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October 2025

Project Update



Last month marked a major milestone for the project with the execution of the first two agreements with Aloha Hālawā District Partners (AHDP): the Stadium Development

and Operation Agreement and the Initial Ground Lease. These agreements officially authorize dismantling of the existing stadium and the start of construction on the new, modern facility.

In the coming months, site mobilization activities will begin. This includes setting up fencing and site offices, internal abatement work, and securing/disconnecting on-site utilities. Be on the lookout for visual dismantling of the existing stadium scheduled to start in early 2026.

Meanwhile, this month's focus is on finalizing the remaining agreements related to the real estate parts of the project. We're pleased to report that substantial progress has been made, with only a handful of issues left to resolve.

It's important to note that timing of these real estate-related agreements will not affect the timeline of the new stadium's delivery or opening schedule. Once finalized, the NASED team will release a public update outlining key deal points, including AHDP's expected deliverables and deadlines.

FAQs

Q: How will dismantling of the existing stadium take place?

A: Dismantling of the existing stadium will be done in phases, starting with mobilization and removal of non-structural materials. Then all steel superstructure and elements above grade that the steel superstructure supports will be removed by cutting and picking with high-reach machinery for recycling or disposal. No pyrotechnical implosion will be used. All elements of the existing stadium scheduled for dismantling will be complete by mid-2026, clearing the way for construction to start.

[More FAQs](#)

In The News

New location for Swap Meet offers improved experience

The Aloha Stadium Swap Meet's new location offers an improved parking and marketplace experience. Hear all about the advantages of the Upper Hālawā Lot on Hawaii News Now's story [here](#).

Brennon Morioka on ESPN Honolulu

With the initial agreements executed, Special Advisor to the Governor for NASED Brennon Morioka discussed where the project is headed next with Gary Dickman on ESPN Honolulu. listen to the full interview [here](#).

What's Going on at Aloha Stadium

The Aloha Stadium Swap Meet & Marketplace Has Relocated!

The Aloha Stadium Swap Meet & Marketplace — Hawai'i's largest open-air market — **has officially relocated** to its new home in the Upper Hālawā Lot.

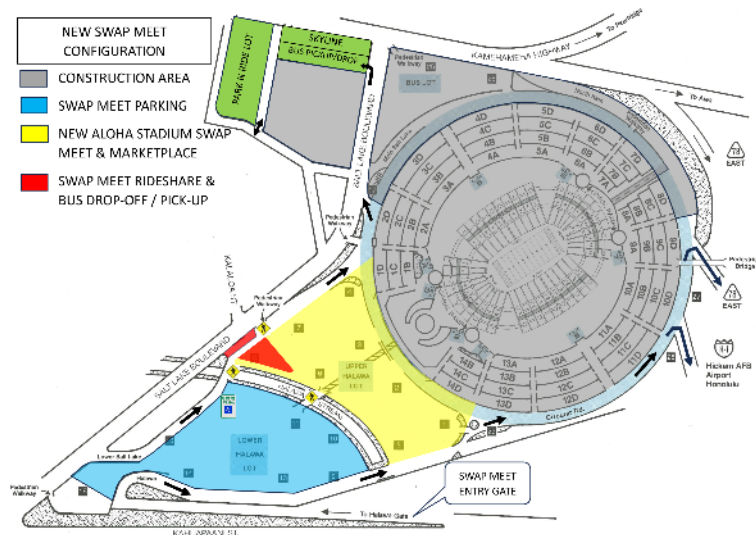
Shoppers can still enjoy the same great deals, friendly vendors, and local finds that have made the Swap Meet & Marketplace a Hawai'i favorite since 1979 — now with new retail units, an expanded food court, and live entertainment at the Ho'ōkipa Hale stage.

Open every Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday, the marketplace continues to feature hundreds of local crafters, artists, and merchants offering everything from island apparel to 'ono grinds.

Public parking is available now through Hālawā Gate 3 (across Ice Palace) with easy access via Kahuapaani Street. Admission remains affordable at \$2 for general, **\$1 for kama'āina and active military**, and free for keiki 11 and under.

Come visit the new location and support Hawai'i's local vendors — same Aloha Spirit, brand new setting! Be sure to follow us on Instagram [@alohastadiumhi](https://www.instagram.com/alohastadiumhi) for updates and ongoing activities.

For what you *Need To Know Before You Go* visit <https://alohastadium.hawaii.gov/new-swap-meet-marketplace-relocation>.



Aloha to Aloha Stadium

On Saturday, October 25, thousands gathered for *Aloha to Aloha Stadium*, a heartfelt celebration honoring nearly five decades of memories at Hawai'i's most iconic venue. The event featured performances by Henry Kapono & Friends, The Mākaha Sons, Hawaiian Style Band, Ho'ou'u'a, Kanaka Fyah, and Ekolu, and concluded with a spectacular fireworks show lighting up the Hālawā sky in tribute to the stadium's 49-year legacy. The evening marked both a farewell and a new beginning as the stadium transitions to the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District (NASED), ensuring the spirit of Aloha continues for generations to come. Watch KITV's coverage of the event [here](#).



Memories at Aloha Stadium



This Month's Look Back

For more than four decades, the Great Aloha Run has brought people of our community together. Each year, thousands crossed the finish line at Aloha Stadium, where cheers, high-fives, and shared triumph created unforgettable memories. With this year marking the final Great Aloha Run, we celebrate not only the incredible legacy it leaves behind but also the joy of having been a proud part of its journey. From the first steps to the last finish line, Aloha Stadium has been honored to welcome generations of runners, walkers, and families home.

In the Community

Community Voices: Honoring Carole Kai - A Legacy of Aloha and Community

As she steps into retirement, we celebrate Carole Kai Onouye — entertainer, philanthropist, and co-founder of the Great Aloha Run, whose vision and generosity have touched generations across Hawai'i.



In 1985, Carole co-created the Great Aloha Run, an 8.15-mile community event from Aloha Tower to Aloha Stadium. What began as a single race grew into one of Hawai'i's most beloved traditions, welcoming thousands of runners, walkers, military teams, and families each year.

Over four decades, the event raised nearly \$20 million for local charities and nonprofits, all driven by Carole's belief in "Ke kukini me ke aloha pau'ole" — the race with compassionate love. Her tireless energy and heart for giving transformed a sporting event into a symbol of unity, health, and aloha.

While the 2025 Great Aloha Run marked its final year, Carole's legacy continues through every life touched and every community strengthened by her work. Mahalo, Carole, for reminding us that the greatest finish line is the one we cross together — with Aloha.

On behalf of the NASED team, we'd also like to wish Carole *Hau'oli Lā Hānau* for her birthday this week!

Trick or Treating with the Skyline and Aloha Stadium

On Sunday, October 26, the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Transportation Services (DTS) hosted its inaugural "Safe Trick-or-Treating" event aboard the Skyline rail system, bringing festive Halloween fun to stations along the route.



Hundreds of keiki and their families, dressed in colorful and festive costumes, made their way to Hālawā Station—home of the Aloha Stadium Swap Meet & Marketplace and one of the participating locations—where they enjoyed a safe, family-friendly day of trick-or-treating, music, and activities.

With its strong turnout and smiles all around, this first-ever Skyline Halloween event is sure to become a new community favorite, connecting families, local businesses, and Honolulu's growing rail system in a fun and festive way.

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