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*from Honolulu
Council Chair
Todd K. Apo*

Aloha! This past March, the City, in partnership with the Kapolei Property Development, opened a new route serving the east-west corridor through Kapolei. The Kamokila Boulevard Extension is now complete, connecting Kapolei Parkway and Roosevelt Avenue. Kalaeloa Boulevard improvements continue to progress, with Phase I scheduled to be finished in April. As more traffic will be pulled to our Kapolei area through new shopping developments, we are pleased to see road construction steadily moving towards completion.

Related to roads and safety, a hot topic being considered by the Council is banning the use of electronic devices while operating motor vehicles. Bill 4 passed out of the Transportation and Planning Committee on March 5 and passed 2nd Reading at the March 18 Full Council Meeting. There was extensive discussion on Bill 4.

The issue of enforceability was prominent, and related to that, defining "usage" of an electronic device. With the current bill language, *holding* an electronic device equates "use"; an electronic device could be a cell phone, iPod, GPS system, DVD player or anything else portable or hand-held. Therefore simply holding a cellphone while driving, regardless of whether or not the phone was in operation, constitutes a violation. Another issue discussed was taking a look at all potential activities that can distract a driver, such as drinking coffee, eating, grooming, etc. Overall, this is a sensitive issue that needs more examination. Your testimony and input is appreciated.

On March 2nd, Mayor Hannemann turned in the Administration's budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2010 to the City Council. This kicks off the Council's

District 1 Residents Recognized and Honored for their Service to the Leeward Coast Community

HIPA Award for Culture and Arts

Long time community leader, L. Candy Suiso, was recently honored by the Honolulu City Council at the Full Council meeting on March 18, 2009. Ms. Suiso was this year's recipient of the Hawai'i Institute of Public Affairs (HIPA) Ho'oulu Award for Culture and Arts. This award recognizes individuals who make a significant impact in public affairs and policy.

Ms. Suiso's long-time involvement in Wai'anae High School's multimedia production program, Searider Productions, helped garner this award. She is also a previous recipient of the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. Congratulations to Candy Suiso on her achievement!

2009 Outstanding Seniors Recognition

Councilmember Apo attended the 43rd Mayor's Senior Recognition Program on April 2nd, recognizing senior volunteers, 60 years and older, for their community service. Seventy-nine senior citizens were presented certificates by Mayor Mufi Hannemann at this annual event, held in partnership with the Honolulu Committee on Aging. District 1 representatives were Mark Angut, William Enos, and Julia Santana of Wai'anae, and Joan Weiskopf of Kapolei. Congratulations go out to all of this year's recipients! ♦

annual Budget Review Season, which runs through June. The City's proposed FY 2010 Operating Budget cost is \$1.81 billion, and the proposed Capital Budget is \$1.7 billion, approximately \$1.1 billion of which is for the mass transit rail project. During the next three months, the Council will be carefully reviewing the Mayor's budget proposals. It is always helpful for me and the other Councilmembers to know what projects, organizations,

and City services are important to you in this process.

As always, you can email me at tapo@honolulu.gov. I regularly send out electronic newsletter updates, so please visit the District 1 website at www.toddapo.org and join our mailing list. If you have any other questions, please call me at 768-5001. Mahalo! ♦



Honolulu City Council

LEGISLATIVE

HIGHLIGHTS

ADOPTED**Bill 10 (2008) CD 2, Relating to Transit Oriented Development.**

Bill 10 passed third reading and was adopted by the Council on March 18. This bill permits new land uses around rail stations, creating special districts called TOD (Transit Oriented Development) Zones. TOD Zones encourage a mixture of land uses (residential/business/recreation), higher densities and public-private partnerships. The bill was signed by Mayor Hannemann and adopted as Ordinance 09-4.

Resolution 09-39 CD1, Relating to Community Development Block Grants. This resolution approved the City's 15th Year Plan for Community Development Block Grants, HOME Investment Partnerships, Emergency Shelter Grants and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program Funds, and authorizes its submittal to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Resolution 09-67, Supporting the U-Pass pilot program for UH Manoa students. The U-Pass program would provide enrolled UHM students a bus pass for the semester, subsidized by UH student-fees.

Resolution 09-75, Relating to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Authorizes the City to apply and utilize funds made available by the ARRA. Major areas of ARRA funding include: tax relief, local infrastructure (roads, water systems, transit), housing/rental assistance, and education/vocational grants.

PASSED SECOND READING

Bill 4 (2009) CD1, Relating to use of electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle. Passed Second Reading on March 18. It is scheduled for hearing in the Transportation and Planning Committee on Thursday April 9.

Bill 2 (2009), Relating to public parks. Purpose is to improve the City's regulatory enforcement of camping at public parks by defining "camp" and "camping." Passed Second Reading on March 18.

PASSED FIRST READING

The following Budget items passed First Reading on March 18.

Real Property Tax

Bill 13 (2009), Relating to Real Property Tax Credit for Low-Income Homeowners. Permitting more taxpayers to qualify for the tax credit. This bill amends the definition of "income," to language defined by the IRS code. It also excludes any non-monetary relief or gifts from public or private agencies.

Bill 19 (2009), Relating to Real Property Tax. Establishes a one-time real property tax credit for eligible homeowners.

Bill 33 (2009), Relating to Real Property Tax. Sets limits on the amount of certain Real Property Tax Exemptions.

Proposed City & County Budget for FY 2010

Bill 14 (2009) Legislative Budget

Bill 15 (2009) Operating Budget

Bill 16 (2009) Capital Budget

City Fees and Fuel Taxes

Bill 21 (2009) Increases Fees for disposal of Abandoned Vehicles

Bill 22 (2009) Amends the fare structure for TheBus.

Bill 23 (2009) Increases fees for use of municipal golf courses.

COUNCIL CALENDAR**APRIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS****Zoning Committee**

April 7 9:00 a.m. Tuesday

Public Infrastructure Committee

April 7 1:00 p.m. Tuesday

Budget Committee

April 8 9:00 a.m. Wednesday

Executive Matters & Legal Affairs Committee

April 8 1:00 p.m. Wednesday

Transportation & Planning Committee

April 9 9:00 a.m. Thursday

Public Safety & Services Committee

April 9 1:00 p.m. Thursday

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING

April 22 9:00 a.m. Wednesday

MAY COMMITTEE WEEK

May 12, 13, 14 Wednesday-Thursday

Special Budget Hearings

May 18, 19

MAY COUNCIL MEETING

May 27 9:00 a.m. Wednesday

City Council and Committee Meeting Agendas:

www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/View/Collection-1122

Bill 24 (2009) Increases admission fees for the Honolulu Zoo.

Bill 25 (2009) Increases fees for certain park services. This includes parking at Honolulu Zoo, rental and custodial services, and Hanauma Bay admission.

Bill 34 (2009) Increases parking fees.

Resolution 09-93, Relating to the Fuel Tax. Currently the Fuel tax for Honolulu County is at \$.0825 per gallon (biodiesels) \$.165 per gallon (all other fuels). This would amend the current tax set by Reso 02-55.

You may view the full documents of any of these items by visiting the City Docushare Website:

www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/View/Collection-193

Overview of the Proposed CIP Budget for FY 2010

Mayor Mufi Hannemann recently submitted to the Honolulu City Council his proposed Fiscal Year 2010 Operating Budget, Bill 15 (2009), and Capital Budget Bill 16 (2009) for the City & County of Honolulu. Budget briefings were held late March for Council to review the Administration's proposal.

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget of \$1.7 billion is being proposed, with the increase primarily due to \$1.1 billion allocated towards the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Project. Highlights for District 1 include about \$25.7 million toward the Honouliuli Wastewater Treatment Plant and \$142 million toward H-Power, the Solid Waste-to-Energy facility. The proposed Operating Budget of \$1.81 billion includes funding for the continuation of the Leeward Coast Benefits Package, shipping of waste off-island, and staffing positions to support the new transit pro-

ject.

Other CIP budget highlights for District 1 include:

- East Kapolei Fire Station *\$4.6 million*
- Ewa Villages Revitalization Project *\$1.1 million*
- Kapolei Consolidated Corporation Yard *\$2.1 million*
- Wai'anae Police Station Replacement *\$1.0 million*
- Makaha Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation *\$5.3 million*
- Leeward Coast Park Improvements *\$1.0 million*
- West Loch Golf Course *\$1.3 million*

In addition to these projects, Councilmember Apo is working to provide additional funds for the various parks and road improvements in the district.

Bill 16 (2009): PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) Budget DISTRICT 1 PROJECTS

CIP PROJECT NAME (NUMBER)	Amount Proposed
Ewa Villages Revitalization Project-Area D (200805)	\$1,150,000
Kapolei Consolidated Corporation Yard (199506)	\$2,065,000
Automated Fuel Improvements at Various Police Facilities (2010111)	\$200,000
Upgrade Security Camera Systems at Various Facilities (2006034)	\$690,000
Waianae Police Station Replacement (2006039)	\$1,000,000
East Kapolei Fire Station (2009036)	\$4,650,000
Traffic Signal Optimization (2007001)	\$1,250,000
Traffic Signals and Signal Loops (2004130)	\$170,000
Drainage Improvements at Various Locations (2000052)	\$1,160,000
Oahu Secondary Landfill Site Selection Study (2010046)	\$500,000
Solid Waste to Energy Facility (2003134)	\$142,853,000
Waianae Yard – Vehicle Wash Facility (2009104)	\$125,000
Honouliuli Wastewater Basin Odor Control (2010069)	\$901,000
Honouliuli Wastewater Treatment Plant & Sewer Basin Facilities(2009110)	\$9,004,000
Honouliuli Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall (2010053)	\$401,000
Honouliuli Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Handling System & Improvements (2000067)	\$16,301,000
Leeward Area Sewer and Manhole Rehabilitation (2006056)	\$1,160,000
Makaha Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation/Replacement (2006058)	\$5,301,000
Waianae Wastewater Facilities Plan (2010047)	\$800,000
Kapolei Community Park (2001068)	\$150,000
Leeward Coast Park Improvements (2007078)	\$1,000,000
Recreation District No. 3 Improvements (1998130)	\$1,500,000
Renovate Recreational Facilities (2002072)	\$1,000,000
Golf Course Improvements (2001053)	\$80,000
West Loch Golf Course – Ponds & Waterways (2007024)	\$1,320,000
Bus Stop ADA Access Improvements (2001116)	\$437,000
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Bus Stop ADA Access Improvements (2001116)	\$437,000
Bus Stop Site Improvements (2003007)	\$500,000
Honolulu High Capacity Transit Project (2007005)	\$1,077,232,000

'Ewa Elementary Students visit Honolulu Hale



Six classes of First Graders from 'Ewa Elementary School took a field trip to Downtown Honolulu on Saint Patrick's Day, making a stop at Honolulu Hale to visit the City Council Chambers. Pictured here are the students from Mrs. Claire Horiuchi's Grade 1 Class in front of the City & County Seal.

'EWA BEACH COMMUNITY FUND GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE

Applications are currently being accepted for the 'Ewa Beach Community Fund. The fund was established at the Hawai'i Community Foundation by Haseko, Inc. in 1995 to support activities and projects of charitable agencies that work to improve the quality of life of the residents in the 'Ewa area.

An Advisory Committee will review all applications and make grant recommendations for projects that are most consistent with the purpose and priorities of the fund. For application and guidelines, please go to:

<http://hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/?id=408>

Applications must be delivered or postmarked on or before Friday, April 24, 2009.

For any questions, please contact:
Terry Savage 566-5508
tsavage@hawaiicommunityfoundation.org

FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION 2009

District 1 Students Make It to the Semi-Finals Bracket

On March 27 and 28, thirty-five student teams from Hawaii, California, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mexico and the Philippines competed in the Hawaii Regional FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition at the Stan Sheriff Center.

Team 2445 from Kapolei High School and their robot "RoboKAP" successfully made it to the Semi-Finals in this year's challenge game called "Lunacy." Team 2467 from Campbell High School and Team 2459 from Nanakuli High School also participated and made very respectable showings for their second year in competition.

In addition to teamwork, innovation and technical execution, the FIRST judges also look at students' communication and presentation skills, attention to safety, sportsmanship, and community impact. Congratulations to all teams for a job well done!



COMMUNITY NEWS

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ALOHA 'AINA

Nanakuli High and Intermediate School Robotics Team and Schnitzer Steel Hawaii partnered up for a successful Saturday of recycling at the March 21st Aloha 'Aina Event. The event was held under sunny skies at the Nanakuli High and Intermediate campus, with residents from around the Leeward Coast stopping by throughout the day to recycle everything from old car tires, to old clothing, cell phones, glasses, computers, batteries of all types and much more.

Aloha 'Aina is an Earth Day celebration that is held each month in a different community across 'Oahu. These events bring together a number of government agencies, private recycling companies and nonprofit organizations to provide a venue for safe and practical disposal of used goods.

The highlight of the event is the scrap metal recycling container that is provided by Schnitzer Steel. The money that is collected from the recycled material in this bin will go to the community group that sponsors the occasion. The proceeds from the Nanakuli event will benefit the Nanakuli High and Intermediate School Robotics Team. These funds will assist the team travel to competitions around the state and across the nation. If you are interested in hosting, volunteering, or participating as a vendor at an Aloha 'Aina recycling fair, please contact Rene Mansho at 306-1876 or via email at RMansho@sch.n. Mahalo for your kokua.

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARDS

The Good Neighbor Award Banquet was held on March 4th at Kapolei Hale. The Department of Environmental Services and the Friends of Kapolei hosted this award ceremony to celebrate the efforts of organizations island-wide, who have coupled with the City to keep our island home pristine.

Over seventy public and private organizations were recognized for their contribution to keeping 'Oahu green. A majority of the awards issued were directed to groups who have volunteered their services to the Adopt-A-Block or Adopt-A-Stream programs. These programs have played a large role in strengthening neighborhood cleanup efforts, general community maintenance and pollution prevention education.

Awards were also announced for the Department of Environmental Services 2009 Earth Month Video Contest. Jonathan Straley and Katrina Campanero of Campbell High School were the winners of the Erosion Control Category with their entry entitled "Solving Erosion." Congratulations to these two environmental heroes and their sponsoring teacher Oscar Ramiscal.

The Department of Environmental Services, Clean Water Division, will host storm drain stenciling and Earth Day event in 'Ewa, Nanakuli, and Wai'anae on Saturday, April 25, 2009. If you would like more information on any of these events, select the day on which you would like to participate on the calendar found at

<http://www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com/storm/calendar/index.php>

INFORMATIONAL TALK FROM ELDERLY AFFAIRS DIVISION

Learn About Kupuna Care

Ewa Beach Public & School Library

Thursday, April 9, 10:30 –11:30 a.m.

Lei Shimizu from the City and County's Elderly Affairs Division will present information about the Kupuna Care program. Kupuna Care's purpose is to help older adults who cannot live at home without assistance from family and / or formal services. \

Sponsored by the state, the Kupuna Care program addresses the needs of Hawai'i's growing elderly population who have long-term care needs. Kupuna Care services include: adult day care, assisted transportation, attendant care, case management, chores, home delivered meals, housekeeper / homemaker, and personal care, which are provided by contractors of the Elderly Affairs Division.

This one-hour program is recommended for seniors and their caregivers. For more information, call 689-1204.

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