

### Farrington Highway Station Group (FHSG) Rail Station Design Community Informational Meeting

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*Date and Time:*       **June 25, 2013, 6:00 p.m.**

*Location:*           **Waipahu Intermediate School Cafeteria**

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#### **Purpose**

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The purpose of this meeting, a requirement of Stipulation IV of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (PA) was to update the community/neighborhood on the design status for the Wet Loch, Waipahu Transit Center and Leeward Community College transit stations.

There were an estimated 115 attendees (includes 20 HART, Department of Planning and Permitting and consultant staff)

#### **Introductions**

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HART CEO Dan Grabauskas opened the meeting. Mayor Kirk Caldwell and Councilman Breene Harimoto also made opening comments. HART Chief Architect Ken Caswell and Transit Art Administrator Lisa Yoshihara provided a slide presentation focusing on the three stations. A short time for group comments and questions was followed by breakout groups.

#### **Full Group Questions/Comments**

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1. Mr. Peter Hunt, from Atlanta made three suggestions:
  - For artwork, HART should involve local educational institutions. Great example is Concourse T at Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport. They involved students, have competitions so schools can get involved. For example, in Atlanta, we have a Wall of Honor with pictures of students and their winning entries.
  - In Atlanta, we use a “Breeze” card system (aka Aloha Car), no paper transfers (eliminating cash) and you can reload your card
  - Airport should have short-term and long-term parking like some other cities.
2. Question: Are all station platforms lengths the same? How many train cars can travel at one time?  
Response: The platforms can all handle up to four cars. Cars can run on increased frequency if needed. Currently the maximum is 4 cars for our system. These will be driverless and computerized.
3. Waipahu Resident Question: What’s being done to accommodate high-traffic hours/frequency? Will the frequency of the bus be synchronized with the trains? You should work with bus routes so they will have better connections. Bus and rail has to be synchronized; need to have parking spaces  
Response: The Bus and rail will be synchronized. Buses will be re-directed to serve rail and to serve other parts of the island. A single pass will work for both bus and rail. Trains will run every 3-5 minutes and will not get stuck in traffic.
4. Senator Question: Will there be security onboard the trains and at the rail stations? What if someone gets sick or injured?  
Response: Security cameras will be located on all trains and on all platforms. Closed circuit TV at the Control Center will monitor these cameras. There will be emergency call boxes, and roving security staff also.
5. Question: I ride a bike and like that I can put my bike on the bus. How will I get my bike on the train? Is it big enough to accommodate bicycles?  
Response: Yes, the train will accommodate bicycles, wheelchairs, strollers, luggage, and surfboards. The large elevators will accommodate all of these.

6. Question: What's your emergency response strategy? Have you thought about mechanical problems and how are you addressing it?  
Response: Closed circuit TV, call boxes, call buttons, direct EMS, fire and police connections. Also for power outages we will have back up generators and ways to get you off the trains and back to the stations.
7. Question: Which stations will have Park-n-Ride lots?
8. Response: East Kapolei (1000 spaces), UH West O'ahu (1000 spaces), Pearl Highlands garage (1600spaces), and Aloha Stadium (550-600 spaces)
9. Questions: Will call boxes be accommodating for those with disabilities? How will we address persons with disabilities?  
Response: Audio and visual messaging will be available for visual and hearing impaired users.
10. Question: What is the estimated cost to ride rail?  
Response: This is under study. The HART Board will set rail fare and the City Council sets The Bus fare. Combined options will be available.

### 1. Waipahu Transit Center Station

**Moderator:** Kanu Parmar  
**Scribe:** Josh Silva

Questions discussed:

- When will station open?
- What happens when there are closures on Farrington Highway?
- What will protect/cover artwork? Anti-graffiti coating?
- Will graffiti artists be included?

### 2. West Loch Station

**Moderator:** Ken Caswell  
**Scribe:** Lena Kamae

Questions discussed:

- Will there be commercial space(s) as part of the station?
- How many restrooms at each station?
- Will there be parking passes?
- Will the fare gates accommodate luggage, bikes, etc? Some other rail systems have handicap fare gates.
- Will there be bike racks?
- Why the difference in size of mauka entrance vs. makai entrance? Can they not both be the same size (small like the mauka entrance)?
- What are the hours of operations?
- What are the stipulations with bringing pets onboard the train, including service animals? Will they be required to be in a carrier?
- Ample parking is needed.
- Fortt. Weaver Road has extremely high-traffic. Thus, this station must have a park and ride to accommodate the more than 1000 cars that will most likely travel to this [nearest] station.
- It seems there is a potential conflict of at-grade traffic at the nearest intersection. Suggest a roundabout or an extra lane.
- Short-term parking a preference as it implies a maximum of 4 hrs parking.
- Suggest a smart phone app where patrons have access to some schedule.
- Thinking ahead in accommodating high ridership at stations, HART may want to explore more entrance(s) and exit(s).

### **3. Leeward Community College Station**

**Moderator:** Tim Newberry

**Scribe:** Lois Hamaguchi

Questions discussed:

- What provisions are being made for another roadway? Only one main road into Lee CC.
- What's the noise decibel of the trains? I live above Kunia Road and concerned about the noise.
- Natural disasters such as earthquakes---What happens to the rail system (i.e. mainland fire stations). Am I going to be safe?
- Artwork suggestions (Vice Chancellor Mark Lane)
  1. Would like to have Lee CC be included in artwork discussion esp. for the corridor along Lee CC station. College has good art program and wants to engage students.
  2. Is HART going to be able to include digital signage along the walk corridor so when students get off train there could be a listing of events, programs, Lee CC-related activities.
  3. Would like to be involved with working with HART or contractor on landscaping walkways as college has a robust Native Hawaiian agriculture program and native plant selections.
  4. Concern about people getting off the train after Lee CC's 11 p.m. curfew and roaming around the campus. Since the rail system runs in early morning hours, we have safety concerns about students or others loitering.
- Integrate bike racks and storage on train. Need easy access to Lee CC bike path.
- Short-term parking or after Lee CC hours

### **4. Art/Culture Station**

**Moderator:** Lisa Yoshihara

**Scribe:** Nicole Higa

Questions discussed:

- Will there be opportunities for local community organizations (specifically Easter Seals Hawaii) to participate in an outreach community based art program?
- How will Station Naming be decided? What is the source material that will be used for research?
- How will the preservation of artwork at the stations be handled? How do we mitigate graffiti?
- Will Native Hawaiian artists be selected for art opportunities?
- What will the station art opportunities be for each station? Where is the location for the West Loch station art?
- Artwork themes and context: Site-specific locations are important – how will themes be decided?
- Can you please consider a rotatable impermanent art program that includes the community? (school groups, etc.)
- Where are the boundaries for the Waipahu (Waikele) ahupua'a? What does that look like today?

### **5. DPP TOD Station**

**Support Staff:** Kathy Sokugawa, Renee Espiau; Bonnie Arakawa; Curtis Lum

Questions discussed:

- Is the city going to make me move out of my house if I don't build an apartment?

- Questions about what the zoning will be. There was a lot of interest in TOD and questions about what the zoning will be. Staff explained the vision laid out in the Waipahu Neighborhood TOD Plan and allayed fears that there would be wholesale change of the area.
- People want to keep Taniokas!

# **Appendix A**

## Meeting Agenda

## **Appendix B**

PowerPoint presentation

## **Appendix C**

### Handouts