

District 9 News Bulletin

Waikēle, Village Park, Royal Kunia, Mililani Town, West Loch, Iroquois Point, and portions of Ewa Villages and Ewa Beach



Message from Councilmember Augie Tulba

Aloha District 9!

This month, my staff and I are tackling the city budget! On March 2, Mayor Blangiardi submitted the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) operating budget and capital improvements program (CIP) budget to the Honolulu City Council. From March to June, the Council will review and deliberate on the proposed budget package.

City revenue from fees and your tax dollars will be spent to pay for the City and County of Honolulu services, employee wages, affordable housing and homelessness programs, repair and maintenance of city infrastructure, rehabilitation of roadways, upgrading traffic controls and signals, park improvements across the island, solid waste, sewer and wastewater facility improvements, and more.

Some good news. The mayor's budget proposal does not call for property tax increases or include any employee furloughs. The FY22 proposed operating budget of \$2.9 billion is about \$73 million less than what was proposed last fiscal year. The FY22 proposed CIP budget is \$1 billion, reduced from last year's \$1.27 billion budget.

I'm working hard to understand the budget and I want to bring transparency about the budget and the process to our district.

Bill 5 - [Legislative Budget https://hnlidoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlidoc/document-download?id=9963](https://hnlidoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlidoc/document-download?id=9963)

Bill 6 - [Executive Operating Budget https://hnlidoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlidoc/document-download?id=9964](https://hnlidoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlidoc/document-download?id=9964)

Bill 7 - Capital Improvements Program (CIP) <https://hnlidoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlidoc/document-download?id=9965>

Additional Budget Information - <http://www.honolulu.gov/budget/budget-operating-cip.html>

Our District 9 office is continuing to meet with key leaders and connect with community members.

One of the best parts of my job has been having the platform to honor outstanding heroes in our community, the youngest so far being in fifth grade at Waikēle Elementary. If you know of someone who should be recognized by my office or the Honolulu City Council, please contact my office and let us know who the person is and why they are outstanding in your eyes.

GENERAL BUDGET TIMELINE

BY
DEC
1

HART submits its budget to the Council through the Mayor.

Mayor submits the budget to the Council.

Council Chair makes the Legislative Budget available to the public.

AROUND
MAR
2

DURING
MAR

1st Reading of budgets.

Council holds agency briefings.

Council holds a public hearing on the budgets, revenue measures and real property tax rates.

DURING
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15

Council adopts budgets.

Council adopts revenue measures.

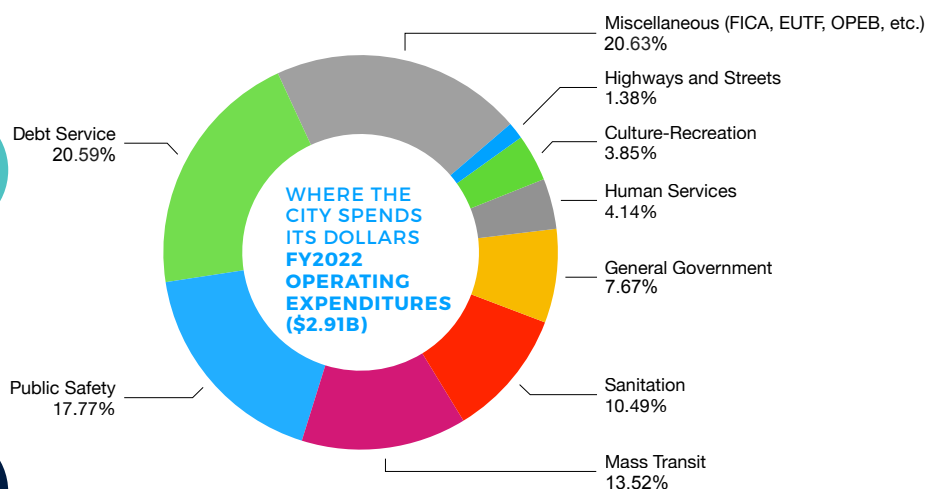
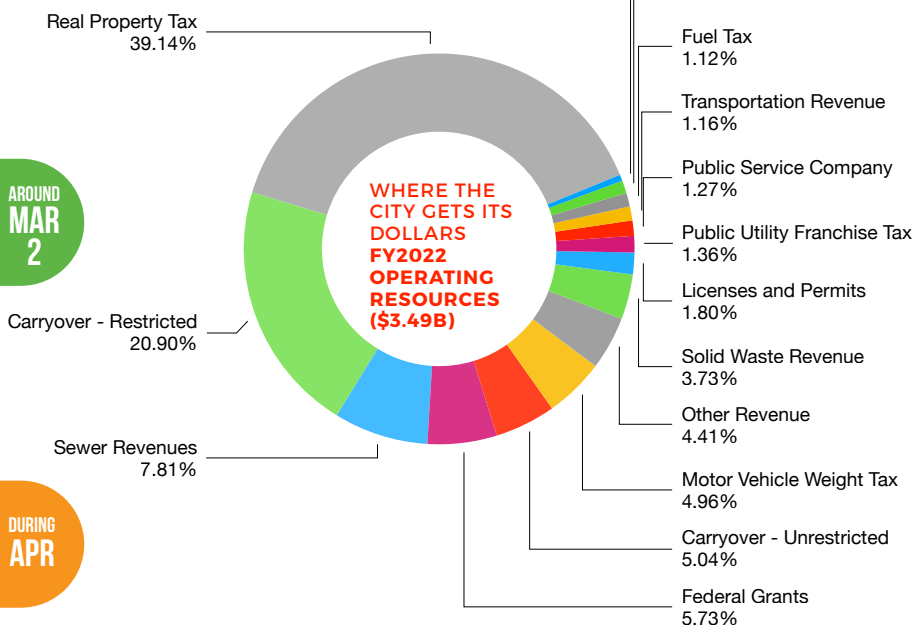
The Mayor must
1) Sign;
2) Return unsigned; or
3) Veto in totality or a portion of the budget bills.

WITHIN
10 DAYS
OF COUNCIL
OPEN

BETWEEN 5 AND 30
DAYS AFTER RECEIPT
OF MAYOR'S VETO

The Council may override the veto with a 2/3 vote.

Information courtesy of



UNDERSTANDING THE BUDGET

Why Budget?

Budgeting is a key public policy-making process. Because the City's financial resources are limited, the budget becomes a means for public policymakers to choose between competing requests.

In answering the question, "Who gets what?" the Council establishes the goals of City government and, consequently, prescribes the values and priorities of the City.

What is the Council's Role?

Section 3-112, Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1972, as amended (RCH), requires that any budget adopted by the Council must be balanced.

The Council is also required to adopt revenue measures to generate the monies necessary to cover the costs of these budgets. In effect, it is the Council's

responsibility to ensure that the budgets put forth by the Mayor are fiscally prudent.

From March to June, the Council carefully deliberates the City's budget package. This three month process is the only opportunity for the public to suggest alternatives to the Mayor's proposals by voicing their opinions directly to Councilmembers.

THE BUDGET CONTINUED

It is through the budget deliberation process, that Councilmembers are able to directly respond to constituency concerns. Councilmembers may propose budget amendments to include funding that addresses specific district needs and ensures that quality services are provided to the public in the ensuing fiscal year. In this sense, it is the Council’s role to be the “checks and balances” for the public throughout the budget decision making process.

Budget Types

The City’s fiscal year (FY) begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th of the following year. The Charter requires that an executive budget for the City must be submitted by the Mayor and enacted by the Council on an annual basis. Key components of the City’s budget are the different budget measures and the City’s revenue program.

EXECUTIVE OPERATING BUDGET

Where the City gets its money and how it will pay for day-to-day operations. Operating expenses are paid for with cash revenues.

EXECUTIVE CAPITAL BUDGET

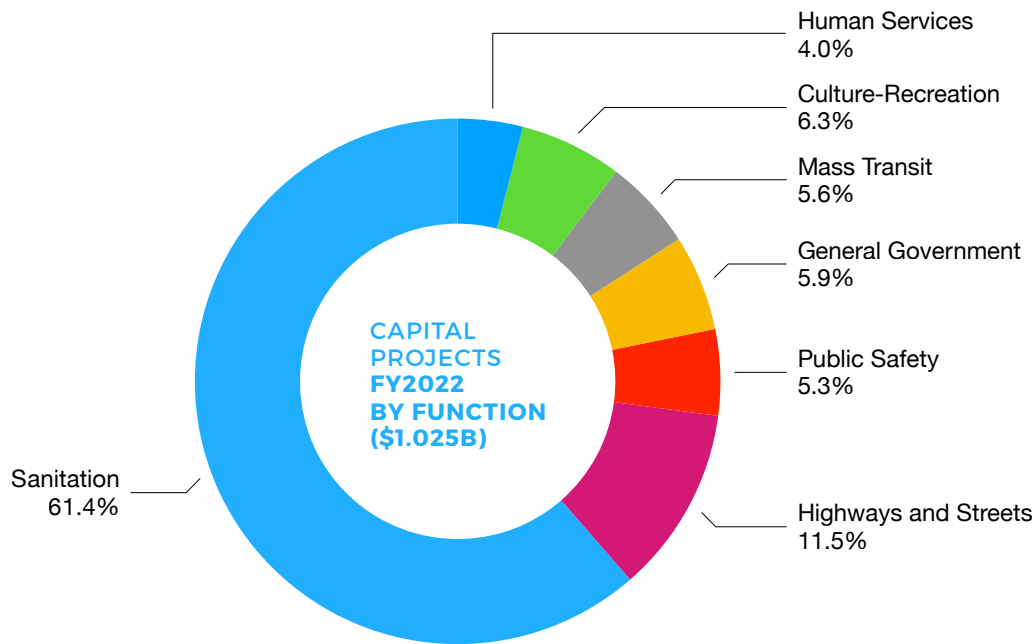
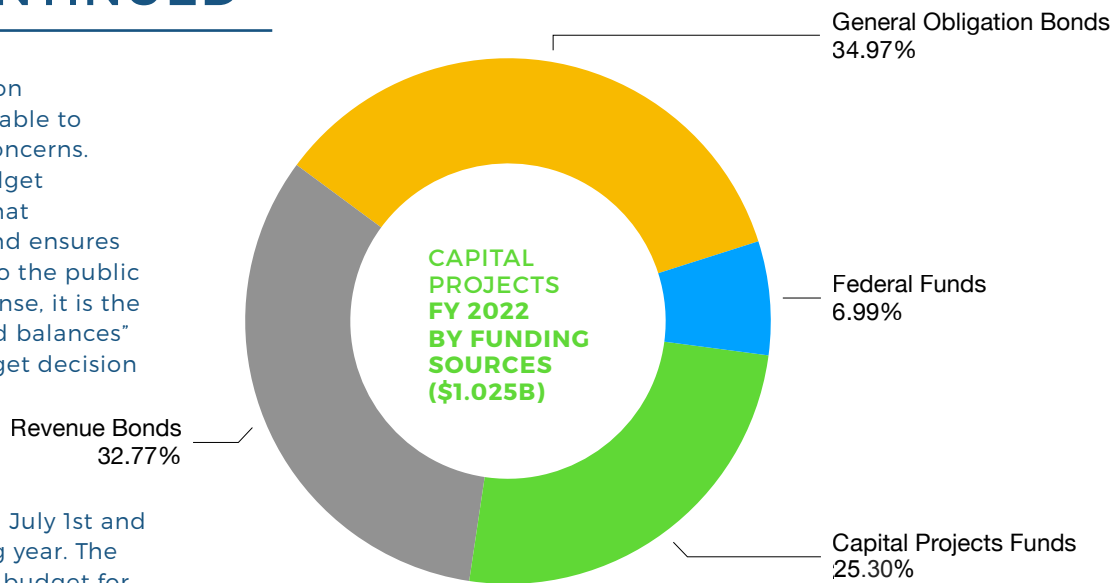
Identifies long-lived projects, facilities and large equipment that the City plans to develop or purchase over the next six years. Typically, the primary CIP funding source is bond proceeds.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET

Provides funding for legislative branch offices and typically only includes appropriations for operating expenses, which are financed with cash proceeds.

HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSIT (HART) BUDGETS

HART is a semi-autonomous public transit authority created to oversee the construction and operation of the rail system. The HART operating and capital budgets provide funding for the City’s rail transit project.



REVENUE PROGRAM

Comprised of various financing mechanisms such as taxes, fees and bond proceeds to finance the proposed budgets for the City. All proposed revenue generating legislation is subject to amendment by the City Council. The Council must annually set real property tax rates in conjunction with the adoption of the City budgets.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Larie Manutai, policy director for Council Member Tulba, is watching these bills for us as they gain traction in the Honolulu City Council.

Bill 1 (2021)

Allows the City and County of Honolulu to award incentive grants to developers of qualifying affordable housing projects constructed under the provisions of Chapter 42.

Bill 93 (2020)

Forbids the Department of Parks and Recreation from giving preference to one gender over another when issuing permits for sports activities, including professional surfing events.

Bill 89 (2020)

Allows the City and County of Honolulu to create a payment card system for use on public transit. Also makes amendments to the current fare structure.

Resolution 21-53

Appoints nine individuals to serve on the Council Reapportionment Commission for 2021. They will review the current boundaries for each City Council district and decide if the boundaries need to change.

Resolution 21-44

Requests that Hawaii's Congressional delegation, the Hawaii State Legislature, and the State of Hawaii Administration collaborate with the City and County of Honolulu to identify non-CARES act federal funding opportunities that may be available to the City and County for costs related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Resolution 21-47

Opposes state legislation that would transfer the responsibility for Emergency Services to the City and County of Honolulu.

ISSUES ARISING IN DISTRICT 9

Aaron Ho
District 9 Community Liaison



Traffic Problems on Hanakahi and Kuhina Streets in Ewa Beach

Residents on Hanakahi and Kuhina Streets in Ewa Beach want drivers to stop speeding and driving recklessly. Tragically, a moped rider was killed in an accident last week after colliding with another vehicle on Hanakahi Street and Hanaloa Street. Some residents are requesting speed bumps and parking control signage be installed on Kuhina street.

Councilmember Tulba has made repeated visits to the location, met with key legislators and participated in a traffic calming event, and brought public awareness to the issue through social media. He also will be meeting with the director of the Department of Transportation Services to discuss solutions.

The city conducted an investigation and found signage and other road markings are in good condition. Speed tables are proposed to be installed along Hanakahi Street, east of Kuhina Street, if funds become available.

Problems at Asing Community

Residents near Asing Community Park report large gatherings of unruly people around the park's public restrooms who are causing park users to feel unsafe using the restrooms. Suspicious activities were also reported at the cul-de-sac on the Asing Park end of Aawa Drive in the West Loch Fairways.

Councilmember Tulba has made visits to the park and the Aawa Drive cul-de-sac, spoke with residents, brought awareness via social media, and is working with HPD and the City Administration to find solutions. HPD is monitoring the area.

Pickleball Players Want Time on the Court

Constituents have collected signatures on a petition to appeal to the city to allow pickleball at the tennis courts at Asing Community Park. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States and players note they have very few courts. Councilmember Tulba sent the request to the City Administration and the Department of Parks and Recreation and is awaiting their response.

Traffic Calming Request by Pohakea Elementary and James Campbell High School

To make the area safer for students before and after school, the Ewa Neighborhood Board is requesting raised crosswalks or "speed tables" be installed on North Road at Pohakea Elementary School and James Campbell High School and also on Kehue Street. Councilmember Tulba has communicated the request to the City Administration and the Department of Transportation Services and is awaiting their response.

Illegal Dumping at Puuloa Beach Park

There is an illegal dumping site located curbside at Puuloa Beach Park in Ewa Beach. Our office reported this to the city and a clean up crew was dispatched. Residents are encouraged to report illegal dumping to the Honolulu Police Department and the City Refuse Division at 768-5220.

IN THE COMMUNITY



Public Safety, Number One Concern of District 9 Residents

Councilmember Tulba met with Honolulu Police Chief Susan Ballard, Deputy Chief John McCarthy, and Deputy Chief Aaron Takasaki-Young to emphasize the top concerns of residents in District 9. As vice chair of the Public Safety Committee, Councilmember Tulba wants to know more about the issues that law enforcement officers are facing and how the Council can support their efforts.



Neglected Community Park

Ewa Beach coach Dale Newcomb and State Senator Kurt Fevella shared their frustrations with Councilmember Tulba about how the Ewa Beach Park on North Road has been neglected for years. This park is well used by children and families, but is now dilapidated and overrun with homeless people camping there. They want this city park to be safe, clean and maintained, and they want the homeless encampments moved out. But so far, they say city officials have not taken action.



Behind the Scenes

Councilwoman Radiant Cordero and Councilmember Augie Tulba went behind the scenes at the Oahu Transit Service to learn the important roles of each department as well as how TheBus and Handi-van services are operating. They left believing this operation is second to none.



Community Stars

If you know someone in our District 9 community (Ewa, Waipahu, Waikale, Kunia and Mililani) who should be recognized for outstanding community service, please email Councilmember Tulba at atulba@honolulu.gov and let our office know who they are and why that person should be recognized. There is no age limit. Mahalo!



Kapapahu Point Park Restoration

Kapapahu Point Park near West Loch is a special 39-acre park that has historical and cultural significance, but over the years, it has become a wasteland to illegal dumping and toxic waste.

The area encompasses a point where 14 rivers in the 12 ahupuaa flowed to one place. Many important historical figures are from Ewa and Puuloa, such as Kalaniopuu, the grandfather of Kamehameha, and Kalaimanuia, the second female moi chiefess of Oahu.

Tony Chance of the Hui O Ho'ohonua (HOH808) nonprofit, tax-exempt charitable organization is working with volunteers to end the environmental neglect and pollution in Pearl Harbor (Puuloa), to preserve and restore cultural sites and fish ponds in the park, and to address the social needs of the people who live in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Current residents in Ewa are part of the solution to restore Puuloa back to its original state. Councilmember Tulba and his staff are partnering with Tony and his volunteers to come up with common sense solutions to ensure they get the support they need.

Honolulu Reopening Strategy Tracker

TIER 3

7-day rolling averages:

Case Count
Test Positivity

22

0.9%

27

1%

We
are
here

Tier 4.

Week 1

2/25/21 - 3/3/21

Week 2

3/4/21 - 3/10/21

Week 3

3/11/21 - 3/17/21

Week 4

3/18/21 - 3/24/21

Additional Time

if rolling 7-day average does not meet Tier 4 criteria

COVID-19 TIER SCHEDULE CAN BE FOUND AT : WWW.ONEOAHU.ORG



Mark your calendar!

Monday March 29

U.S. Rep. Ed Case will go live with Councilmember Tulba on Monday, March 29 from 6:30 to 8 pm to discuss issues that matter to District 9. Tune in. More information to follow about this on Councilmember Tulba's website and social media pages.

Honolulu City Council Committee meetings are held the first week of the month, and the full Council meets on the third Wednesday of the month. See this link for the city council calendar. <http://www.honolulu.gov/council-cal>. The committee meetings and full council meetings are broadcast on Olelo.

Upcoming Meetings

Tune in!

Your participation is encouraged!



Members of the public are invited to view a live broadcast of committee meetings.

Tune in to the broadcast through the following:

- www.honolulucitycouncil.com
- http://olelo.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=92
- Olelo TV Channel 54

Friday – March 12

- Budget – 9:00 a.m.

Monday – March 15

- Budget – 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday – March 16

- Budget – 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday – March 17

- City Council – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday – March 18

- Budget – 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday – March 23

- Public Infrastructure and Technology – 1:00 p.m.
- Public Safety – 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday – March 24

- Zoning and Planning – 9:00 a.m.
- Parks and Community Services – 2:30 p.m.