In June, Mayor Blangiardi and City Council adopted an Operating budget of $3.22 billion and a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget of $1.03 billion.

Top City priorities of the Fiscal Year (FY) 23 operating and CIP budgets include the delivery of core City services, increasing available affordable housing, reducing homelessness, public safety, sewer and solid waste facilities, addressing climate change, operating the rail system, modernizing government operations including an overhaul of the Department of Planning and Permitting for greater efficiency and accountability, and continuing transparent and equitable relief to those struggling to make ends meet.

The FY23 operating budget also reflects the Administration’s priority to significantly reduce vacancies in positions across the City to expand and improve the delivery of core services to the general public. This is a drastic change from the 10% across-the-board cut in expenses and hiring restrictions early in FY21 that carried through FY22 as the City navigated the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Key revenue sources projected to increase in FY23 include real property taxes at $1.5 billion up by approximately 10% and the Oahu Transient Accommodations Tax increasing to more than $85 million from approximately $35 million projected for FY22.

See the entire adopted FY23 budget at https://www.honolulu.gov/budget/budget-operating-cip.html. Watch Mayor Blangiardi and Council Chair Waters discuss the budget on HNN Sunrise: https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/video/2022/07/01/mayor-blangiardi-council-chair-waters-budget-priorities/
Accessing many City services is easier than ever with increased availability of online and off-site services. From car registration kiosks in supermarkets and online payment options, to cameras that allow residents to remotely view Honolulu's zoo animals or check the lines at busy convenience centers, the City is expanding ways for residents to get business done.

### Department of Customer Services

CSD provides many options for residents to keep their car registration and driver licenses up-to-date:

- **Renew your car registration online** at [www12.honolulu.gov/mvrreg/](http://www12.honolulu.gov/mvrreg/) or visit a registration kiosk. See a list of sites at [hawaiidmvnowkiosk.com](http://hawaiidmvnowkiosk.com).
- Prepare for and book your **road test** appointment at [honoluluroadtest.com](http://honoluluroadtest.com).
- Get fast answers to questions from the **Akamai chatbot** at [honolulu.gov/csd](http://honolulu.gov/csd).

Need a service that is not available online? **Appointments for in-person services can be made online** to allow for faster, more efficient service. Make an appointment at [alohaq.honolulu.gov](http://alohaq.honolulu.gov).

### Other City Services:

- Register and load your **Holo card** at [holocard.net](http://holocard.net).
- View Honolulu **Zoo cams** at [honoluluzoo.org/zoo-cams](http://honoluluzoo.org/zoo-cams).
- Expanded **online permitting services** from DPP at [honoluludpp.org/OnlineServices](http://honoluludpp.org/OnlineServices).
- **Property taxes** can be paid online at [realpropertyhonolulu.com](http://realpropertyhonolulu.com).
- View emergency evacuation maps and **preparedness info** at [honolulu.gov/dem](http://honolulu.gov/dem).
- **Report an issue** in your neighborhood using the Honolulu 311 app. Download the app or visit [honoluluhicitiesourced.com](http://honoluluhicitiesourced.com).

### Online Registration for Department of Parks and Recreation Programs

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) hosts a number of programs throughout the year for all ages. From keiki to kupuna, there is something for everyone. Registration and program information for many of these programs and services is available online at [honolulu.gov/parks](http://honolulu.gov/parks).

Some of the services available are: free classes at park facilities, beach wheelchair access mats and all-terrain wheelchairs, and camping permits. Additionally, residents can get information about pool and park availability by phone before they go to the park by calling ahead. Call DPR at 768-3003 for more information about their many programs and facilities!

### City installs cameras at refuse facilities

The City announced the installation of cameras at two of the city’s busiest refuse convenience centers - Waipahu and Wai’anae - on June 9. The Department of Environmental Services (ENV) mounted the cameras to allow the public to avoid long lines and find the most convenient times to drop off items.


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The Department of Facility Maintenance, Storm Water Quality Division is finalizing the Storm Water Strategic Plan for the City and County of Honolulu.

The Storm Water Strategic Plan is a guide to City storm water management and investment for the next 50 years. It contains the City's vision, mission, goals, and strategies on what the City needs to achieve in order to address the many issues related to storm water over the long term such as water quality and infrastructure replacement.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend two Virtual Community Meetings that will be held on August 17 and 18 where community members can provide feedback and comments on the Storm Water Strategic Plan.

Read the draft plan and learn more at bit.ly/stormwaterplanning.

Virtual Community Meeting Information: No registration is required

**Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 6pm**
Link to join: g70design.zoom.us/j/87863030846
Join by phone: 877-853-5257
Meeting ID: 878 6303 0846

**Thursday, August 18, 2022 at noon**
Link to join: g70design.zoom.us/j/85622068988
Join by phone: 833-548-0276
Meeting ID: 856 2206 8988

The City awarded a $460 million construction project to Hensel Phelps to upgrade a portion of the Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) to comply with the 2010 Consent Decree (CD). In June, a groundbreaking ceremony was held and the project officially kicked off.

The project consists of five major segments: an intermediate pump station and support building; sludge processing, thickening building and sludge storage tanks; odor control systems; secondary treatment effluent flow routing; and a membrane bioreactor facility (MBR). This is the largest project so far, but larger projects are coming in order to complete this work.

The MBR facility will showcase state-of-the-art technology creating R-1 type recycled water, arguably the highest quality in the industry.

The construction is already underway and anticipated to be completed by Dec. 30, 2026. The second phase of the project is in design and scheduled to start construction in 2028. The treatment plant is scheduled to be full secondary treatment by 2035. All CD deadlines have been met since 2010 and the City and our contractors are committed to meeting the remaining deadlines.

This project shows the City's dedication to the public, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Health, and stakeholders to complete the consent decree work as we continue to improve and upgrade systems and infrastructure. Learn more at: https://www.honolulu.gov/cms-env-menu/site-env-sitearticles/1562-env-news-2022/47457-07-01-22-sand-island-wwtp-phase-1-secondary-treatment-project-underway.html

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The residents of O‘ahu ranked Economic and Workforce Development as their top priority in the Initial Fiscal Recovery Fund Community Engagement Survey. We know that getting our economy back on track is critical to recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**MAYOR RICK BLANGIARDI**

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**About the Survey**

The City’s Fiscal Recovery Fund Economic and Workforce Development survey was open for public responses from May 16 to June 12, 2022. The survey was hosted at oneoahu.org/frf. Residents with connectivity or other access issues were encouraged to call the City’s Office of Economic Revitalization (768-CITY) to have a staff member assist them in taking the survey.

Nearly 500 O‘ahu residents participated and shared their insights on everything from job skills and competitiveness in the job market to where employers post openings and recruitment.

**Key Findings**

Employers who responded to the survey indicated they were having a number of challenges in hiring and retaining employees. Insufficient job skills, lack of experience, and a need for stronger customer service and soft skills left employers accepting candidates for positions with less experience than desired. Additionally, many employers noted that they struggled with applicants not following up after job interviews.

Employees and job seekers shared a desire for increased training and skill-building opportunities. Most of the respondents said they would be interested in additional training but that they would need a stipend, paid internship, or similar in order to access training. The majority of employees and job seekers were looking for work on O‘ahu. Those who were looking off-island cited cost of living and salary as their top two reasons. Salary was also the primary reason cited amongst those considering leaving their current employment.

Findings from this survey will be used by City decision-makers in shaping programs and services using federal SLFRF funds.

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**Learn more about State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**

Visit oneoahu.org/frf to read about federal state and local fiscal recovery funds (SLFRF), see the spending dashboard, and read the results of the Initial FRF Community Engagement and Economic and Workforce Development surveys.

Future surveys focusing on other SLFRF priority areas will also be posted on this site as they are announced.

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**Water Waste Hotline**

HELP CONSERVE WATER THIS SUMMER!

As we move into the hot summer, the need to conserve water becomes very important.

All of us need to do what we can to conserve water and support the efforts of the Board of Water Supply. Especially if you see water waste: sprinklers that are broken or watering sidewalks, watering during the day instead of before 9 am or after 5 pm.

With all of us working together, we can make it through the next few months and conserve our precious water resource.

Please call (808) 748-5041 to report a water waste complaint or email BWS at contactus@hbws.org.

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**He's grrrreat!**

HONOLULU ZOO WELCOMES NEW TIGER

The Honolulu Zoo welcomed Seattle, a 15-year-old male Sumatran tiger, in June. He is expected to be joined by his mate this summer to help continue the zoo's endangered species breeding program.

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**Report an Issue in Your Community**

You can report anything from a pothole to graffiti to a parking violation using the City's 311 app or website. Visit your phone's app store or honolulu.citysourced.com to learn more!

**Get Emergency Notifications and City Services Updates**

HNL.info is a one stop site for City services from emergency alerts to registering for City activities. Visit the website or download the app today!

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