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I attended a neighborhood meeting at Mililani just before Thanksgiving 2006. It started with a 20 min clip featuring the Mayor telling how wonderful rail is. Later, there was this staged question-answer dialog between one pro-rail city councilman & a rep from Parson Brinckerhoff-again telling how good rail is. The bulk of meeting was testimonies from about 15 people on whether they are for against rail (nothing scientific). This went on till about 9:15 pm (almost 3 hrs) at which time people wanted to use the restroom or go home. It was open to questions at the end and I had a few questions but since everyone was anxious to leave I didn't get to ask them-my wife and I felt it was a rigged event. There was no discussion about the "Managed Lanes Alternative".

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