
From: Mayor Mufi Hannemann
To: Mershon, Jerry D CIV PHNSY & IMF, 903/C903
Sent: 1/12/2007 1:51:21 PM
Subject: RE: MASS TRANSIT FIXED GUIDEWAY

Dear Mr. Mershon:

Thanks for your idea. I'll pass it along to our transit team for consideration in the planning and design phase of this endeavor.

Aloha,

Mufi Hannemann
Mayor

From: Mershon, Jerry D CIV PHNSY & IMF, 903/C903 [mailto:jerry.mershon@navy.mil]
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2007 12:43 PM
To: Mayor Mufi Hannemann
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Dear Mayor,

Happy New Year and kudos on your superb helmsmanship, thus far, of our local government.

I am very concerned regarding the enormous projected cost of our new public transit system.

I urge you to consider choosing a **single lane guideway system** which will slash the cost and construction time of our new mass transit conveyance.

The "train" will move along this pathway and then can be uncoupled into two/three compartment "mini-trains" that can use the existing roadways ala The Bus to move back contra-flow the heavy traffic in making its "return" trip.

By choosing a single lane pathway that accommodates a rubber tire transporter, perhaps the Ewa end of the route can be affordably looped around, so that the current big routing contention of "quicker from Kapolei" and "Ewa Beach getting iced out" can be silenced.

Steering and other technologies already exist to build a recovery vehicle that can quickly go tow in a disabled "train" on this single lane setup.

I really can't see why this lower cost and quicker start up scheme will not work. Perhaps it could be designed with support piers and construction characteristics that would enable a widening to two lanes in the future.

Please carefully consider this concept before you make your momentous decision on what sort of system we will have.

Mahalo for your dedication to the best interests of our future.

Jerry Mershon
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