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COUNCIL DISTRICT 7**



A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CORDERO

Summer is now in full swing, and with it comes a friendly reminder of the importance of trees in our neighborhoods, providing shade on warmer days and helping keep our communities cooler and more comfortable. Residents who would like to help expand our urban canopy can request a free street tree or suggest planting locations through Trees for Honolulu's Future. To learn more, visit treesforhonolulu.org. More information can be found in this report.

Additionally, this newsletter contains legislative highlights, including updates on the City's annual budget and Capital Improvement Projects program, along with updates on community concerns.

Lastly, please join the Makalapa Hui for the Summer Bash 2026 on Friday, July 31, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Makalapa Neighborhood Park for an afternoon of family-friendly activities and community connection. Please see the flyer below for details.

Mahalo,
Radiant Cordero

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026: SUMMER BASH 2026 AT MAKALAPA NEIGHBORHOOD PARK



GET READY FOR THE PARTY OF THE SEASON!

JULY 31, 12:00-4:00PM

**MAKALAPA NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
KOHOMUA ST, AIEA, HI 96701**



Parents And
Children Together

FOR MORE INFO CALL: (808) 488-6705



NPS-RTCA
Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program



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Parents and Children Together is hosting the Makalapa Summer Bash, a *free*, family-friendly event at Makalapa Neighborhood Park that features games and activities for youth of all ages. Enjoy bouncy houses, shaved ice, and food and snacks. Families can also check out the back-to-school resources.

Makalapa residents and neighbors from surrounding communities are invited to attend and enjoy an afternoon of family fun while connecting with local organizations and community resources.

UPDATES ON COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Mental Health and Safety Concerns at 'Ie'ie Mini Park

Upon receiving reports of ongoing disturbances at 'Ie'ie Mini Park involving an individual experiencing homelessness, Councilmember Cordero requested assistance from the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), which is conducting regular outreach, and the Crisis Outreach Response and Engagement team to help connect the individual with appropriate mental health services and support.

Canal Maintenance Request Behind 'Aiea Shopping Center

A request was submitted to address conditions in the canal behind 'Aiea Shopping Center at 99-115 'Aiea Heights Drive due to reported trash accumulation associated with unsheltered individuals in the area. Updates will be provided when available.

Tree Trimming and Stream Debris on 98-260 Hekaha Street

The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) initiated Service Request No. 76629 after reports of tree trimming debris falling into Waimalu Stream. DFM will inspect the site and coordinate removal if necessary, along with any required follow-up with the property owner or contractor.

HPD Monitoring of Lawehana Street Parking Concerns

HPD District 3 monitored Lawehana Street in response to parking concerns involving rental vehicles. Several vehicles were marked for possible violations but were no longer present upon follow-up. HPD will continue to monitor the area as needed.

Storm Drain Maintenance on 'Aiea Heights Drive

DFM initiated Service Request No. 77023 to address overgrown vegetation near storm drains at 99-614 'Aiea Heights Drive. Work has been scheduled, with completion expected by the end of June. The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) also issued a Notice of Violation for adjacent sidewalk overgrowth.

Pavement Markers Request on Moanalua Road

DFM submitted One View Case No. CAS-72369-J9M3G9 to the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) requesting additional pavement markers along Moanalua Road between Pono Street and Kaonohi Street. The request is under review.

Property Status Update at 99-39 Lohea Place

DPP reported no violations at 99-39 Lohea Place following multiple inspection attempts where access was not granted. Approved plans include an Accessory Dwelling Unit and adequate off-street parking.

Retaining Wall Compliance at 99-505 Ali'ipoe Drive

DPP confirmed compliance of the retaining wall and fence at 99-505 Ali'ipoe Drive under Building Permit No. 920017. The structure meets approved plans and no violations were found.

Hālawa Stream Maintenance Update

While DFM noted that Hālawa Stream was cleared last year from Salt Lake Boulevard to the area behind 99-221 Ohekanī Loop, Councilmember Cordero has submitted a request for additional maintenance of the stream. Additionally, Councilmember Cordero is awaiting a response from Congressman Ed Case's office regarding potential federal funding opportunities to support dredging of Hālawa Stream. Councilmember Cordero is working with DFM to schedule a site visit with Congressman Case's office to assess the need for maintenance near the Hālawa Stream bridge area. Updates will be provided as additional information becomes available.

PLANT A TREE OR SUGGEST PLANTING LOCATIONS THROUGH TREES FOR HONOLULU'S FUTURE

As summer gets underway, rising temperatures are a reminder of the importance of shade and expanding our urban tree canopy across O'ahu. Residents can learn more about tree-planting opportunities, including requesting a free street tree or suggesting locations for future planting, through Trees for Honolulu's Future. Explore their summer initiative and how to request a tree at mailchi.mp/e46f9327b726/first-day-of-summer, or learn more about Trees for Honolulu's Future at treesforhonolulu.org.

UPDATES ON THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET

At the June 3 Council meeting, the Council passed on third reading and adopted the City's Legislative, Operating, and Capital Improvement Project budgets. A total of \$21,640,000 in proposals introduced and advocated by Councilmember Cordero were accepted:

Operating Budget (Bill 22 (2026)):

- \$500,000 for overt video monitoring at Parks and Park and Ride facilities
- \$500,000 for turf and electrical improvements at the Ke'ehi Lagoon Beach Park pavilion
- \$150,000 for a dog park at Ke'ehi Lagoon Beach Park
- \$15,000 to acquire a drone for stream maintenance enforcement
- \$150,000 for traffic speed reduction around school zones
- \$280,000 to expand the Community Policing Teams in eight patrol districts

Capital Improvement Project (Bill 23 (2026)):

- \$16,000,000 for Resilience Hub Islandwide
- \$1,000,000 for Department of Facility Maintenance additional mobile crane
- \$500,000 for bus stop improvements in Council District 7
- \$100,000 for traffic and pedestrian safety improvements at the Moanalua Road and Ualo Street intersection
- \$500,000 for rock slide improvements on Ala Lani Street
- \$600,000 for erosion-prone area improvements along Moanalua Stream
- \$500,000 for storm drainage best management practices in the Salt Lake drainage system
- \$200,000 for installation of speed tables or speed humps on Ka'amilo Street
- \$500,000 for addressing speeding on Likini Street, between Ala Lilikoi Street and Ala Aloalo Street; traffic and collision mitigation at and in the vicinity of the Salt Lake Boulevard and Kalaloa Street intersection; and traffic and collision mitigation at the intersection of Ala Lilikoi Street and Ala Ilima Street
- \$1,000,000 for repaving on Moanalua Road from 'Aiea Access Road to Ka'ahumanu Street
- \$50,000 for Bougainville Drive protective barriers for pedestrian safety
- \$300,000 for Makalapa Neighborhood Park improvements
- \$500,000 for park improvements at Mokauea Mini Park and lighting improvements at Kalākaua District Park tennis court

Legislative Budget (Bill 28 (2026)):

\$90,000 in additional funding for district mailers and postage

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7

The following notable Capital Improvement Project (CIP) projects in Council District 7 are part of the City's long-term infrastructure and community investment plans and have been included in the overall multi-year CIP program:

- \$40,010,000 to the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) for Salt Lake Boulevard Widening
- \$23,003,000 to the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) for Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondary Treatment
- \$15,401,000 to DES for Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements/Upgrades
- \$8,825,000 to the Department of Transportation Services for Middle Street Intermodal Transit Center
- \$6,600,000 to DDC for HESD Administration and Kalihi Station
- \$4,800,000 to DDC for Kalihi Valley District Park
- \$3,501,000 to DDC for Ke'ehi Lagoon Beach Park
- \$1,520,000 to DDC for Kalihi-Palama Bus Facility Improvements
- \$1,250,000 to the Department of Facility Maintenance for Storm Drainage Best Management Practices in the Salt Lake Drainage System
- \$650,000 to DES for Kamehameha Highway WWPS Force Main System Improvements
- \$502,000 to DES for Ke'ehi Transfer Station Modifications/Rehabilitation
- \$350,000 to DDC for Police Evidence Warehouse

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFINGS AT THE COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORTATION, AND TECHNOLOGY

On May 20, the Committee on Infrastructure, Transportation, and Technology (ITT), chaired by Councilmember Cordero, received the following informational updates:

- **Update on the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District (NASED) Project and the City's Support of the Project — [Presentation begins at 00:06:10]:** The NASED project represents more than a stadium replacement effort; it is a long-term investment in the future of Central O'ahu and the supporting infrastructure needed to serve residents for generations to come. The briefing focused on the project's current status, including ongoing phases of development and the critical infrastructure improvements required to support the overall district plan. As Chair of ITT, Councilmember Cordero emphasized the importance of convening key agencies and project partners to not only provide updates but also to keep the community informed and engaged as the project moves forward.
- **Strategies to Address O'ahu's Increased Traffic Fatalities and Improve Roadway Safety — [Presentation begins at 00:57:11]:** Edwin Sniffen, Director of the State Department of Transportation (DOT), provided an overview and analysis of the record number of traffic-related fatalities in 2025 and the State's ongoing efforts towards improving roadway safety. The presentation also highlighted the various programs and traffic control devices that DOT utilizes to enhance safety, connectivity, and accessibility for all roadway users.

To view the full meeting, visit bit.ly/ITT520. To access all meeting materials and presentation slides, visit hnldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnldoc/agenda/browse/704.

CHANGES TO THEBUS, SKYLINE, AND HANDI-VAN FARES

FARE CATEGORY	Cash Fare Bus Only	HOLO CARD					
	Single Ride (No Transfer)	Card Fee	2-Hour Pass	1-Day Pass Day Cap	Month Pass Month Cap	3-Day/7-Day Pass	Annual Pass
Adult	\$ 3.25	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 90.00	\$ 20.00/45.00	\$ 990.00
Youth 6-17 years Youth HOLO Card required	\$ 1.75	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 3.75	\$ 45.00		\$ 495.00

Adult - Go to www.holocard.net or call (808) 768-4656 for the nearest retail location.

Youth - 6-17 years of age, Youth application and proof of age required

- Available at: Transit Pass Office and select Satellite City Halls, HI residents at www.thebus.org

REDUCED FARE CATEGORY-HOLO Card required	Cash Fare Bus Only	HOLO CARD				
	Single Ride (No Transfer)	Card Fee	2-Hour Pass	1-Day Pass Day Cap	Month Pass Month Cap Hawaii Resident Only	Annual Pass Hawaii Resident Only
Senior 65+ years, Senior HOLO Card required	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.00 replace	\$ 1.25	\$ 3.00		
Senior - Kamaaina 65+ years, Senior HOLO Card required, Hawaii Resident ID	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.00 replace	\$ 1.25	\$ 3.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 45.00
Disability Disability HOLO Card required	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.00 replace	\$ 1.25	\$ 3.00		
Disability - Kamaaina Disability HOLO Card required, Hawaii Resident ID	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.00 replace	\$ 1.25	\$ 3.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 45.00
U.S. Medicare Valid U.S. Medicare Card or HOLO Card	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.25	\$ 3.00		
U.S. Medicare - Kamaaina Valid U.S. Medicare Card or HOLO Card, Hawaii Resident ID	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.25	\$ 3.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 45.00
Low Income - Reduced Fare* Fiscal Year Pass - July 1 - June 30	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.00 replace	\$ 1.25	\$ 3.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 45.00*
TheHandi-Van Card Bus Fare Handi-Van HOLO Card required	\$ 1.50	Free	\$ 1.25	\$ 3.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 45.00
Child 5 years and younger One (1) Child FREE when riding with a fare-paying passenger and does not occupy a seat						
For Youth, Senior, Disability, or Medicare HOLO Card Information, go to www.thebus.org or call (808) 848-5555. For assistance with your HOLO account, go to www.holocard.net or call (808) 768-4656.						

Fares located on the fare box while onboard TheBus

Fare changes for TheBus, Skyline, and Handi-Van took effect on July 1, 2026. The fare adjustments are part of ongoing efforts to maintain safe, reliable, and accessible public transportation service for O'ahu residents and visitors. Revenue generated through fares helps support daily operations, maintenance, and continued investments in Honolulu's growing multimodal transit system. The previous fare structure had been in place since July 2022.

There are no changes to fares for single rides (now called a two-hour pass) using a HOLO card on TheBus and Skyline. HOLO cards can be registered for balance protection, easier account management, and fare-capping benefits, ensuring riders never pay more than the daily or monthly pass limit.

For information about obtaining or registering a HOLO card, visit holocard.net or call (808) 768-4656. For route, schedule, and service information, visit thebus.org or call (808) 848-5555. For Skyline information, visit: honolulu.gov/skyline. For Handi-Van information, visit: thehandivan.org.

SCAM ALERT: CITY WARNS OF FAKE VIOLATION NOTICES AND EMAILS

The City's Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) warns residents, property owners, and contractors of sophisticated scams involving fake inspections, DPP notices, emails, text messages, and phone calls from individuals falsely claiming to be City or DPP officials.

In the past few weeks, the DPP has learned of a false notice of violation (NOV) that was sent to a Honolulu resident, as well as a fake email sent to a resident who has an active special management area (SMA) permit application that is under review by the department.

The NOV, written on a DPP NOV template, alleged that the owner violated the law by operating a recreational facility in a single-family dwelling. The fabricated NOV was used in an attempt to evict the tenant from the house.

The bogus SMA email included an invoice that falsely stated that an "Application Approval fee" was required before final approval of the permit. The fake notice requires that communications be done only through email and that the payment be made via a wire transfer.

The DPP does not ask that payment or fees be wired to the department, nor does it say that communications be done only through emails. Applicants and their representatives may contact DPP via phone, email, or in-person. Also, payment for SMA applications is made at the time of submittal and DPP does not charge an additional approval fee. Only building permits require payment after the review is completed and the permit is approved to be issued.

Similar scam emails, text messages, and phone calls claiming to be from State and City agencies have been sent to Hawai'i residents recently. They often falsely state that payment is required for a violation, application, or fine, such as for a non-existent traffic violation.

In the past, individuals posing as DPP inspectors have gone to residences, claiming that there is a building violation and that the person pretending to be an inspector could cancel the violation if the resident paid a fine. In addition to soliciting money, these imposters may attempt to pressure individuals into hiring specific contractors, or threaten to shut down construction projects. The public is strongly advised that these actions are not consistent with legitimate City operations.

If you are approached by someone claiming to be a City or DPP official, you should:

- Ask to see a valid City-issued identification badge.
- Write down the individual's name and request the name and phone number of their supervisor.
- Contact DPP directly at (808) 768-8000 to verify the individual's identity and purpose before taking any action.

Impersonating a government official is a criminal offense under Hawai'i law. Under Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Section 710-1016 (Impersonating a Public Servant), a person commits an offense if they falsely pretend to be a public servant and, in that pretended capacity, act with intent to induce another to submit to such pretended official authority or otherwise act in reliance upon that pretense. Individuals engaging in this type of conduct shall be subject to criminal investigation and prosecution.

The City remains committed to protecting the public and ensuring that all official inspections and enforcement actions are conducted professionally, transparently, and in accordance with the law.

PEDESTRIAN AND TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IN PEARL CITY, 'AIEA, AND PUNCHBOWL



A Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB), a device that alerts drivers of crossing pedestrians, is being installed, along with other traffic devices, at the Pearl City and 'Aiea locations. Courtesy of the Department of Transportation Services.

The City's Department of Transportation Services (DTS) began installing traffic safety improvements at Waimano Home Road and Ho'omalulu Street in Pearl City, *Moanalua Road and Nalopaka Place* in 'Aiea, and Lusitana Street and Nēhē Lane in Punchbowl, on Monday, July 6.

The work is part of the Traffic Engineering Devices at Various Locations (TEDVL) Phase 3A project and includes new curb ramps, signage, pavement striping, and rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) at the intersections of Waimano Home Road and Ho'omalulu Street, and *Moanalua Road and Nalopaka Place*.

A new sidewalk is also being constructed to connect to a relocated bus stop at *Moanalua Road and Nalopaka Place*. These improvements are intended to enhance pedestrian visibility and make crossings safer.

At the intersection of Lusitana Street and Nēhē Lane, crews are installing traffic separator curbs and delineator posts to better guide motorists, improve traffic flow, and enhance safety.

Construction began at Waimano Home Road and Ho'omalulu Street and will move to *Moanalua Road and Nalopaka Place*, followed by Lusitana Street and Nēhē Lane. Work is expected to be completed by March 2027, weather and other unforeseen conditions permitting. Construction activities are scheduled from Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., excluding holidays.

Temporary lane closures and on-street parking restrictions are in effect during construction. "No Parking Tow Away" signs will be posted at least 24 hours before scheduled work.

Motorists are encouraged to plan for additional travel time, follow posted traffic control devices, and obey directions from special duty officers.

HaRon Construction, Inc., is managing traffic control throughout the project.

For additional information or questions, contact HaRon Construction, Inc., at (808) 456-2069 or the project's construction manager, ACM Consulting, LLC, at (808) 788-2243.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS**07/31/26**

12:00 p.m. - Summer Bash 2026 at Makalapa Neighborhood Park

08/12/26

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

08/25/26

9:00 a.m. - Budget Committee

1:00 p.m. - Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee

2:30 p.m. - Housing, Homelessness & Parks Committee

08/26/26

9:00 a.m. - Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology Committee

1:00 p.m. - International & Legal Affairs Committee

1:00 p.m. - Executive Management Committee (as needed)

08/27/26

9:00 a.m. - Zoning & Planning Committee

1:00 p.m. - Public Safety & Economy Committee

2:30 p.m. - Government Efficiency & Customer Services Committee

2026 CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

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