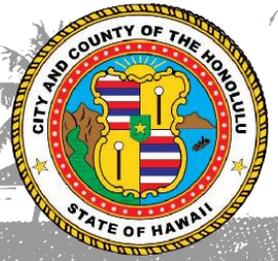


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Mayor Caldwell continues to push forward with road repaving

Repaving O'ahu's long-neglected roads has been a top priority for Mayor Caldwell since day one. Mayor Caldwell's ambitious plan to repave 1,500 lane miles of city roads in five years is ahead of schedule with more than 800 lane miles of city roads repaired since he took office in 2013.

"We got off to a fast start, quickly repaving over 700 lane miles of roads in two years," said Mayor Caldwell. "Those were of the easier 'mill and fill' variety, and we've since moved on to more difficult projects that will require additional time and resources to complete. The city remains ahead of schedule and committed to reaching our goal of repaving 1,500 miles in five years."

Construction has been ramping up over the last two months, with major repaving projects starting in Pupukeya, Hawai'i Kai, Portlock, Kalihi, Kalihi Valley, Kamehameha Heights, and Alewa Heights. Road rehabilitation in Palolo Valley and Kaneohe, and on Beretania Street is anticipated to begin soon.

For the latest updates on Mayor Caldwell's roads initiative and to see when your road will be repaved, please visit: www.honolulu.gov/ddc.

King Street Protected Bike Lane opens to Ewa-bound traffic

Hawai'i's first protected bike lane is now Hawai'i's first bidirectional protected bike lane. The King Street Protected Bike Lane opened to two-way bicycle traffic on Friday, May 15, which was also Bike to Work Day, part of Bike Month in the City and County of Honolulu.

To make the lane bidirectional, the Department of Transportation Services installed 13 bicycle traffic lights at intersections along King Street. The lights, with bicycle-shaped red, yellow, and green lights, face towards Ewa-bound riders as all the existing traffic lights face in the direction of Diamond Head-bound car traffic. In addition, city crews installed signage, stenciled bike symbols and arrows, and striped a center line in some areas.

About 600 people use the lane each day, a 70-percent increase from before it opened a year ago. Riding on the sidewalk is down over 75 percent from before the bike lane opened, improving everyone's safety.

Completing Honolulu's streets requires more than having smooth roads. Providing safe, convenient access to motorists, pedestrians, cyclists, and people who use public transportation allows all of Honolulu's residents the freedom to better enjoy life in the most beautiful place on earth.



Mayor Caldwell's Top Priorities

ROADS

94 miles of road repaved and 16,954 potholes filled so far in 2015. Over 700 lane-miles of roadway have been repaved since Mayor Caldwell took office.

RAIL

165 columns and 241 foundations constructed; 1,422 segments constructed and 120 spans cast.

PARKS

Established a special improvement district that will help maintain Waikiki Beach using funding provided by the visitor industry. Completed comfort station refurbishments at Asing Community Park and Kawānanakoa Neighborhood Park and playground refurbishments at Pāki Community Park, Salt Lake District Park, Hālawā District Park, Pearl Ridge Community Park, and Hale'iwa Beach Park.

HOMELESSNESS

75 people in 62 households have been placed in permanent, supportive housing (Housing First) through the city's partnership with IHS.

SEWERS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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

HONOLULU AND CANDON CITY BECOME SISTER CITIES



Mayor Caldwell and The Philippines' Candon City Mayor Ericson Singson entered their respective cities into a Sister-City Agreement in a historic ceremony held at Mission Memorial Auditorium on May 7, 2015.

"A journey that began when the first 15 *sakada* boarded the *S.S. Doric* and left Candon for Hawai'i back in 1906 came full circle today," said Mayor Caldwell. "With the formal recognition of the deep ties between Honolulu and Candon City, our two cities now begin a new chapter in a partnership that dates back over a century."

Honolulu and Candon City have a significant history. The first *sakada* (Filipino plantation laborers) came from Candon and arrived in Hawai'i on December 20, 1906 to work in the sugarcane plantations, beginning the first wave of Filipino immigration to the islands.

During his trade mission to the Philippines with the Hawai'i Filipino Chamber of Commerce in February, 2014, Mayor Caldwell visited Candon City in Ilocos Sur where he discussed the Sister City Agreement with Mayor Singson.

Visitor industry steps up to care for Waikiki Beach

Mayor Caldwell signed a pair of bills into law on May 22 establishing a special improvement district that will receive funding from the visitor industry to help maintain Waikiki Beach.

The signing took place at the ocean groin fronting the Royal Hawaiian Groin, which will be repaired as one of the first projects using the new special fund. The Waikiki Beach Special Improvement District has a budget of \$605,000 for its first fiscal year with funding coming from businesses located within the District.

Councilmember Trevor Ozawa, State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources Deputy Director Kekoa Kaluhiwa, Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Jeanne Ishikawa, Honolulu Office of Economic Development Executive Director Nicole Velasco, Waikiki Improvement Association President Rick Egged, and Waikiki hotel and business representatives joined Mayor Caldwell for the bill signing.



"Officer Daidap" goes on patrol at Mayor Wright



Make-A-Wish Hawai'i, the Honolulu Police Department, and Mayor Caldwell joined forces to make a dream come true for a special little boy. Five-year-old Daidap has undergone 9 open-heart surgeries for a congenital heart defect, and will require more as he continues to grow.

Daidap's wish is to someday become a police officer. That wish came true last month when Mayor Caldwell proclaimed it "Officer Daidap Day" in the City and County of Honolulu. Officer Daidap was sworn in by Chief Louis Kealoha, received an HPD uniform, badge, and police training, then went on a patrol of his neighborhood at Mayor Wright Housing.

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