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Implementing Ord. 24-32

Honolulu City Council

Committee on Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology

Informational Briefing

June 25, 2025

Ordinance 24-32 / Bill 44 (2024)

ROH 15-7.1:

- Added explicit authorization and direction to implement traffic calming measures in school zones, including notification requirements
- New 20 mph speed classification (Schedule 40)
  - School zones (reduced from 25 mph)
  - Default speed limit (reduced from 25 mph)
- New 40 mph speed classification (Schedule 38)

Related City Plans and Policies

- Honolulu Complete Streets Design Manual (2016): Neighborhood residential streets should have a target speed of 20 mph
- O‘ahu Pedestrian Plan (2022): Reduce speed limits on major urban streets to 25 mph; create new 20 mph speed limit and make this the default speed limit and the speed limit for school zones



O‘ahu Vision Zero Action Plan (2024)

- Vision Zero Action Plan (Chapter 4) Safe Speeds Goals:
  - Safe speeds through proactive street design
  - Revise laws, policies, and procedures to support safe speeds
  - Support changes in the enforcement and adjudication process to reduce dangerous driving
- Action 1.3.1: Change the speed limit to 20 mph on all local streets and in school zones
  - DTS is finalizing an engineering study to recommend 20 mph on local streets
- 20 mph school and neighborhood zones supported by 94% of O‘ahu Vision Zero Action Plan public survey respondents (412)

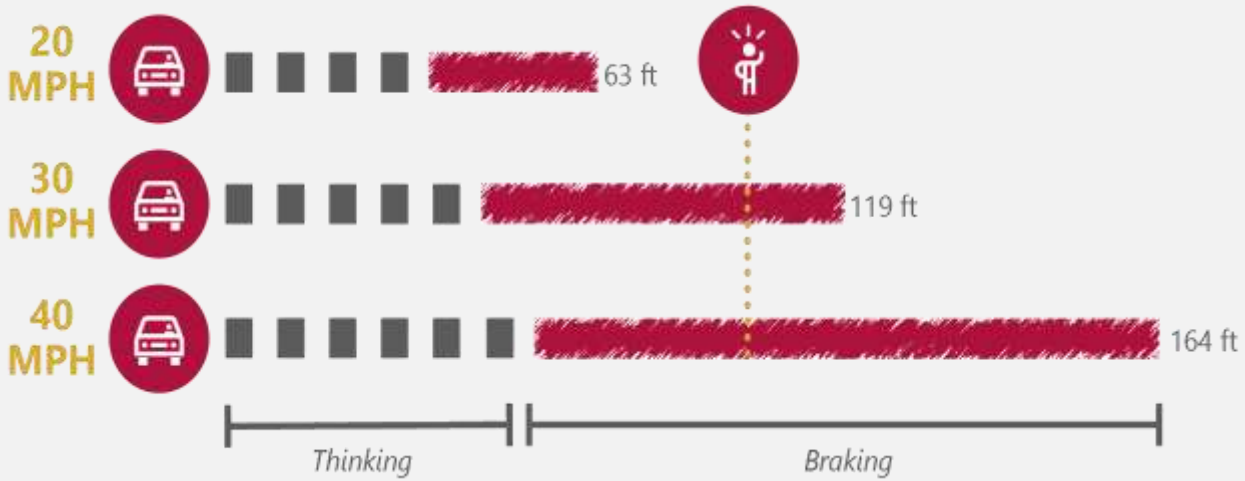
Related HRS Updates

- Act 180 (2024) provided that an engineering study is not required if HDOT or any county decreases maximum speed limits within one mile of a school. Supported by Council Reso 23-271.
- Act 196 (2025) provided that an engineering study is not required if the Department of Transportation or any county reduces the maximum speed limit on a road within ten miles per hour of the current speed limit.

Speed Matters







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VISION ZERO

Existing Speed Limits on City Streets

Speed Limit	Centerline Miles (City-Owned)	Percent of Total
5 MPH	5.0	0.4%
15 MPH	89.4	7.1%
25 MPH	1,101.7	88.1%
30 MPH	22.6	1.8%
35 MPH	19.6	1.6%
45 MPH	2.8	0.2%
Unknown	9.6	0.8%

Speed Limit Signs

- We have over 7,200 25 mph signs, and ~187 schools (600-1,000 signs)
- Sign replacement to be implemented in phases
- Pursuing grant funding to install new signage (est. cost ~$1.5M)
  - $1M HDOT SRTS Committee funding request submitted
  - $500K FY26 Budget Council add



Speed Limit Changes Planned on Other Corridors

DFM work orders:

- Ala Wai Boulevard (VZ Tier 1 HIC): 35 mph to 25 mph
  - 20 mph near Jefferson Elementary School
- Date Street (VZ Tier 2 HIC): 35 mph to 25 mph
  - 20 mph near ʻIolani School
- School Street (VZ Tier 2 HIC): 30 mph to 25 mph
  - 20 mph near Kapālama Elementary School
- Kalāheo Avenue: 30 mph to 25 mph
  - 20 mph near St. Anthony School

DDC Rehab of Streets projects:

- Waimano Home Road (VZ Tier 2 HII): 35 mph to 30 mph
- Kilani & California Avenues: 20 mph near Kaʻala Elementary School

School Zone Speed Humps/Raised Crosswalks

Completed:

- McKinley High School
- Holomua Elementary School
- Campbell High School
- ʻIlima Middle School
- Moanalua High School
- Kahuku Elementary School
- Makakilo Elementary School
- Leihōkū Elementary School
- Māʻili Elementary School
- Kapālama Elementary School
- Kahaluʻu Elementary School

Upcoming:

- Helemano Elementary School
- Waikele Elementary School
- Makaha Elementary School
- Moanalua Elementary School
- Moanalua Middle School
- ʻĀina Haina Elementary School
- Kaʻelepulu Elementary School
- Kāneʻohe Elementary School
- August Ahrens Elementary School
- ʻEwa Beach Elementary School
- Castle High School
- Castle High School
- Haleʻiwa Elementary School
- Maʻemaʻe Elementary School
- Kalihi Waena Elementary School
- Waimalu Elementary School
- Niu Valley Middle School
- Leilehua High School

School Zone Traffic Calming Improvements

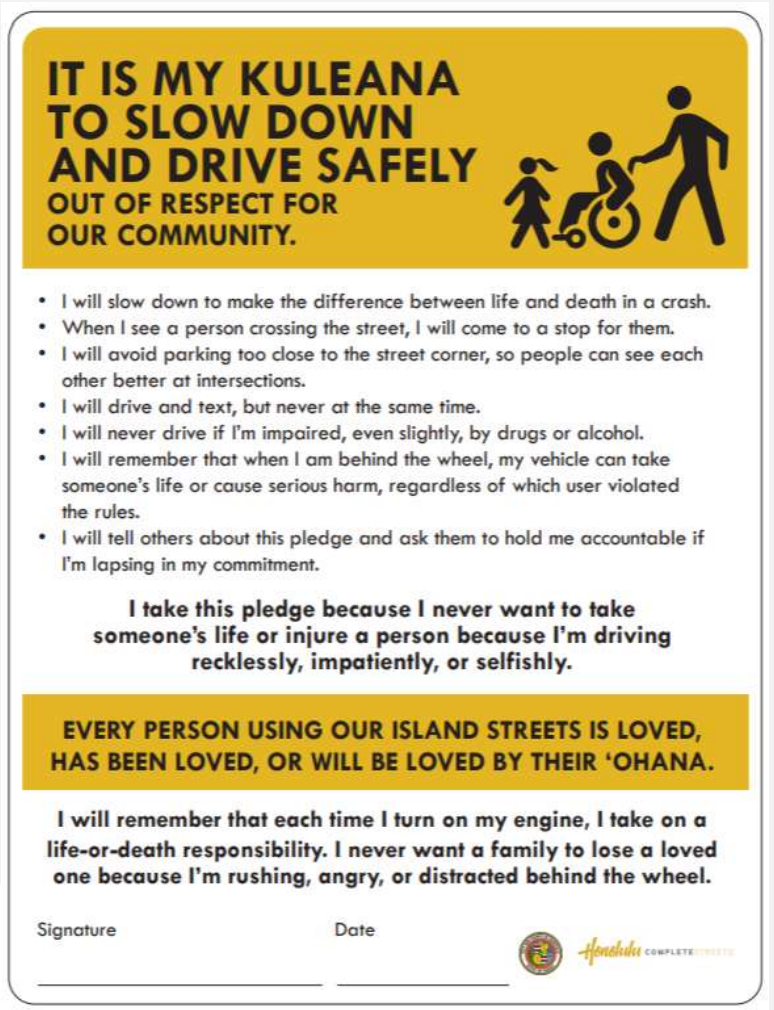
- Federal-Aid Priority Walkway Projects (Waiʻanae, Waipahu, Wahiawā, Kalihi, McCully/Date, Kailua)
- SS4A Quick-Build Demonstration Grant (50 high-injury locations, ~20 school locations)
- Waipiʻo Point Access Road Shared-Use Path (Waipahu High School)
- North King Street Bikeway and Crosswalk Upgrades (Kaiʻulani Elementary School, Farrington High School, Kalākaua Middle School)
- Kāneʻohe Complete Streets (Heʻeia Elementary School, Parker Elementary School, Castle High School)
- Kamehameha IV Road School Crossing Upgrades (Dole Middle School, Kaʻewai Elementary School)
- Nuʻuanu Avenue/Bates Street Crosswalk Upgrades (Hawaii Baptist Academy Elementary School)
- Waimano Home Road/Leomele Street RRFB (Pearl City Highlands Elementary School)
- Waimano Home Road/Hoʻomalu Street (Pearl City Elementary School)
- Moanalua Road/Nalopaka Place RRFB (Alva Scott Elementary School)
- Mehe'ula Parkway/Hikikaulia Street RRFB (Mililani High School)
- Māhoe Street Safe Routes to School (August Ahrens Elementary School)
- Keolu Drive Bikeway and Traffic Calming (Keolu, Enchanted Lake &, Kaʻelepulu Elementary Schools, Kailua Intermediate School)
- Ala ʻĀkau Street Curb Extensions (Kamaile Academy)
- Kīlauea Avenue Lane Reconfiguration & Harding Avenue Sidewalks (Kāhala & Waiʻalae Elementary Schools, Kaimukī Middle School)
- Mōkapu Road Lane Reconfiguration (Aikahi Elementary School)
- Hawaiʻi Kai Drive Lane Reconfiguration (Hahaʻione & Kamiloiki Elementary Schools)
- Lunalilo Home Road Crossing Upgrades (Kaiser High School)
- Haleʻiwa Road Shared-Use Path (Haleʻiwa Elementary School)
- and more…

O‘ahu Vision Zero Campaign Materials











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