






6 VISION FOCUS AREA: Managing Growth						
STRATEGY 6.1		Establish a vehicle-free, pedestrian zone in Downtown Hilo with free public transportation (work with Action 2.31)				
	Action 6.11	Action Type	Lead Solution Partners	Potential Partners	Project Start & Status	Sustainability Measures
✓	Develop a pilot project using an event such as "First Fridays" for a vehicle-free area	Event	COH PD, EDH 2025 VisionKeepers Work with Strategy 1.3		9-30-2008 Completed Pilot Project	 
	Action 6.12	Action Type	Lead Solution Partners	Potential Partners	Project Start & Status	Sustainability Measures
	Create and promote a vehicle-free circulation plan for vehicle-free days	Plan	HDIA, Police Dept.	.		 


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<b>STRATEGY 6.2</b>		<b>Develop and implement a comprehensive plan to provide adequate parking in and near Downtown Hilo (Work with Action 2.31)</b>				
	<b><u>Action 6.21</u></b>	<b>Action Type</b>	<b>Lead Solution Partners</b>	<b>Potential Partners</b>	<b>Project Start &amp; Status</b>	<b>Sustainability Measures</b>
	Determine parking needs for employees, shoppers and visitors	Study	HDIA	COH PD		
	<b><u>Action 6.22</u></b>	<b>Action Type</b>	<b>Lead Solution Partners</b>	<b>Potential Partners</b>	<b>Project Start &amp; Status</b>	<b>Sustainability Measures</b>
•	Identify and develop potential parking alternatives	Development	COH DPW, HDIA	COH PD	9.14.2008 Initiated	


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<b>STRATEGY 6.3</b>		<b>Develop a comprehensive growth management plan for Downtown Hilo through community and stakeholder collaboration</b>				
	<b><u>Action 6.31</u></b>	<b>Action Type</b>	<b>Lead Solution Partners</b>	<b>Potential Partners</b>	<b>Project Start &amp; Status</b>	<b>Sustainability Measures</b>
	Reevaluate Downtown Hilo's existing geographic boundaries for possible revision	Study	HDIA, COH PD,	EDH 2025 VisionKeepers		
	<b><u>Action 6.32</u></b>	<b>Action Type</b>	<b>Lead Solution Partners</b>	<b>Potential Partners</b>	<b>Project Start &amp; Status</b>	<b>Sustainability Measures</b>
✓	Evaluate the EDH 2025 Living Action Plan and its consistency with recognized sustainable planning strategies	Study	COH PD, EDH 2025 VisionKeepers		Dec 2007- October 2008  1 <sup>st</sup> update Complete	


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<b>STRATEGY 6.4</b>		<b>Preserve Downtown Hilo’s historic character and unique assets and promote renovation of its historic buildings</b>				
	<b><u>Action 6.41</u></b>	<b>Action Type</b>	<b>Lead Solution Partners</b>	<b>Potential Partners</b>	<b>Project Start &amp; Status</b>	<b>Sustainability Measures</b>
	Revisit and update inventory to identify buildings, structures, and sites with historic preservation potential (Work with Action 4.21)	Study	HDIA, Lyman Museum	AAUW, HICC		
	<b><u>Action 6.42</u></b>	<b>Action Type</b>	<b>Lead Solution Partners</b>	<b>Potential Partners</b>	<b>Project Start &amp; Status</b>	<b>Sustainability Measures</b>
	Research historic preservation status and incentives for designating Downtown Hilo as a “historic district”	Study	HDIA	Historic Hawai‘i Foundation, DLNR Historic Preservation Division		
	<b><u>Action 6.43</u></b>	<b>Action Type</b>	<b>Lead Solution Partners</b>	<b>Potential Partners</b>	<b>Project Start &amp; Status</b>	<b>Sustainability Measures</b>
	Revisit and update design guidelines for building renovation and construction and consider compilation of model prototypes and case studies	Regulation	HDIA	COH PD		

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<b>STRATEGY 6.5</b>		<b>Develop a range of housing opportunities and choices available to all income groups</b>				
	<b><u>Action 6.51</u></b>	<b>Action Type</b>	<b>Lead Solution Partners</b>	<b>Potential Partners</b>	<b>Project Start &amp; Status</b>	<b>Sustainability Measures</b>
•	Research, develop, and publicize incentives for developer to provide housing in Downtown	Program	COH OHCD, COH PD		Initiated	

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*The Following Pages Contain  
Supplemental Information for  
Each Action of the Living Action Plan*



## Action: 6.11

**Develop a pilot project using an event such as “first Fridays” for a vehicle-free area**

**Project Status:** Haili Street Road Closure      **Project Duration:** One time event

**Start Date:** September 30, 2008      **End Date:** September 30, 2008

### Lead Solution Partners:

**Served as applicant for the Road Closure since this was a County event:**

COH Planning Department  
101 Pauahi Street, Suite 3  
Hilo, HI 96720  
Contact Person: Susan Gagorik  
(808) 961-8288 ext. 256

### Supporting Partners for Road Closure: (Issued Permits)

Hawaii Police Department  
349 Kapiolani Street  
Hilo, HI 96720  
Contact Person: Winnie (Road Closure Permit)  
(808) 961-2304

COH Department of Public Works  
101 Pauahi Street  
Hilo, HI 96720  
Contact Person: Joy Matsumoto (Temporary Structure Permit)  
(808) 961-8331

Fire Department  
2100 Kanoelehua Avenue, C-5  
Hilo, HI 96720  
Contact Person: Jack Pacleb (Fire Prevention Bureau)  
(808) 981-8370

Last Updated 9.16.2008

**Co-Presenter (located on Haili Street):**

The Palace Theater  
38 Haili Street  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

**Project Description:** Haili Street was closed as the “Pilot Road Closure” for the 2<sup>nd</sup> EDH 2025 Town Meeting which was organized by the VisionKeepers and the County of Hawaii Planning Dept. in association with the Palace Theater. Haili Street was closed for one block, in order to install a tent fronting the theater. No on-street parking was allowed between Keawe St. and Kam Ave. parking lot from 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. The event actually took place between 4:30-7:30 p.m. The road closure permit was secured from the Hawaii Police Dept. and required that businesses along the street and in close proximity be provided written notification and sign off their approval prior to the event. The Planning Dept. notified all businesses in writing, located along the street – including Central Christian Church, Haili Christian Church, St. Joseph’s Catholic Church. The letters included space for the businesses to sign and acknowledge receipt of the letter. We also sent letters to immediate landowners along Haili Street as a courtesy. The Planning Dept. also passed out flyers with a map showing the area to be closed the day before the event.

The Road Closure Permit needs to be secured prior to applying for a Temporary Structure Permit, if needed, which allows for a tent to be installed on the road. The tent permit needed to be signed off by the Planning Department, the Health Department and the Fire Department.

**Existing Resources:**

Road Closure:

In accordance with the Road Closure permit, barricades were installed and manned by personnel during the period of the closure. Due to an evening event, blinking lights were required on the barricades as well as any temporary structures.

Prior to the closure, on the Thursday before the meeting, Dept. of Public Works Highway Division placed an electronic message board at the top and bottom of the Haili Street block proposed to be closed. An hour before the closure, the Police Dept. paid visits to businesses on the street warning them of the closure would be taking place.

**Costs:** Road Closure Permit – No charge. Temporary Structure Permit – No charge for Tent. \$25.00 paid to the Fire Department for the Permit. For a 20 x 100’ tent – 2 fire distinguishers were required as well as 10’ clearance between buildings.

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**Security:** Special Duty or private security will need to be hired to man the road closure, and barricades with adequate signage prior to the event. 20x100 Tent was rented from Island Wide Canopy Tents.

**Funding Source for the entire event:**

County of Hawaii Planning Department

County Council

State Office of Planning – Coastal Zone Management Program

**Lessons Learned:**

Not all businesses support road closures. Caution must be taken to ensure that businesses are not negatively impacted by the closure – including not blocking or obstructing their entrance way or creating an unsafe environment.

There is no monitoring of the frequency of a road closure. Prior to our road closure request, Haili Street was closed at least 3 times in the last 4 months. This worked against us, especially if prior closures did not include a strong public information strategy.

Perhaps a more formalized process can be instituted to ensure that businesses sign off on the road closure prior to the issuance of the permit.

We undertook a strong public information strategy which included the following:

1. Letters to landowners on Haili Street and a few lots above and below.
2. Letters to all businesses on Haili Street block including, several large business along Kamehameha Ave and up to St. Joseph's Catholic Church.
3. Downtown Improvement Association emailed their membership information about the road closure.
4. Published event and road closure map in newspaper
5. Emailed road closure map to Lead Solution Partners in our Plan
6. Included the closure information on the DPW Hotline
7. Installed electronic message boards on Haili Street
8. Passed out road closure flyers to businesses and posted on cars
9. HPD visited businesses 1 hour before to minimize towing.



**Action: 6.12**

**Create and promote a vehicle-free circulation plan for vehicle-free days**

**Project Status:**

**Project Duration:**

**Start Date:**

**End Date:**

**Lead Solution Partners:**

Hilo Downtown Improvement Association  
329 Kamehameha Avenue  
Hilo, HI 96720  
Contact Person: Lalea Sam Pulu'ole  
(808) 935-8850  
info@downtownhilo.com

County of Hawai'i Police Dept.  
349 Kapiolani St  
Hilo, HI 96720  
(808)961-2211

**Supporting Partners:**

**Project Description:**

**Existing Resources:**

**Costs:**

**Funding Source:**



**Action: 6.21**

**Determine parking needs for employees, shoppers, and visitors**

**Project Status:**

**Project Duration:**

**Start Date:**

**End Date:**

**Lead Solution Partners:**

Hilo Downtown Improvement Association  
329 Kamehameha Avenue  
Hilo, HI 96720  
Contact Person: Lalea Sam Pulu'ole  
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**Supporting Partners:**

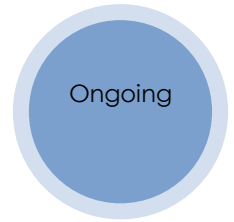
**Project Description:**

**Existing Resources:**

Existing aerial photos, Downtown Hilo Parking Analysis – Feb. 2004 by DPW

**Costs:**

**Funding Source:**



**Action: 6.22**

**Identify and develop potential parking alternatives**

**Project Status:** Ongoing

**Project Duration:**

**Start Date:** September 14, 2008

**End Date:**

**Lead Solution Partners:**

COH Department of Public Works  
101 Pauahi Street  
Hilo, HI 96720  
Contact Person: Noelani Whittington  
(808) 961-8321  
(808) 557-6437 After hours, Noelani Whittington  
[www.co.hawaii.hi.us](http://www.co.hawaii.hi.us)

Hilo Downtown Improvement Association  
329 Kamehameha Avenue  
Hilo, HI 96720  
Contact Person: Lalea Sam Pulu'ole  
(808) 935-8850  
[info@downtownhilo.com](mailto:info@downtownhilo.com)

**Supporting Partners:** DLNR

**Project Description:** Waiuanue Roundabout removal and installation of parking stalls

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – September 2008**

After meeting with business owners who stressed a need to increase parking for customers and merchants, Public Works is adding 13 parking stalls in downtown Hilo on Sunday, September 14.

Public Works removed the traffic circle last month on Kamehameha Avenue to increase the number of parking stalls in the area from 19 to 32. Improvements include:

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- Three (3) active loading and unloading parking stalls for businesses, limited to five minutes.
- Nine diagonal parking stalls for 8-hour parking and,
- One, two-hour diagonal parking stall.

Road work is expected to last seven (7) hours. It is scheduled to begin 8:00 a.m. and to be completed at 3:00 p.m.

Kamehameha Avenue, Waianuenu Avenue and Shipman Street will be impacted during road work on Sunday.

- The in bound lane to Kamehameha at Waianuenu Avenue will be closed.
- Only right turns on to Kamehameha Avenue at Shipman Street will be allowed.
- On street parking near Koehnen's Interiors will be allowed.

**Existing Resources:** COH PD, Taxi Service, Underutilized parking areas

**Costs:**

**Funding Source:**



**Action: 6.31**

**Reevaluate Downtown Hilo's existing geographic boundaries for possible revision**

**Project Status:**

**Project Duration:**

**Start Date:**

**End Date:**

**Lead Solution Partners:**

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329 Kamehameha Avenue  
Hilo, HI 96720  
Contact Person: Lalea Sam Pulu`ole  
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info@downtownhilo.com

**Project Description:**

**Existing Resources:** Urban Land Institute, Ahaupua'a maps

**Costs:**

**Funding Source:**



## Action: 6.32

### Evaluate the EDH 2025 Living Action Plan and its consistency with recognized sustainable planning strategies

**Project Status:** 1<sup>st</sup> Update Complete

**Project Duration:** Short-Range

**1<sup>st</sup> Update:** December 2007-October 2008

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c/o Planning Dept.  
101 Pauahi Street, Suite 3  
Hilo, HI 96720  
Chair: Eileen O'Hara  
Contact Person: Susan Gagorik  
(808) 961-8288 ext. 256  
edh2025@gmail.com

**Supporting Partners:** LeAna Gloor (Green `Aina)

#### Project Description:

The County of Hawaii Planning Department hired LeAna Gloor to work with the VisionKeepers in determining sustainability criteria specific to Downtown Hilo's needs and objectives, and to perform an in-depth

analysis of each action against the chosen sustainability criteria. During this evaluation, a new column for the Matrix was developed to identify particularly sustainable actions, along with corresponding visual icons to aid in highlighting and prioritizing these actions. For detailed information, please see: [www.co.hawaii.hi.us/edh2025/pdf/smccolumn.pdf](http://www.co.hawaii.hi.us/edh2025/pdf/smccolumn.pdf)

**Resources Consulted:**

Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, SmartGrowth.org, Steven Ames, New Urbanism, New Pedestrianism, The Portland Plan, Complete Streets, True Urbanism, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), Universal Design.

**Costs:** \$ 4950

**Funding Source:**

County of Hawaii Planning Department  
State Office of Planning - Coastal Zone Management Program



**Action: 6.41**

**Revisit and update inventory to identify buildings, structures, and sites with historic preservation potential** (Work with Action 4.21)

**Project Status:**

**Project Duration:**

**Start Date:**

**End Date:**

**Lead Solution Partners:**

Hilo Downtown Improvement Association  
329 Kamehameha Avenue  
Hilo, HI 96720  
Contact Person: Lalea Sam Pulu'ole  
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Lyman Museum  
276 Haili Street  
Hilo, HI 96720  
(808) 935-5021

**Supporting Partners:**

**Project Description:**

**Existing Resources:** Barbara Andersen, DLNR, SHPD, Internet-small Comm. Network, UH Manoa Hawai'i Redevelopment Plan, Historic Building Survey by Segawa & Associates, Jim McKeague.

**Costs:**

**Funding Source:**



**Action: 6.42**

**Research historic preservation status and incentives for designating Downtown Hilo as a “Historic District”**

**Project Status:**

**Project Duration:**

**Start Date:**

**End Date:**

**Lead Solution Partners:**

Hilo Downtown Improvement Association  
329 Kamehameha Avenue  
Hilo, HI 96720  
Contact Person: Lalea Sam Pulu`ole  
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**Supporting Partners:** DLNR, Bruce Hansen, Jim McKeague

**Project Description:**

**Existing Resources:** DLNR, Lyman Museum, SHPD

**Costs:**

**Funding Source:**



**Action: 6.43**

**Revisit and update design guidelines for building renovation and construction and consider compilation of model prototypes and case studies**

**Project Status:**

**Project Duration:**

**Start Date:**

**End Date:**

**Lead Solution Partners:**

Hilo Downtown Improvement Association  
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Contact Person: Lalea Sam Pulu'ole  
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**Supporting Partners:** Barbara Andersen

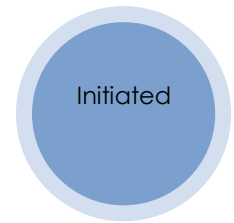
**Project Description:**

**Existing Resources:**

City & County of Honolulu consultants who worked on existing plans

**Costs:**

**Funding Source:**



**Action: 6.51**

**Research, develop, and publicize incentives for developers to provide housing in Downtown**

**Project Status:** Initiated

**Project Duration:**

**Start Date:**

**End Date:**

**Lead Solution Partners:**

COH Office of Housing and Community Development  
50 Wailuku Drive,  
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COH Planning Department  
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**Supporting Partners:**

Developers, Landlords, COH DEM, Board of Realtors, Finance Dept.

**Project Description:**

**Existing Resources:**

Legislature, Rental Housing Trust Fund, case studies, County Council

**Costs:**

**Funding Source:**

 Sustainability Measures Key



Mixed-Use Development



Multi-Modal Transportation



Healthy Living & Walkability



Earth Friendly



Green Building & Infrastructure



Civic Gathering Spaces



Parks & Natural Spaces



Ohana Tradition



Equitable Access



Heart of Hilo

Please refer to the **EDH 2025 Sustainability Measures Column** document for further details on each Sustainability Measure at:

[www.co.hawaii.hi.us/edh2025/pdf/smcolum.pdf](http://www.co.hawaii.hi.us/edh2025/pdf/smcolum.pdf)