

PORTIONS OF KALIHI VALLEY & LILIHA, KALIHI-PALAMA, IWILEI, KALIHI KAI, SAND ISLAND, MAPUNAPUNA, SALT LAKE, ALIAMANU, HICKAM, FOSTER VILLAGE, PEARL HARBOR, PORTIONS OF AIEA/HALAWA ESTATES

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UPDATES ON LEGISLATION

Resolution 16-22, CD1 AUTHORIZING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE FOR A COUNTY-LEVEL VANPOOL PROGRAM THROUGH THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OR DESIGNEE

This legislation was adopted at the February 17 Council Meeting after receiving testimony in support from the Director of the Department of Transportation Services and Senator Michelle Kidani. This Resolution will authorize the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) to accept and expend monies that will allow the City to establish a Handi-Van program in the City and County of Honolulu using Fiscal Year 2016 and 2017 appropriations. Implementation of this program is expected to launch sometime in March 2016.

Resolution 16-8 URGING THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION DIRECTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL NOISE STANDARDS

Councilmember Trevor Ozawa has introduced a Resolution to address the increase of noise complaints. The City and County Departments are often asked to address noise complaints but are ill-equipped to respond to the community noise control complaints on a local level. The proposed Bill is deemed necessary because the DOH has the power and authority to adopt rules to prevent, control, and abate residential and commercial noise in the State, but has failed to do so. Residential and commercial noise complaints have been increasing and the DOH is unable to address those complaints since there are no administrative rules in place to address them. Councilmember Ozawa's legislation then urges such rules to control vehicular noise and other specific areas for control of excessive noise.

Bill 77 (2015), CD1 RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR HOMES

This legislation passed third reading as amended in its current form during the February 17 Council Meeting and was submitted to Mayor Caldwell for his approval on February 18. This Bill amends the ordinances relating to the real property tax exemption for homes. Real property homeowners will be able to continue to receive homeowner exemption in the event the owner of the real property vacates the home for which the exemption is granted and moves to a temporary residence outside the City during/or in the event the owner vacates the home and moves to a temporary residence within the City due to the home being damaged or destroyed by fire.

Calendar

March 1

-Public Health, Safety & Welfare Committee Meeting 9AM

-Parks, Community & Customer Services Committee Meeting 10:30AM

-Executive Matters and Legal Affairs Committee Meeting 1PM

March 2

-Budget Committee Meeting 9AM

-Public Works, Infrastructure and Sustainability Committee Meeting 1PM

March 3

-Zoning and Planning Committee Meeting 9AM

-Transportation Committee Meeting 1PM

March 10

-Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board #18 Meeting 7PM

March 16

-Council Meeting 10AM

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We are happy to serve you!



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HART Groundbreaking Ceremony at West Loch Transit Station

The groundbreaking ceremony for Honolulu rail system's West Loch Station, which is located at the intersection of Farrington Highway and Leoku Street in Waipahu, was held on February 25. Along with Councilmember Manahan, there were representatives from the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART), Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company, officials on the local, state, and federal level that were all present during this milestone event. The project is continually moving forward with the Kapolei to Aloha Stadium section of the rail being scheduled to open in 2018.



Mahalo to the Department of Facility Maintenance, Division of Road Maintenance for cutting and removing the over-growth located on Likini Street and Ala Napunani Street. Thank you for addressing the community's request and for the departments continued efforts to beautifying the City.

Public Informational Meeting: Salt Lake Widening Phase 3 Project

The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) held a second public informational meeting for the Salt Lake Boulevard Widening Phase 3 Project which is the 1 mile stretch between Maluna Street and Ala Liliiko Street. The meeting shared the DDC's findings to the project of alternatives included in the February 2016 Draft Environmental Analysis. This meeting was held for the community to provide their comments and input to this phase of the project and the different alternatives presented.

Councilmember Manahan was able to provide the community with information regarding funds for the project included in both the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program and the City's funding for Fiscal Year 2018.

For more information on the project, community members may contact Mr. Jeremy Lee from the DDC at (808) 768-8809.

