

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE 5/18/26

LIST OF BOARD PACKET DOCUMENTS

1. Transportation Committee Agenda for 5/18/26.
2. Transportation Committee Draft Minutes for 1/23/26.
3. Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Draft Plan of Action.
4. [Departmental Communication No. 129](#) – Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity’s Annual Report Page 20. Discussion on Goal 3: Enlarge and improve the Airport Animal Quarantine Holding Facility (AAQHF) at HNL.
5. Article - [Milwaukee Mitchell Airport launching ASL interpreting service](#)



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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NOTICE OF MEETING

AGENDA

Disability and Communication Access Board

Standing Committee on Transportation

May 18, 2026

11:00 a.m.

The public is welcome to participate as follows:

Physical Meeting Location

Kamamalu Building
1010 Richards Street, Room 111A and 111B
Honolulu, HI 96813

Participate Virtually via Zoom

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HOW TO TESTIFY:

Written testimony – There is no deadline for submission of testimony, however, to ensure the public as well as Committee members are able to review testimony prior to the meeting, we request written testimony be submitted no later than 9:00 a.m. one business day prior to the scheduled meeting date and time.

- **To Submit by Email:** Email the Standing Committee on Transportation at dcab@doh.hawaii.gov. Please include TESTIMONY in the subject line.
- **To Submit by U.S. Postal Mail or Hand-Delivery:**

Attention: Standing Committee on Transportation – Testimony
Disability and Communication Access Board
1010 Richards Street, Room 118

Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813

- **To Submit via facsimile:** (808) 586-8129.

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Testimony or comments presented by members of the public during the Committee meetings shall be limited to three minutes per agenda item. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a reasonable amount of additional time shall be afforded to persons with a communication disability to present testimony or comments, if needed. Any person who needs additional time to present testimony or comments is encouraged to contact the DCAB office in advance of the meeting. This rule shall be placed at the beginning of all Committee meeting agendas.

Members of the public may present comment or testimony during Committee meetings on each agenda item. Public comment or testimony, if any, shall be presented on each agenda item before the Committee deliberates on the item. After all public comment or testimony is presented, the Committee shall deliberate on the agenda item without further comment or testimony from the public unless further public comment or testimony is requested by the Committee.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

Review Remote Meeting Procedures

- This meeting is being recorded.
- A quorum of Committee members is required to be visible on screen.
- If quorum is not achieved at the beginning of the meeting, the meeting will be cancelled within fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled start time and update any posted notices or calendar accordingly.
- If a Committee member leaves the meeting permanently at any time, the Committee member shall notify the Chairperson. If this results in a lack of quorum, the meeting will adjourn at that time.
- If a Committee member leaves the meeting temporarily, the Committee member shall notify the Chairperson. If this results in a lack of quorum, the Chair shall call a recess. If the Committee member does not return within 10 minutes, the meeting will be adjourned.
- Raise hand to speak unless called upon.
- Identify yourself before speaking however public testifiers may use an alias to maintain anonymity

II. Roll Call/Introductions

III. Written Public Testimonies Submitted – Review

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2026

V. Old Business

A. County of Hawaii Paratransit Services.

1. [House Concurrent Resolution 154](#) – Requesting the County of Hawaii to Expand the Hele-On Shared Ride Program to Serve the Entire Island of Hawai'i, Including Rural and Underserved Areas such as West Hawaii, North Kohala, South Kohala, Ka'u, and Puna

Link to the House Concurrent Resolution 154:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HCR&binumber=154&year=2026

2. Discussion on inviting County of Hawaii Transit Program Manager to present to the Transportation Committee
3. Concerns with Honolulu's rail construction impact on pedestrian walkways along Dillingham Bouvard.
4. Update on City Charter Commission and Various Proposals to Relating to the City and County of Honolulu's Duties to build and maintain public transportation systems and transportation Infrastructure. [Report of the Permitted Interaction Group on Operations and Public Protection](#)

Link to the Report of the Permitted Interaction Group on Operations and Public Protection:

[https://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-357591/2026%20-%20042726%20PIG%202%20Report%20\(042126\).pdf](https://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-357591/2026%20-%20042726%20PIG%202%20Report%20(042126).pdf)

VI. New Business

Review of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Draft Plan of Action

VII. Standing Agenda Topics

A. Public Transit and Paratransit

1. City and County of Honolulu's low income rate for fixed route and paratransit.
2. City and County of Honolulu's Taxi Voucher Program.

B. Streets and Highways

[Senate Bill 2851 Senate Draft 1 House Draft 1 Conference Draft 1](#) – Relating to Deaf Individuals. Authorizes deaf motor vehicle owners to register their vehicle as being owned by a deaf individual so that a deafness designation

appears when a law enforcement officer accesses the motor vehicle's information. Effective 1/1/2027.

Link to the Senate Bill 2851 Senate Draft 1 House Draft 1 Conference Draft 1:
https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2851&year=2026

C. Pedestrian Mobility and Built Environment – No Updates

D. Air Transportation/Airports

1. [Departmental Communication No. 129](#) – Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity's Annual Report. Discussion on Goal 3: Enlarge and improve the Airport Animal Quarantine Holding Facility (AAQHF) at HNL.

Link to the Departmental Communication No. 129:
https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=DC&billnumber=129&year=2026

2. Article - [Milwaukee Mitchell Airport launching ASL interpreting service](#)

Link to the Milwaukee Mitchell Airport article:
<https://www.fox6now.com/video/fmc-j4dk37zp854thlow>

E. Water Transportation and Harbors – No Updates

F. Update from the DCAB Standing Committee on Parking

Update on Legislation.

- [House Bill 469 House Draft 2 Senate Draft 2](#) – Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons. Requires the Disability and Communication Access Board to issue a disability travel placard to an applicant who has a valid removeable windshield placard and provides proof of travel.

Link to House Bill 469 House Draft 2 Senate Draft 2:
https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=469&year=2026

- [Senate Bill 2366](#) – Relating to Parking for Persons with Disabilities. Amends the fee exemption period for individuals possessing a disabled paid parking exemption permit from the first 2.5 hours or the maximum amount of time the meter allows, whichever is longer, to the first 4.5 hours.

Link to Senate Bill 2366:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2366&year=2026

- [House Bill 2442 House Draft 2](#) / [Senate Bill 2936 Senate Draft 1](#) - Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons. Beginning 7/1/27, increases the number of required accessible and van-accessible parking spaces in parking facilities with more than twenty-five parking spaces that are covered by title II or III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, with an exception for qualifying public entities managing large parking inventories that are otherwise compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act standards. Effective 7/1/3000

Link to House Bill 2442 House Draft 2:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=2442&year=2026

Link to Senate Bill 2936 Senate Draft 1:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2936&year=2026

- [House Bill 1995](#) / [Senate Bill 2850](#) - Relating to Parking for Persons with Disabilities. Provides that people who are blind or deaf are eligible to apply for and receive a disabled paid parking permit.

Link to House Bill 1995:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=1995&year=2026

Link to Senate Bill 2850:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2850&year=2026

VIII. Open Forum: Public comment on issues not on the agenda for consideration on a future Committee agenda.

IX. Next Meeting

X. Adjournment

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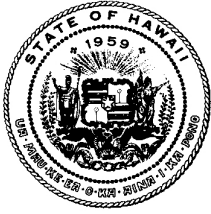
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MEETING MATERIALS AND OTHER INFORMATION:

The agenda and meeting materials for this meeting are available for inspection at DCAB's office located at 1010 Richards Street, Room 118, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 and on DCAB's website at: <https://health.hawaii.gov/dcab/dcab-agendas-and-minutes/>.

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DRAFT MINUTES

Standing Committee on Transportation Meeting

Location: Virtual via Zoom and 1010 Richards Street, Room 118

Date: January 23, 2026

Time: 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Violet Horvath, Chairperson; Teri Spinola-Campbell, Judy Paik, Charlotte Townsend, Board Members; Scott Castor, Bryan Mick, Kristine Pagano, Mylynne Simon, Staff

ABSENT: Gerald Ohta, Board Member

PUBLIC

PARTICIPANTS: Lisa Jaso, Howard Lesser, Donald Sakamoto

SIGN LANGUAGE

INTERPRETERS: Michele Morris and Sarah Grasso

- I. Chairperson Violet Horvath called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.
- II. Committee members and staff introduced themselves.
- III. Chairperson Violet Horvath reported no written public testimony was submitted.
- IV. The Committee approved the November 17, 2025 meeting minutes (M/S/P Spinola-Campbell/Horvath).
- V. Unfinished Business
 - A. Review of County of Hawaii Paratransit Service responses

Staff reported that the County of Hawaii's Mass Transit Agency (MTA) recently procured nine (9) new paratransit vehicles, increasing the size of its fleet to seven to sixteen (7 to 16). Staff also shared data from MTA which breaks down the number of shared taxi rides by the provider. Committee member Teri Spinola-Campbell shared data provided by the County ADA Coordinator detailing the number of types of ADA complaints filed against MTA last fiscal year. Eight (8) complaints were related to fixed route bus service, and one (1) related to the paratransit service.

Testimony: Donald Sakamoto asked if the County of Kauai resumed service for fixed route and paratransit. Staff replied no.

B. City and County of Honolulu Bill 54 (2025) – Relating to Public Transit

Staff reported that the Honolulu City Council amended the bill to continue with the fare waiver for Personal Care Attendants.

VI. Standing Agenda Topics

A. Public Transit and Paratransit

County of Maui Paratransit

Staff summarized a letter sent to DCAB detailing many incidents of delayed service on the County of Maui's paratransit system along with difficulty in reaching anyone by phone to try and resolve their issues. DCAB suggested the person file a complaint with the Maui Economic Opportunity Inc. (MEO) who operates/manages the paratransit service on behalf of the County, as well as the County's ADA Coordinator.

Federal Transit Administration Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
Complementary Paratransit Specialized Review of The City and County of
Honolulu (2025)

Staff highlighted six (6) areas where the review determined the paratransit program was not in compliance with the ADA: (1) The policy to suspend a rider was not consistent between the fixed route and paratransit programs. A few months ago, when the Holo card fare payment system went down, everyone was allowed to ride TheBus for free. But the City tried to collect payment from HandiVan riders after the fact and threatened to suspend a rider who did not pay. (2) The HandiVan rider's guide listed several policies, and stated violations could lead to a rider being suspended. However, several of those exceed what is allowed to be the basis for a suspension under the ADA. (3) A deficiency was found in the required lighting for vans and the City was ordered to make a retrofit. (4) A revised inspection process for new vans was ordered to ensure items like missing lights do not happen. (5) The policy on size, weight or size limitations for wheelchairs needed to be updated to reflect the actual capacity of the wheelchair lifts installed on HandiVan vehicles. (6) The policy of requiring a child under a certain age who wishes to ride HandiVan be accompanied by an adult is not consistent with the policy on TheBus, where no requirement exists.

B. Pedestrian Mobility and Built Environment

DCAB Guiding Principles on the Mobility and Safety of Pedestrians with
Disabilities

Staff highlighted principles number 6 which states “Prioritize the construction or modification of infrastructure to ensure pedestrian safety and accessibility” and number 12 which states “support zoning and development standards that encourage and promote mixed-use development and pedestrian connections such as sidewalks, accessible crosswalks, etc.” Staff will rely on these if any of the proposals submitted to the City and County of Honolulu Charter Commission that seek to make sidewalk construction a specific City function advance.

Review and Discussion of the City and County of Honolulu Charter Proposal to require the City to prioritize the expansion, repair, and improvement of sidewalks

Staff explained that the Committee packet included a Civil Beat article regarding several proposals submitted to the City and County of Honolulu Charter Commission that seek to make sidewalk construction a specific City function. The Commission is currently doing a technical review of all proposals, and once they advance those determined to be appropriate for the Charter, they will start to discuss the merits.

Review and Discussion of the concerns with Honolulu’s rail construction impact on pedestrian walkways along Dillingham Boulevard

Staff reported a recent meeting was held between the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART), DCAB, U.S. Representative Ed Case’s office, Hawaii Disability Rights Center (HDRC), and several individuals with disabilities to discuss concerns with the pedestrian path along Dillingham Boulevard where rail construction is ongoing. Photos submitted to HART and other agencies seem to show areas that do not comply with ADA regulations.

Testimony: Donald Sakamoto stated this issue was originally raised at a HART community workshop, but HART did not seem to want to engage with the complainant. He helped to get her in contact with DCAB and HDRC, and their collective advocacy resulted in the meeting. The parties involved agreed to do a site visit.

Howard Lesser from HDRC thanked everyone who participated in the meeting and added that having staff from Representative Case’s office present was very impactful.

Lisa Jaso commented she is the person that originally raised this issue over one year ago. She has been disappointed in her response from elected officials and HART so far. The condition of the pedestrian walkways is not safe nor accessible. The recent group advocacy has started to give her hope things will get better.

C. Air Transportation/Airports

DCAB's request for the Hawaii Department of Transportation to form an advisory committee for travelers with disabilities

Staff reported that Duane Buote, the State Department of Transportation (DOT) ADA coordinator, had informed staff that the DOT Director has consulted him over this request. He suspects DOT will ask DCAB if they are willing to lead or co-lead the committee. Staff responded the DCAB Executive Director would need to respond to any such request. DCAB is very eager to help get this committee formed and functioning.

VII. Open Forum: Public comment on issues not on the agenda for consideration on a future Committee agenda.

Donald Sakamoto commented that he does not feel Skyline's airport station is easy to use for persons with disabilities, especially those who are blind or have low vision. He hopes DOT and City and County of Honolulu, Department of Transportation Services collaborate to make improvements in the future.

VIII. The next meeting will be determined and announced later.

IX. The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

NOTE: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

BRYAN K. MICK

7. Transportation and Travel

Transportation and Travel includes all means of public and private transit both intrastate and interstate. Persons with disabilities must have equal access to transportation services to secure and maintain employment, utilize community resources, and participate in social and recreational activities.

The goals and objectives in the area of **Transportation and Travel** are:

- 7.1 When provided, public and private ground transportation systems in all counties will be fully accessible, as provided by law.

Objectives:

- 7.1.1 Provide technical assistance to public and private transportation providers on the requirements for accessible vehicles and transportation services under Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, to include but not be limited to the fixed-route bus, paratransit, shuttle, taxi services, and ride hailing services. **(Priority 2)**
- 7.1.2 Provide technical assistance to the City and County of Honolulu and the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation to ensure the train cars and services adequately serve persons with disabilities. The Section 103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes review process already covers the facility, but not the actual transit vehicles. **(Priority 3)**
- 7.1.3 Monitor and provide testimony in accordance with the Disability and Communication Access Board guiding principles on public transit fixed-route bus and paratransit service on proposed federal, State, and county legislation and regulations relating to transportation services, including public transit, paratransit, and alternate transportation modes that impact people with disabilities, including fare and fare categories for paratransit service and for fixed route service. **(Priority 1)**
- 7.1.4 Monitor private transportation network companies and encourage them to utilize accessible vehicles as part of their fleet. **(Priority 2)**
- 7.1.5 Advocate for additional seating and transit safety measures for persons with disabilities beyond the minimum requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. **(Priority 3)**
- 7.2 Travel to, from and within the State of Hawaii for travelers with disabilities shall comply with the provisions of the Air Carrier Access Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Objectives:

- 7.2.1 Provide technical assistance to the Department of Transportation Airports Division and other agencies working at the airport to increase accessibility for

all air carrier passengers with disabilities to ensure compliance with the Air Carrier Access Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act, while advocating they exceed minimum standards when possible. **(Priority 2)**

- 7.2.2 Update the “Hawaii Traveler Tips” annually, post on the Disability and Communication Access Board website, and encourage links to the site from other travel or visitor websites. **(Priority 3)**
- 7.2.3 Monitor and provide comments, as appropriate, to the proposed federal changes in the Air Carrier Access Act. **(Priority 3)**
- 7.2.4 Provide testimony in support of the State authorizing the creation of an Airport Authority, including the creation of a formal disability committee to advise on programs, services, and policies at Hawaii State Airports. **(Priority 3)**
- 7.2.5 Advocate the State Department of Transportation to create a disability committee to advise on programs, services, and policies at Hawaii State Airports. **(Priority 1)**

7.2.6 Advocate the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity improve the Animal Inspection process for travelers who have service dogs. **(Priority 2)**

FY 27 Recommendation: New objective.

- 7.3 Pedestrian safety efforts shall adequately consider the needs of people with disabilities.

Objectives:

- 7.3.1 Monitor and provide comment on proposed federal, State, and county legislation and regulations relating to pedestrian safety. **(Priority 2)**
- 7.3.2 Participate in public education efforts and committees in accordance with the Disability and Communication Access Board’s guiding principles on pedestrian safety for persons with disabilities. **(Priority 2)**

- 7.4 Financial assistance shall be available to offset transportation costs related to services or devices.

Objective:

- 7.4.1 The State shall establish a rebate program for the purchase of electric mobility devices as defined in 28 CFR §35.104 and 28 CFR § 36.104 comparable to other programs, such as the one provided for electric bicycles and mopeds. **(Priority 2)**

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3. Work with state and federal partner agencies to accomplish objective.

Goal 2: Safeguard against the entry of Foreign Animal Diseases (FADs)

Objective: Strengthen measures in place to mitigate and detect the occurrence of FADs in Hawaii.

4. Continue application for and utilization of United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) funds to train veterinary medical officers as foreign animal disease diagnosticians.
5. Continue to provide enforcement activities to assist USDA with ensuring garbage feeding swine operations statewide are compliant with laws and rules in place to prevent the introduction of FADs.
6. Continue to obtain poultry and other birds to collect samples for avian influenza virus testing.
7. Rapidly investigate disease outbreaks in animals to rule-out foreign animal diseases.

Goal 3: Enlarge and improve the Airport Animal Quarantine Holding Facility (AAQHF) at HNL.

Objective: Improve safety for customers and employees; biosecurity; and operational flow through the facility.

1. Begin and complete the project design phase FY 2021 (completed).
2. Secure additional funding if necessary, from designs FY 2022. (completed-partial funding)
3. Start construction FY 2025. (In progress)

Goal 4: Update plans to control and contain bovine tuberculosis (bTB) on Molokai.

Objective: Contain and control bTB in livestock on Molokai.

1. Work with USDA to fund bTB testing of cattle and wildlife on Molokai. USDA Wildlife Services TB Initiative project in process.
2. Work with USDA to conduct research on Molokai to determine the population size of the major wildlife species, determine the prevalence of bTB in those species, and implement demonstration programs to reduce the risk of transmission of bTB from wildlife to livestock. Project in process

Milwaukee Mitchell Airport launching ASL interpreting service

By [FOX6 News Digital Team](#)

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Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport is launching a new service that provides American Sign Language (ASL) interpreting services for deaf and hard-of-hearing travelers.

MILWAUKEE - Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport is launching a new service that provides American Sign Language (ASL) interpreting services for Deaf and hard-of-hearing travelers.

Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley and Airport Director Brian Dranzik hosted an event to formally announce the new service.

The airport will now provide free access to the [Aira ASL app](#), which allows travelers to connect on-demand with a professional ASL interpreter while at the Airport. It's the first location in the state to offer free access to this service.

"At MKE, we're always on the lookout for the latest technology to make travel more accessible and welcoming for everyone. This addition ensures that all our travelers have the support they need for a smooth and enjoyable experience," said Airport Director Brian Dranzik. "Free services like Aira ASL are just another reason for Milwaukee travelers of all abilities to fly from our hometown Airport."

The airport says the service is free to use on airport property, and calls can be made by both deaf and hearing people to enhance communication. [Aira ASL](#) is available 24/7/365, and no reservations are required.