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I would like to comment on the scoping process done by the City on Mass Transit:

I attended one of the meetings held by the Mayor and it was a farce!  
There were placards all around the room showing the 4 choices, but the people who were supposed to tell you what each option included were woefully uninformed.  
The Mayor took all the floor time to push HIS RAIL, and got upset with anyone who questioned his figures as to cost and rider ship! Actually scolded one man for having attended a previous meeting and being opposed to Rail.  
I was unable to get an answer to my question about elevators to get wheelchair people up to the platforms. Heaven only knows how many others may have had a question but were afraid to incur the Mayor's displeasure by asking.

I also attended a seminar on the fixed guideway/managed lanes alternative, with very knowledgeable speakers, who DID have facts and figures, with comparisons to Tampa, Fla, which is a city with approximately the same population as Honolulu. The Rail advocates have all but called them liars, removing "Hot Lanes" from the original 4 choices.

This whole process has been a railroad to everlasting debt! The City Council were forced by time restrictions to make decisions without all the facts, let alone figures!

How can a fair Scoping Process be made when one side is brow beating anyone questioning the validity of the Mayor's choice, and the alternative methods are totally ignored, or worse yet.... misrepresented by prejudiced "docents"?  
Is it any wonder the majority of our population don't VOTE, and choose not to "get involved" in political issues?

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