



Aloha Stadium

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CELEBRATING HAWAI'I'S CULTURE BUILDING HAWAI'I'S FUTURE

Updates from Aloha Stadium and the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District
Project Progress, Community Highlights and Marketplace News

MANAGER'S CORNER

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER: NASED PROJECT UPDATE



As summer begins, the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District (NASED) continues to make visible progress. In June, crews successfully completed the final two controlled collapse “tripping” events, bringing down the remaining mauka sidelines of the stadium's upper seating sections. The dismantling teams also completed the removal of the upper deck in the south end zone, protecting the surrounding structural elements for the build-out of the new facility.

At the same time, Aloha Stadium remains an active gathering place. The Aloha Stadium Swap Meet & Marketplace continues to welcome residents and visitors throughout the summer, providing opportunities to support local businesses, discover unique products and enjoy local food and entertainment.

And as 'ohana gather to celebrate Independence Day and enjoy the summer season, we are reminded of the role Aloha Stadium has played in bringing people together. For nearly 50 years, the stadium has been the backdrop for sporting events, concerts, graduations and countless community memories. While the facility itself continues its transition, the sense of community that has defined Aloha Stadium remains central to the vision for NASED.

Mahalo for your continued support as we move forward together. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at alohastadium@hawaii.gov or 808-483-2500.

~Michael Yadao, Aloha Stadium



ALOHA FROM AHDP

**Groundbreaking in more ways than one.
Major milestones achieved.**

As of June 9, only the stadium's end zones remained standing following the final tripping event, marking a major step in preparing the site for future redevelopment. Favorable weather conditions and the efforts of project crews helped complete this phase ahead of schedule, keeping the project on track.

The next phase of work will include the careful, piece-by-piece removal of the north upper deck, which is expected to begin in mid-July. In the weeks ahead, the large demolition crane will temporarily leave the site to support other projects while crews continue dismantling activities, including the removal, sorting and processing of materials.

Throughout the process, the project team remains focused on safety, efficiency and responsible stewardship. Efforts also continue to minimize impacts on neighboring communities by limiting material transport to designated hours and implementing measures to reduce traffic and control dust.

Mahalo to the community for its continued support and interest as work progresses toward a new stadium and entertainment district that will serve Hawai'i for generations to come.

Aloha Hālawā District Partners

HERE'S THE ANSWER

You asked — we're answering. "Here's the Answer" highlights common questions and provides clear updates you can trust.

Q: Now that major portions of the stadium have been dismantled, when will construction of the new stadium begin?

A: While major visible sections of the stadium have been removed, dismantling activities will continue throughout the summer as crews work to safely remove remaining structures and prepare the site for future construction. At the same time, project partners continue to advance planning, permitting and design efforts. The project remains on track for completion of the new stadium in 2029, with groundbreaking for the construction phase anticipated in late 2026 or early 2027, subject to the completion of required approvals and project milestones. The project team also anticipates sharing updated stadium renderings with the public in July, providing a new look at the future of the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District.

For direct questions, residents may also reach out to us through our email at alohastadium@hawaii.gov.

RECENT NEWS AND MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

A snapshot of recent news and media stories highlighting Aloha Stadium, our community partnerships and progress across the entertainment district.

The NASED project team encourages the public to visit our website ([In the News](#)) regularly to stay informed and engaged as updates, announcements, and news releases are posted.

KITV "Final Stadium Tripping" - [Read the Story](#)

HNN "Section of Stadium Comes Down" - [Read the Story](#)

HNN - [Spotlight Interview with NASED Developers](#)

KHON2 "Where Does Debris Go?" - [Read the Story](#)

ESPN Honolulu Interview with Brennon Morioka



EXPLORE

Public parking is available through Hālawā Gate 3 with easy access via

ENGAGE

Stay connected so you never miss Marketplace events, featured vendors and activities happening throughout

Kahuapaani Street.

\$2 general admission

\$1 for kama'āina and active-duty
military

Free for keiki 11 yrs. and under

Know Before You Go

the month.

PLAY

Grab a bite from one of the food trucks and experience the heartbeat of aloha at the Ho'okipa Hale entertainment stage and food court tent, where local artists share the spirit of Hawai'i through music and dance.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Progress is happening at the Aloha Stadium site. Follow along through our construction camera as dismantling and site preparation continue to move the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District (NASED) forward.

CONSTRUCTION CAM



Aloha
FROM HĀLĀWA



Al Oha's Learning Adventure Continues

Al Oha is inspired by real-world activities taking place at the project site, helping connect classroom concepts to the planning, design and construction of one of Hawai'i's largest redevelopment projects. To help guide learning, Al Oha features weekly themes such as **Monday Motivation**, **Tool Tuesday**, **What Would You Do Wednesday?**, **STEM Fact Thursday** and **Future Friday** to help students explore different aspects of the NASED project. Through videos, activities and project updates covering topics such as safety, tripping operations, dismantling, site preparation, design and communication, students can learn about construction, engineering, technology, sustainability and the many careers involved in building Hawai'i's future.

Meet the Man behind the Voice

A familiar local voice will soon be joining Al Oha's educational journey. Hawai'i entertainer Tumua Tuinei, known for his comedy, storytelling and strong connection with local audiences, will serve as the voice of Al Oha in upcoming videos and educational content. Through the character, Tuinei will help introduce students and families to the people, careers and opportunities connected to the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District (NASED).



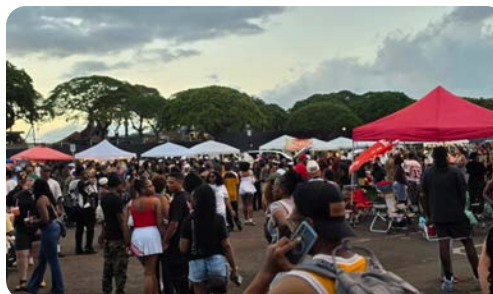
Follow along on Instagram, Facebook and now YouTube.

MAKING MOVES

ONE TEAM. ONE COMMUNITY. MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER.

Community Comes Together for Juneteenth Celebration

The 5th Annual Juneteenth Block Party brought families, friends and community members together at Aloha Stadium for a day of celebration, reflection and cultural appreciation. The event took place at the stadium site for the first time and featured live entertainment, cultural performances, local vendors, food and educational activities highlighting the significance of Juneteenth.



The event also showcased Aloha Stadium's continued role as a gathering place for the community during the transition to the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District (NASED). Attendees enjoyed a variety of activities while supporting local businesses and celebrating the diverse cultures and traditions that make Hawai'i unique. The successful event reflected the spirit of community that has long been part of Aloha Stadium's legacy.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII ATHLETICS CORNER *OUR TEAM, HAWAII'S TEAM.*

Bank of Hawai'i, First Hawaiian Bank, Matson, Tsui and Dods make transformative \$5 - million commitment for student-athlete NIL, strengthen UH Mānoa Athletics

Five prominent Hawai'i donors and organizations are making a transformative \$5 -million commitment to the **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Athletics Department** via the **UH Foundation** to support name, image and likeness (NIL) opportunities for student-athletes and help ensure the long-term success and national relevance of UH Mānoa Athletics.

The commitment will provide \$1 million annually over the next five years for NIL support, helping UH Mānoa retain homegrown talent, recruit high-level student-athletes and provide equitable, Title IX-compliant opportunities across sports in an increasingly competitive Division I athletics environment. It will also strengthen a program that generates statewide pride, visibility and meaningful economic impact for Hawai'i.

The five contributors, each committing \$200,000 annually for five years, are Bank of Hawai'i, First Hawaiian Bank, Matson and longtime UH supporters and community leaders Jack Tsui and Walter Dods.

"This extraordinary commitment reflects something that has always made Hawai'i special: people who deeply believe in UH and understand the important role athletics plays in bringing our community together," said UH Mānoa Director of Athletics Matt Elliott. "College athletics has changed, and our objective is to adapt in a way that reflects the values of this university and our state. Our goal is to build a stable, student-centered foundation that supports academic success, competitive excellence and responsible NIL opportunities while ensuring UH Mānoa remains 'Our Team, Hawai'i's Team.'"



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