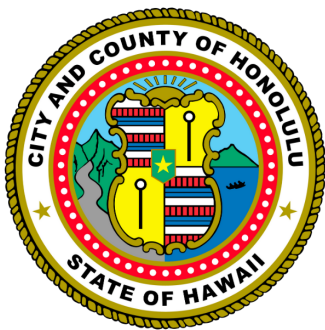




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UPDATES ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Bus Shelter Request at Kahuapa'ani Street and Mananai Place

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) conducted a virtual site visit of Bus Stop No. 2569, located at Kahuapa'ani Street and Mananai Place. The stop is approximately 230 feet west of the Crosspointe security booth and currently has two concrete benches.

The nearest rail stations—Hālawā and Aloha Stadium—are about 0.9 miles away, approximately a five-minute ride via TheBus.

The City typically prioritizes bus shelter installations at stops with an average daily ridership of at least 35 passengers. Ridership data for Bus Stop No. 2569 shows:

- Weekday average of 13.4 riders
- Saturday average of 6 riders
- Sunday average of 3.9 riders

Given these ridership figures, installing a bus shelter at Bus Stop No. 2569 is not recommended at this time.

Bus Stop at Ali'ipoe Drive and Ulune Street

DTS conducted a site visit to Bus Stop No. 1035, located near the intersection of Ali'ipoe Drive and Ulune Street. Ridership at this stop is fewer than six passengers. The inspection found that the current bus stop location does not negatively impact safety at the intersection. As such, DTS does not recommend relocating the bus stop at this time.

Pavement Markings on Moanalua Road

DTS' site inspection identified that pavement markings, raised pavement markers, and signs on Moanalua Road between Pono and Ka'onohi Streets require maintenance. A work order has been issued to the Department of Facility Maintenance to address these needs.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/5/25

10:00 a.m. - City Council Meeting at Honolulu Hale

11/18/25

9:00 a.m. - Budget Committee
1:00 p.m. - Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee
2:30 p.m. - Housing, Homelessness & Parks Committee

11/19/25

9:00 a.m. - Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology Committee
1:00 p.m. - International & Legal Affairs Committee
2:30 p.m. - Executive Management Committee (as needed)

11/20/25

9:00 a.m. - Zoning & Planning Committee
1:00 p.m. - Public Safety & Economy Committee
2:30 p.m. - Government Efficiency & Customer Service Committee

12/3/25

10:00 a.m. - City Council Meeting at Honolulu Hale

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HELPFUL LINKS

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Watch Council Meetings on 'Ōlelo 54 or on youtube.com/@HonoluluCityCouncil

View Bills/Resolutions at hnlldoc.hawaii.gov/hnlldoc

Submit Your Testimony Online at hnlldoc.hawaii.gov/hnlldoc/testimony

UPDATES ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS (CONTINUED)

Road Rehabilitation Project on Ali'ipoe Drive, Kulawai Street, and Hō'io Street

On September 29, 2025, the City's Department of Design and Construction began its road rehabilitation project along Ali'ipoe Drive, Kulawai Street, and Hō'io Street. Construction will occur on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (excluding holidays) through December 2026. Lane closures, detours, and temporary parking restrictions are expected, so please plan ahead and allow extra travel time. For full project details, visit honolulu.gov/ddc/city-to-repave-and-improve-roads-in-aiea-and-moanalua-valley.



Project site on Ali'ipoe Drive, Hō'io Street, and Kulawai Street outlined in yellow.

FIRST SEGMENT OF PEARL HARBOR HISTORIC TRAIL/BIKE PATH IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED IN 'AIEA



(Left) Kahu Kordell Kekoa blesses the first renovated segment of the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail with the City's Department of Transportation Services, Senator Brandon Elefante, Councilmember Radiant Cordero, Hawai'i Bicycling League, SSFM, and Global Specialty Contractors, Inc.; (Right) Image of the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail/Bike Path

The City's Department of Transportation Services (DTS) announced Wednesday that construction has been completed on the first renovated segment of the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail/Bike Path. Construction began on February 3, 2025, to replace the existing asphalt and concrete surfaces with new concrete, providing bicyclists with a smoother, safer ride. As part of the improvements, new bollards, signs, stripes and lights were installed to enhance safety.

This project is a key component of the South Shore Trail plan, which will create a 30-mile bicycle and pedestrian pathway connecting communities from Nānākuli to Mānoa and Waikīkī. While bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure exists within each community along this corridor, this initiative aims to improve regional connectivity for active transportation users by linking these pathways together.

Councilmember Cordero stated: "I want to mahalo the DTS team and their partners for their hard work over the past seven months to revitalize this path that links our communities, honors the history of Pu'uloa, and pedals us closer to a future Mobility Hub near Kalauao [Pearlridge] Station. I look forward to the continued progress of the South Shore Shared Use Path, which is an investment in our island's integrated transit networks that will foster a more sustainable and innovative future through closer connected communities."

HONOLULU CHARTER COMMISSION WANTS YOUR INPUT

Have ideas for how O‘ahu’s city government could work better? The Honolulu Charter Commission is accepting amendment proposals from the public through November 7, 2025. The City Charter—often called Honolulu’s “constitution”—outlines how our local government operates. Every 10 years, a Charter Commission is appointed to review it, remove outdated language, streamline processes, and explore ways to better serve our communities. Approved proposals will appear on the 2026 General Election ballot for voters to decide.

As part of this review, the Commission is hosting nine Community Information Sessions across O‘ahu in October 2025, including one online. These sessions are a chance to learn about the Charter, ask questions, and find out how to submit your own proposal.

Community Information Sessions – October 2025:

1. Salt Lake District Park – Tue, Oct. 21, 6:00 p.m.
2. Online via Zoom – Wed, Oct. 22, 6:00 p.m. (link coming soon)

To submit a proposal, read the current Charter, or attend a meeting near you, visit: honolulucitycouncil.org/charter-commission.

‘AIEA AND PEARL CITY TOWN HALL MEETING



Councilmember Cordero attended the ‘Aiea–Pearl City Town Hall at Pearl Ridge Elementary School, where legislators discussed protecting and educating kūpuna about targeted scams via text messages, calls, emails, and more. Guest speaker Cherise Richards from the U.S. Secret Service, Honolulu Field Office, shared her expertise on how to recognize and avoid scams, as well as how to practice online safety.

Mahalo to Representative Kong’s office for hosting and leading the event, and to the participating legislators for their great collaboration.

Tips for Individuals Who Think They May Have Been Scammed:

1. Tell trusted family members or friends—don’t be embarrassed, scammers are sophisticated.
2. Call the Hawai‘i Police Department’s Non-Emergency Line: (808) 935-3311
3. File an online report with the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3): <https://www.ic3.gov>
4. Notify the U.S. Secret Service Honolulu Field Office Cyber Fraud Task Force: (808) 541-1912
5. Contact the Hawai‘i Office of Consumer Protection: (808) 586-2653
6. Report to the Federal Trade Commission: 1-877-FTC-HELP

2025 U.S.-JAPAN SISTER CITIES SUMMIT



In mid-September, Councilmember Cordero traveled to Japan to attend the 2025 U.S.-Japan Sister Cities Summit. The summit marked the 170th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Japan and invited all 460 U.S.-Japan Sister City partners. This event not only celebrated and reaffirmed the longstanding friendship but also provided opportunities to strengthen existing partnerships, develop new ones, and explore avenues for economic development between the two countries.

YAMAGUCHI FRIENDSHIP SIGNING AGREEMENT



In mid-September, Councilmember Cordero joined a delegation from Honolulu, including Council Chair Tommy Waters and Mayor Rick Blangiardi's Chief of Staff, Andy Sugg, to participate in a formal signing ceremony in Yamaguchi City that finalized the Friendship City Agreement between Honolulu and Yamaguchi Prefecture. The event also featured cultural exchanges and discussions on each city's economy, government functions, and operations.

SHANGRI LA EXHIBIT OPENING



Photo Courtesy of Council Support Services

Councilmember Cordero attended the opening of the "Crafting Connection: Doris Duke's Moroccan Commissions" exhibit by the Shangri La Museum of Islamic Art, Culture & Design, hosted by the Honolulu Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts. The exhibit, which was on display at Honolulu Hale from September 5 to October 6, highlighted the cultural connections between Honolulu and its sister city, Rabat, Morocco. The event combined traditional music and dance from both Hawaiian and Moroccan cultures.

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING ON THEBUS ROUTE MODIFICATIONS TO COINCIDE WITH THE LAUNCH OF SKYLINE SEGMENT 2 AND BIKI OPERATIONS

At the Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology meeting on September 24, Committee Chair Cordero hosted informational briefings, where the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) presented updates on upcoming changes.

DTS shared plans to modify bus routes in conjunction with the opening of Skyline Segment 2 (from Aloha Stadium to Middle Street Transit Center), which took effect on October 16. The presentation (viewable here: [Communication D-729\(25\)](#)) outlined modifications to existing routes and the creation of new ones. Councilmembers expressed concerns about potential impacts on riders and encouraged DTS to actively gather rider feedback, closely monitor ridership trends, and remain open to making adjustments as needed to ensure the public transit system effectively serves the community.

Additionally, DTS provided details on the Biki bikeshare system and its plan to renew its contract with the operator to continue offering this transportation option. The presentation (viewable here: [Communication D-730\(25\)](#)) discussed potential enhancements such as integrating Biki with the City's HOLO card (used for TheBus and Skyline) and the possibility of offering free 15-minute bike rides immediately after bus or rail trips to help riders reach their final destinations.

View TheBus routes and timetables here: <https://www.thebus.org/route/routes.asp> and the Skyline Rider Guide here: [Segment-II-Skyline-Ride-Guide-Web-Edit.pdf](#). The full informational briefings, including public testimony and discussion, can be viewed on YouTube starting at the 1:06:30 mark at tinyurl.com/ITT-DTS-Presentations-09-24-25.

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING ON THE LAUNCHING OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU'S 2025-2028 CHILD CARE ACTION PLAN

On September 24, 2025, during the Committee on Housing, Homelessness & Parks meeting, the Department of Community Services officially launched the City and County of Honolulu's Three-Year Child Care Action Plan (2025–2028). This marks a pivotal step in the City's commitment to addressing the urgent and growing need for quality, affordable child care across O'ahu.

Submitted as [Communication D-695](#), the presentation outlined the City's comprehensive strategy to support working families, grow the early childhood workforce, and expand child care access—especially for underserved communities.

Key highlights of the Action Plan include:

- Increasing the number of licensed child care providers
- Enhancing workforce training and career pathways in early childhood care
- Expanding access to child care subsidies for families in need
- Streamlining permitting processes to open or expand child care facilities.

The Action Plan reflects months of community collaboration and strategic planning, laying a strong foundation for a more equitable, accessible, and resilient child care system for Honolulu's families.

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HNL BUILD PERMITTING PLATFORM

At the Council's Committee on Government Efficiency & Customer Services meeting on Thursday, September 25, 2025, an informational briefing was held on the implementation of the HNL Build Permitting Platform.

The Department of Planning and Permitting, provided an overview of the newly-developed platform, which is designed to modernize and improve the City's building permit process. The presentation highlighted key information and the platform's expected impact on permitting efficiency and accessibility. View the full presentation here: hnl.doc.hawaii.gov/hnl/doc/document-download?id=26192.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 25-263 – Relating to Vending Machine Libraries

Co-introduced by Councilmembers Tulba and Cordero, this Resolution requests the Department of Transportation Services to partner with the Hawai'i State Library to implement an 18-month pilot program. The program will install library vending machines at the Pouhala Skyline rail station (Waipahu Transit Center) and Kahauiki Skyline rail station (Middle Street Transit Center) to evaluate usage, community impact, and operational feasibility. This Resolution was adopted at the Council meeting on October 1, 2025.

Bill 34 (2024), CD1 – Relating to Real Property Taxation

This Bill aims to make Honolulu's property tax system fairer by updating tax tiers so that high-value properties and investment-oriented uses contribute a larger share, while keeping taxes reasonable for typical homeowners. It introduces three progressive tiers for both Residential A and Transient Vacation Unit (TVU) properties.

For Residential A properties, the tiers are adjusted to cover values up to \$1.3 million, between \$1.3 million and \$3.5 million, and above \$3.5 million. For TVU properties, tiers now cover values up to \$900,000, between \$900,000 and \$2 million, and above \$2 million. These updates create a more equitable, progressive property tax structure. This Bill passed Third Reading at the Council meeting on October 1, 2025.

Bill 52 (2025) – Relating to the Maintenance of Streams and Other Bodies of Water

Introduced by Councilmember Cordero, Bill 52 addresses long-standing enforcement gaps related to the maintenance of privately owned ponds and lakes that flow into the ocean. By updating the definition of "stream" to include these water bodies, the Bill ensures that both city-owned and privately owned waterways are responsibly maintained. Currently, lakes and ponds draining to the ocean fall outside City oversight despite their impact on downstream water quality and community safety. The amendments empower the Department of Facility Maintenance to inspect, notify property owners, and take necessary actions to properly maintain these water bodies. This strengthens protections for our natural resources and environment by reducing pollution, while also keeping communities safe from flooding and unsanitary conditions. Bill 52 passed Third Reading at the Council meeting on October 1, 2025.

Bill 60 (2025) – Relating to the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation

This Bill clarifies HART's authority to plan extensions or additions to the fixed guideway system and initially prioritized extending the system to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. At its meeting on September 24, the ITT Committee amended the bill to a CD1 version, changing the format to an uncodified ordinance and removing language prioritizing the rail extension to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. This Bill passed Second Reading at the Council meeting on October 1, 2025, and was referred back to Committee.

Bill 62 (2024), CD2 – Motor Vehicle Registration

This legislation proposes a reduced motor vehicle registration fee of \$20 annually for veterans aged 65 and older who were not dishonorably discharged. The measure aims to provide financial relief to senior veterans in recognition of their service. This Bill passed Third Reading at the Council meeting on October 1, 2025.