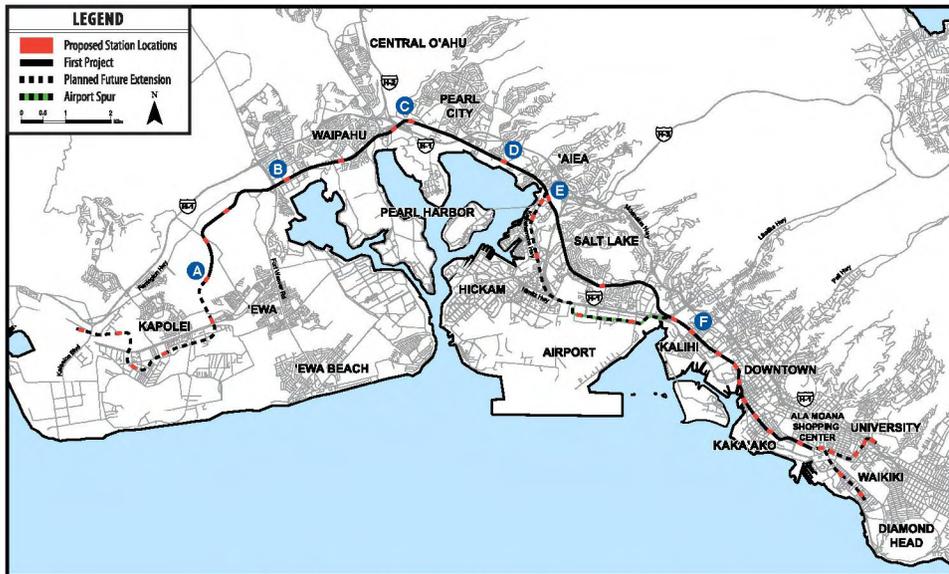


An Update on the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project

## Rail Transit Commuting



### PROJECTED RAIL TRAVEL TIMES

A	B	C	D	E	F
Kapolei to Ala Moana Center	Waipahu to Ala Moana Center	Pearl Highlands to Ala Moana Center	Pearlridge to Ala Moana Center	Aloha Stadium to Ala Moana Center	Kalihi to Ala Moana Center
39 Minutes	32 Minutes	27 Minutes	23 Minutes	20 Minutes	11 Minutes

**Aloha!** The fall has arrived on our island, and the season brings many changes: shorter days, longer nights and of course, back-to-school traffic. There are an additional 55,000 college students increasing on the roadways, causing increased traffic congestion during rush hour. To avoid traffic, many commuters are leaving earlier or later for work, carpooling or catching TheBus or TheBoat. Honolulu's proposed rail transit system would offer another alternative for commuters from the growing west side into town.

Rail transit would decrease future traffic by 11 percent in this traffic corridor, which has some of the worst rush hour congestion in the nation according to traffic data company INRIX. What would this reduction feel like to commuters? It would feel less like fall

and more like summer. When school is out of session during the summer now, there is a 9 to 10 percent decrease in traffic congestion. So rail transit would make a noticeable difference in future commuting.

Rail transit would also provide a reliable alternative to escape traffic jams and maintain a predictable schedule. Trains would travel above cars, trucks and buses and would never get stuck in traffic. During weekdays, trains would leave every 3 minutes during morning and afternoon peak times; every 6 minutes during non-rush hours on weekdays and on weekends; and every 10 minutes during weeknights and weekend evenings. The reliable service would give you predictable travel times, regardless of what's happening on the roads below. And the rail system would

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## Rail Station Safety

Rail stations are one of the most important aspects of Honolulu's proposed rail transit system. As public transportation venues, rail stations would accommodate thousands of commuters per hour during peak travel times, making it important to balance access with public safety. While the first rail station would not be opened for several years, planning is underway to ensure rail stations would be safe, comfortable areas.



Art Hushen, President of the National Institute for Crime Prevention

Public safety expert Art Hushen recently led an intensive workshop for planners, architects and police in Honolulu. He is a national expert in the principles and practices of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). CPTED is used to increase public safety in cities throughout the country. In Honolulu, architects, planners and law enforcement gathered to discuss safety measures like surveillance cameras, barriers, walls and fencing, as well as more subtle but equally effective measures such as lighting, colors, landscaping and even the placement of paintings and sculptures.

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## Stay Informed!

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be released this fall for public review and comment. Public meetings will be held in convenient areas near the route. Please plan on attending to stay informed about the project. Specific dates, times and locations will be published.

# Honolulu On The Move

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### Contact Us

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Photo: Skytrain's Burrard station. Vancouver, Canada.

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take many residents to some of the island's most popular areas:

- Aloha Stadium for UH football, high schools sports and graduations
- Shopping at Pearlridge Center and Ala Moana Center
- To work for Downtown commuters
- To school or work for those at Honolulu Community College, Leeward Community College, UH-West O'ahu or Hawaii Pacific University's downtown campus

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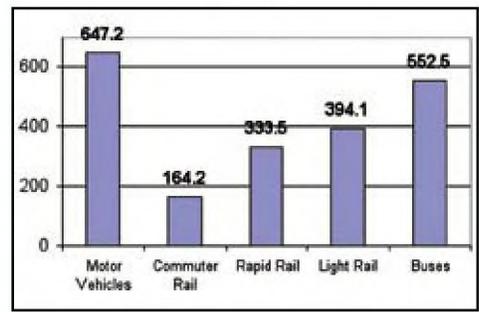
For example, skillful landscaping with trees, bushes and flowers does more than beautify an area – it can help control access and create advantageous viewing points. Lighting helps a person observe their area; pathways must be illuminated to the point where pedestrians can be observed, but glare can discourage people from using an otherwise safe area.

In many ways, CPTED is the art and science of predicting human behavior by the designing a specific environment. In Honolulu, training was specifically tailored for our proposed rail transit system. This training will go a long way to ensure designs create safe, comfortable and accessible stations.

## Rail Transit is a Safe Mode of Travel

Transit is safer than motor vehicle travel when considering injuries and fatalities.

**U.S. Average Injuries + Fatalities (per passenger mile) 2002 - 2004**



Source: <http://www.lightrailnow.org/facts.htm>

## Rail Transit Booth

### Food and New Product Expo

Blaisdell Exhibition Hall  
**October 10-12, 2008**

Learn more about Honolulu's proposed rail transit system at our booth at the Food and New Product Expo. It's an opportunity to get more information about rail transit's many features, including the approved route, technology, reduction in future traffic congestion, rail stations, and economic and environmental factors, and more.

We will have exhibits and informational handouts for the public.

General admission is \$3; free admission for children 12 and younger. The Expo is open from Friday, Oct. 10 to Sunday, Oct 12 at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall.