




**TRANSPORTATION
AND COVID-19:**

**A ROAD FOR
EVERYONE**

#TransportationTuesday

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DO OUR ROADS MOVE CARS OR PEOPLE?

How we design and build our roads revolves around making them accessible and convenient for cars, **perpetuating the transportation sector's major role** in the production of about half of GHG emissions in Hawai'i.

"To help realize a more sustainable, resilient Hawai'i, we need to understand what our current transportation investments are to know whether they are helping us meet our critical climate and community goals."

-- Kathleen Rooney, Ulupono Initiative Director, Transportation Policy and Programs

Ulupono Initiative's recent report on the *"Cost of the Vehicle Economy in Hawai'i"* found that **\$21.8 billion** is invested every year on vehicles alone – and **costs are slated to increase**, regardless of funding received.

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PRIORITIZING PEOPLE OVER CARS

“For 70 years, we have built our communities in ways that make it difficult and unsafe to access daily needs outside a vehicle.”

-- Driving Down Emissions, Smart Growth America



Once transportation planning **prioritizes people over cars**, roads will be safer, and more accessible –which in turn will encourage people to bike and walk more, and overall, for the system to **produce less GHGs**.

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GETTING PEOPLE WHERE THEY NEED TO GO

With **fewer cars on the road** because of the pandemic, the need to build sustainable infrastructure that **encourages people to choose cleaner modes of transportation** became glaringly obvious.



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KING STREET BIKE LANE - Dedicated and protected bike lanes

ELECTRIFICATION OF TheBus - Clean, reliable transit

MULTIMODAL HUBS - Concentrated areas of services and amenities accessible by walking/bike

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KALĀKAUA OPEN STREET SUNDAYS HONOLULU, HI

"It's just freeing, having the wide space, not competing on the sidewalks, not having cars around . . . It's just a lot safer."

-- Niu Valley resident Becky Muldoon on attending Open Street Sundays (Star Advertiser)

City and County of Honolulu and the Hawai'i Bicycling League launched an initiative that **encouraged bicyclists, joggers, and walkers travel through the usually busy Kalākaua Ave** during June & July of 2020.

The car-free streets provided an opportunity to promote one of the simplest ways to **lower our environmental footprint** with our island 'ohana.

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RESOURCES

Strategic Design Can Help Car-Free Streets Gain Popularity Post-Coronavirus | *Smart Cities Dive*

[\[bit.ly/TT-carfreestreets\]](https://bit.ly/TT-carfreestreets)

Kalākaua Avenue Open Street Sundays | *Hawai'i Bicycling League*

[\[bit.ly/TT-KAopenstreets\]](https://bit.ly/TT-KAopenstreets)

A Proposed Action Framework for Encouraging Active Transportation- Transit in Hawai'i | *State Climate Commission*

[\[climate.hawaii.gov/activetransportation/\]](https://climate.hawaii.gov/activetransportation/)

Report Examines Hawaii's \$21.8 Billion Vehicle Economy | *Ulupono Initiative*

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Driving Down Emissions Report Release | *Smart Growth America*

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