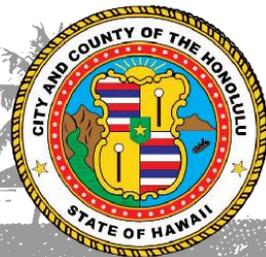


City News



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Making O'ahu's streets safer for all

Twenty-five pedestrians were killed on our roads in 2014. These victims were parents, children, and grandparents whose unnecessary deaths affected extended families. Public safety is the primary role of government and the city has been aggressively implementing measures to reverse this fatal trend.

In accordance with a 2013 Complete Streets ordinance, public roads islandwide are being made to safely facilitate the flow of pedestrians, transit users, cyclists, and motorists. The city is also working to establish a public-private-partnership to replace all 52,000 streetlights with energy-efficient LEDs that have brighter, more directed light to increase safety.

Increasing lighting, lowering speeds, and building infrastructure for multi-modal transportation is not enough. Making our streets safer also requires motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians to share the road and look out for their safety and that of others.

Pedestrians need to cross in crosswalks and only when traffic signals permit, making sure to look before entering the roadway. Bicyclists should use a bike lane, path, or sharrow, when available, and obey traffic lights and laws at all times. It's essential for motorists to be alert and aware and know that the vehicles they drive can be deadly for pedestrians and cyclists; slow down and pay attention. If we all do our part, O'ahu's streets will be much safer for all.



Kamehameha IV Road to go on "diet," become a Complete Street



The rehabilitation of Kamehameha IV Road in Kalihi Valley will include a "road diet" to incorporate Complete Streets features which will make the major thoroughfare safer for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, and persons with disabilities.

"Complete Streets is about public safety," said Mayor Caldwell. "With a major park and two schools connected by the road, Kamehameha IV is regularly used by vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians, especially keiki. At the urging of the community, we decided to revisit the striping plans for the road to make Kalihi Valley safer for all."

The existing road has two lanes of traffic in each direction and the proposed layout calls for one lane in each direction with a center turn lane and bike lanes. Existing on-street parking will be maintained.

Kamehameha IV Road will not be the first existing road project Mayor Caldwell has revisited and enhanced with Complete Streets components. The plans for Waiālae Avenue were revised by Mayor Caldwell to include bike lanes or sharrows running the full length of the road, on both sides, from St. Louis to 17th Avenue as part of his push to make Honolulu a bicycle friendly city.

Mayor Caldwell's Top Priorities

ROADS

305 lane miles repaved in 2014 and 398 lane miles in 2013.

RAIL

More than 137 columns and 193 foundations constructed; more than 1,949 segments and 66 spans cast.

PARKS

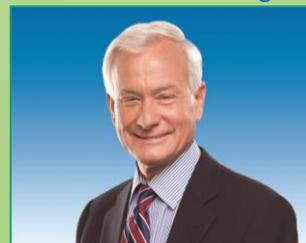
Dedicated new 18.75-acre District Park in 'Ewa. Opened refurbished play apparatus at Paki Park.

HOMELESSNESS

Successfully placed 10 chronically homeless individuals in Housing First. Redeveloping Pauahi Hale into a homeless service center and housing facility.

SEWERS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Work continues to progress on the Kaneohe-Kailua gravity sewer tunnel. For updates, please visit www.kktunnel.org.





KEEPING RAIL ON TRACK

Construction of O’ahu’s 20-mile, 21-station rail system is underway and more than 1.5 miles of guideway have been built. Like TheBus and every other mass transit system, Honolulu’s rail will rely on government subsidies to operate. To help offset the financial impact on O’ahu residents, the initial phase of the project is partially funded through a .5% surcharge on the General Excise Tax (GET), one-third of which comes from visitors.

The GET Surcharge is set to sunset at the end of 2022. The city and HART are before the legislature this session to request an extension.

There is broad support for connecting Honolulu’s rail system to UH Manoa. Planning and design for an extension takes 4-5 years and, if we begin now, we can take advantage of having experts and equipment on island for on our existing rail project to start work on the UH Manoa spur.

Building rail better means demanding accountability and transparency as the project moves forward. Fiscal responsibility includes making sure there is sufficient funding for the project to avoid unnecessary delays and additional costs. Establishing a dedicated funding source – by extending the GET surcharge – will help facilitate completion of the initial 20-mile stretch on time and expedite connecting rail to hubs like UH Manoa.

LIVING AGE-FRIENDLY

Kupuna to Keiki

FREE FOR EVERYONE!

Saturday, February 7, 2015
8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Japanese Cultural Center
2454 South Beretania Street

RSVP
NOW!



More than 700 lane miles of roads repaved by Caldwell administration

Since taking office, Mayor Caldwell has made improving O’ahu’s long-neglected roads a top priority. Mayor Caldwell has called for all 1,500 lane miles of city roads in unsatisfactory condition to be repaved over a five year period, and two years later a record 703 lane miles have been repaved. The difference is clear in communities from Mililani to Kaneohe and Mayor Caldwell will keep pushing until the job is done.

For a complete list of road repaving projects, please visit honolulu.gov and click on “Road Repaving Update.”



Honolulu’s “Age-Friendly City” initiative to benefit keiki to kupuna

One in four O’ahu residents will be over the age of 60 by the year 2030. Our seniors deserve to be able to age in place and live out their golden years in safety and comfort. To help achieve that end, Mayor Caldwell teamed with the AARP Hawai’i and the World Health Organization to join the Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Program.

Becoming an age friendly city means incorporating Complete Streets measures to make our roads safe and welcoming for seniors as well as increasing our affordable housing inventory to ensure our kupuna have a place to age in place.

Making O’ahu’s streets safer for seniors will enhance safety for all, from keiki to kupuna. Increasing our affordable housing supply will also benefit low-income households and young families who are struggling to make their way in the state with the highest cost of living in the nation.

Mayor Caldwell, AARP Hawai’i, Kaiser Permanente of Hawai’i, and the Honolulu Age-Friendly City Steering Committee will present *Living Age-Friendly – Kupuna to Keiki* on Saturday, February 7, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Japanese Cultural Center. The event, which is free and open to the public, will provide a preview of plans to create an age-friendly Honolulu. To RSVP, please visit <https://aarp.cvent.com/kupuna2keiki>

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