizing Housing Development by the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.
- \$18,000,000 for the Community Revitalization Initiative.
- \$725,022 for the Home Improvement Partnerships (HOME) Program.
- \$644,717 for the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program.
- \$20,000,000 for the Affordable Housing for Homeless.
- \$35,000,000 for the Affordable Housing with Preference in Transit Oriented Development Areas Program.
- \$35,000,000 for the Homeless Service Facilities.

For more information about the City's Budget, please visit <u>honolulucitycouncil.org/budget</u>.

PEARLRIDGE SATELLITE CITY HALL CHANGES THEIR BUSINESS HOURS BACK TO 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

Effective Monday, July 3, 2023, the Pearlridge Satellite City Hall (SCH) changed their business hours back to 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with the first hour strictly on an appointment-only basis. No standby or walk-in express line services are allowed between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. To make an appointment, please visit <u>AlohaQ.org</u>.

Customers with appointments between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. must enter the site from the top level monorail entrance of Pearlridge Shopping Center off of Moanalua Road, where they will be greeted and escorted to their appointment by SCH staff. Customers with appointments between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. will also be escorted out of the mall by SCH staff upon the completion of their transaction. For more information, please visit <u>honolulu.gov/CSD</u>.

MODIFICATIONS TO THEBUS ROUTES 1L, 71, AND 74

As of Saturday, July 1, the City's Department of Transportation Services (DTS) implemented changes to certain TheBus routes to coincide with the opening of Skyline rail operations.

Here are the affected routes in 'Aiea and adjacent areas:

"Modified" Route 1L (Aloha Stadium/Hawai'i Kai Limited Stop via Salt Lake)

- Route extended to serve the Hālawa Aloha Stadium Skyline Station and the Salt Lake area.
- No change to current routing between the Kalihi Transit Center and Hawai'i Kai.
- Service Areas: Aloha Stadium, Āliamanu, Salt Lake, Māpunapuna, Kalihi Transit Center, Kalihi, Downtown Honolulu, Makiki, McCully, Mō'ili'ili, Kaimukī, Kahala Mall, 'Āina Haina, Kuli'ou'ou, and Hawai'i Kai.

Discontinued Route 71 (Pearlridge-Newtown): Replaced by the following Kalauao Pearlridge Skyline Station Circulator Routes

- "New" Route 541 (Wailuna-Pearlridge): Provides all-day and weekend service to the following areas: Wailuna, Waiau, Waimalu Plaza, and Waimalu Shopping Center.
- "New" Route 542 (Newtown/Royal Summit/Pearlridge): Provides all-day and weekend service to the following areas: Newtown, Royal Summit, Waimalu Plaza, and Waimalu Shopping Center.
- "New" Route 544 (Upper Pearlridge-Pearlridge): Provides all-day and weekend service to the following areas: Kaonohi Street, and Pearlridge Shopping Center.
- "New" Route 545 (Pali Momi-Koauka-Pearlridge): Provides all-day and weekend service to the following areas: Koauka Loop, Pali Momi Medical Center, and Pearlridge Shopping Center.

Discontinued Route 74 ('Aiea-Hālawa Heights): Replaced by the following Hālawa Aloha Stadium Skyline Station Circulator Routes

- "New" Route 551 ('Aiea Heights-Aloha Stadium): Provides all-day and weekend service to the following areas: 'Aiea Heights, 'Aiea Shopping Center, 'Aiea Town Square, and 'Aiea High School.
- "New" Route 552 (Hālawa Heights-Aloha Stadium): Provides all-day and weekend service to the following areas: Hālawa Heights, Camp H.M. Smith, and Stadium Mall Shopping Center.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact the DTS at (808) 768-8372 or thebusstop@honolulu.gov. For TheBus schedule and route information, please visit www.thebus.org or call (808) 848-5555 (press 2). Visit hea.thebus.org for real-time bus arrival information.

Additionally, to view videos on the upcoming TheBus route changes related to Skyline rail operations, please visit: www.youtube.com/@hnldts. To view maps and more information regarding bus-rail integration, please visit: www.honolulu.gov/skyline.