REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORTATION & TECHNOLOGY

Voting Members:
Radiant Cordero, Chair; Val A. Okimoto, Vice Chair;
Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Andria Tupola, Matt Weyer

Committee Meeting Held
November 19, 2025

Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology, which considered Bill 71 (2025) entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SHARED STREETS,"

introduced on October 30, 2025, and which passed First Reading at the November 5, 2025 Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of the bill is to establish a Shared Streets Program to provide a safe, accessible, and efficient space for all users of designated shared street areas, with priority given to pedestrians and other non-motorized users.

The Director of Transportation Services expressed support for the shared streets concept and recommended that research be done to identify any potential conflicts between the provisions of the bill and the Hawai'i Statewide Traffic Code.

Your Committee considered and approved a CD1 version (OCS2025-0896/11/13/2025 8:17 AM) that makes the following amendments:

A. In SECTION 4 of the bill, corrects a typographical error in proposed ROH § 15-_.4(f), changing "though" to "through" with reference to emergency vehicle access.

B. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

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Your Committee on Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 71 (2025), as amended herein, and recommends that it pass second reading, be scheduled for public hearing, and be referred back to Committee in the form attached hereto as Bill 71 (2025), CD1. (Ayes: Cordero, Dos Santos-Tam, Tupola, Weyer – 4; Noes: None; Absent: Okimoto – 1.)

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Chair

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ORDINANCE _____

BILL 71 (2025), CD1

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO SHARED STREETS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to address provisions related to shared streets.

SECTION 2. Section 15-2.23, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Streets and related terms"), is amended by adding new definitions of "Designated Shared Street Area," "Non-Motorized Users," and "Shared Street" to be appropriately inserted and to read as follows:

"***Designated Shared Street Area.*** The area encompassing the shared street officially designated by the city as a shared street pursuant to § 15-__.2(a)."

"***Non-Motorized Users.*** Pedestrians, bicyclists, skateboarders, or others using human-powered or electrically-assisted modes of transportation."

"***Shared Street.*** A street or section of a street that utilizes traffic calming measures that slow traffic to create awareness and provide a safe, accessible, and efficient space for all users, with priority given to pedestrians and other non-motorized users."

SECTION 3. Section 15-2.26, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Traffic control device"), is amended by adding a new definition of "Traffic Calming Measures" to be appropriately inserted and to read as follows:

"***Traffic Calming Measures.*** Physical design measures that reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use and improve the safety of non-motorized users."

SECTION 4. Chapter 15, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Traffic and Vehicles"), is amended by adding a new article to be appropriately designated by the Revisor of Ordinances and to read as follows:

"ARTICLE __: SHARED STREETS

§ 15-__.1 Definitions.

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For the purposes of this article, the following definitions apply unless context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

Department. The department of transportation services.

Director. The director of transportation services or designated representative.

§ 15-__.2 Establishment of designated shared street areas—implementation plan.

(a) The council may officially establish a designated shared street area by resolution; provided that the director has affirmatively recommended the designation by communication and after public hearings or community engagement activities have been conducted to ensure that stakeholders and other affected parties are involved in the decision-making process. Official establishment of a designated shared street area and its associated shared streets must be based on relevant factors, including but not limited to street width, abutting land use, existing traffic volume, pedestrian and bicycle considerations, and safety concerns.

(b) The director shall develop an implementation plan for each designated shared street area. The implementation plan must outline the traffic calming measures, signage, and physical design features and must include the following:

(1) A detailed map of the designated shared street area and any related changes;

(2) Timelines for implementation and construction; and

(3) An assessment of any anticipated impacts on local businesses, residents, and any other stakeholders.

§ 15-__.3 Design features of designated shared street areas.

Designated shared street areas and their associated shared streets may include but are not limited to the following design features:

(1) *Traffic calming measures.* Designated shared street areas may incorporate traffic calming measures such as physical barriers, raised platforms, narrow lanes, speed humps, and other features intended to encourage low vehicle speeds.

(2) *Enhanced paving.* Paving materials may be designed to improve the walking environment and attractiveness. Unit pavers or colored concrete may be applied to differentiate from other types of streets and varied paving materials may be applied to define entry points, driving areas, parking areas, and pedestrian areas within the designated shared street area.

(3) *Signage.* Signage must be prominently displayed to inform all users of the designated shared street area, with specific rules or restrictions, such as speed limits or time-based access.

(4) *Accessibility.* All designated shared street areas must be designed to meet or exceed accessibility standards as outlined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure that people with disabilities can safely and comfortably use the designated shared street area.

(5) *Green infrastructure.* Where feasible, green infrastructure such as trees, plantings, and permeable surfaces must be incorporated to improve environmental sustainability, public health, and to improve the quality of walking and biking.

(6) *Curb-free design.* Designated shared street areas may be one level, without curbs or with only minimal curbs. Tactile warning strips, bollards, or other features may be applied to define edges.

(7) *Streetscape amenities.* Designated shared street areas may incorporate outdoor seating areas to encourage people to use the space for various activities. Play areas and equipment, drinking fountains, trash and recycling receptacles, and other amenities may also be provided.

(8) *Non-motorized vehicle parking.* Parking areas for non-motorized vehicles may be provided in accordance with the standards set forth in the latest Oahu Bike Plan.

§ 15-__.4 Designated shared street area provisions and restrictions.

(a) Drivers of motor vehicles are required to yield to non-motorized users.

(b) The speed limit on shared streets may not exceed 5 miles per hour, unless otherwise indicated by posted signage, and applies to all wheeled vehicles or devices as well as motor vehicles.

(c) The use of motor vehicles on shared streets may be restricted during certain hours as determined by the department. General use of shared streets by non-motorized users may not be restricted, except as otherwise provided by law.

(d) Parking and loading zones on shared streets must be designed in such a way as to minimize conflicts between different types of users. Parking spaces in the designated shared street area may not be located within 35 feet of an intersection with another street.

(e) Drivers of wheeled vehicles must yield to pedestrians.

(f) Traffic calming measures and other elements must not interfere with emergency vehicle access through, or to properties abutting, the designated shared street area.

§ 15-__.5 Enforcement.

(a) The director and the chief of police shall designate specific law enforcement personnel or traffic officers to monitor compliance with and enforce this article.

(b) The director shall provide educational materials to the public regarding the rules for using designated shared street areas, including the concept and its benefits to all users.

§ 15-__.6 Rules.

The director may adopt rules pursuant to HRS Chapter 91 for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of this article.

§ 15-__.7 Annual review.

(a) The director shall conduct an annual review of the designated shared street area program to assess its effectiveness, safety, and community impact. Adjustments may be made to the design, regulations, and implementation of this article based on the findings of this review. If changes in the ordinance are recommended, the

director shall submit the necessary draft legislation to the council for consideration.

(b) If appropriate, the director may initiate designated shared street area pilot projects in selected neighborhoods to assess feasibility and gather data before broader implementation of this article. Any designated shared street area pilot project must comply with this article."

SECTION 5. In SECTIONS 2 and 3 of this ordinance, new ordinance material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the Revisor of Ordinances need not include the underscoring.

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SECTION 6. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tyler Dos Santos-Tam

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

October 30, 2025
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____day of _____, 20 ___.

RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

Report Title:
Traffic Code; Shared Streets; Shared Streets Program; Designated Shared Street Area; Non-motorized Users; Department of Transportation Services ("DTS")

Description:
Establishes a Shared Streets Program to provide a safe, accessible, and efficient space for all users of designated shared street areas, with priority given to pedestrians and other non-motorized users. To establish a designated shared street area, requires the affirmative recommendation from the DTS Director, the opportunity for public participation, and Council approval by resolution.

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