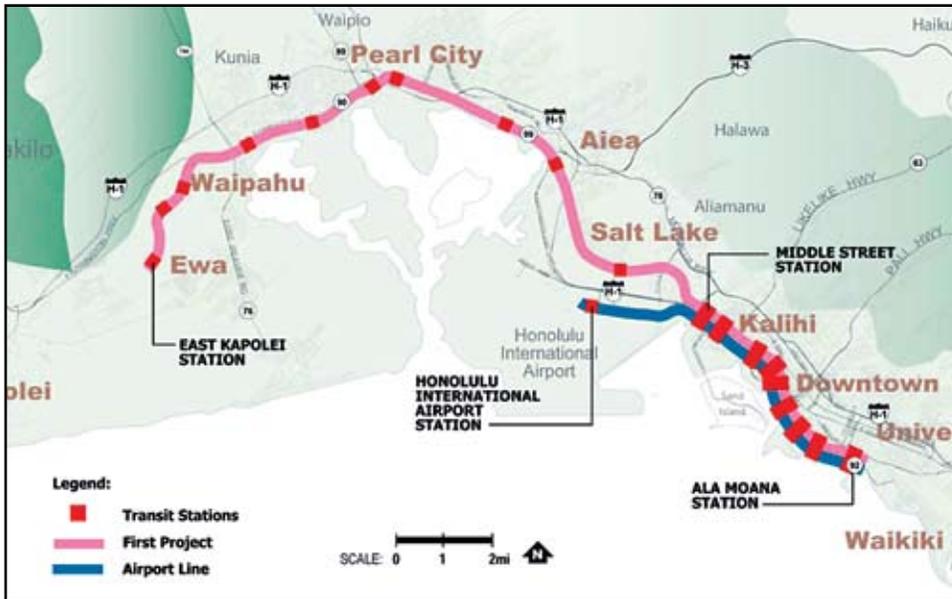


An Update on the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project

## Airport to Ala Moana in 17 Minutes!



Honolulu International Airport, one of our island's busiest areas, is the home of exciting news about rail. Planners for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project have designed a way to include the airport in the mass transit system route at a lower cost that would enable construction to begin sooner. Planners studied the airport possibilities in response to widespread requests for transit to serve the airport. By constructing the airport connection as a spur, it would reduce cost, and the City is working to secure funding for the construction.

With the planned spur, a trip from the airport to Ala Moana Center would take only 17 minutes, and trains would depart every 15 minutes. Passengers coming from West Oahu would conveniently transfer at the Middle Street Station to get to the airport. The airport spur would be built as an addition to the current alignment through Salt Lake.

Residents and visitors will benefit from

this spur. Nearly 7,000 people work at the airport, and many of them can use the rail for commuting without worry about the cost of gas or parking.

Business travelers will find the airport spur especially convenient for neighbor island meetings and appointments. The airport spur will shorten travel time and save on the cost of parking or taxis.

The airport is a major transit destination today. Many people working at the airport also take TheBus - which records 2,500 trips to and from the airport daily. For travelers, it means more convenient access to Honolulu, which is important as the number of daily arrivals and departures is expected to double to over 100,000 by 2030.

### Airport Spur Details

The re-designed airport spur travels from the Middle Street transit station to the Honolulu Airport. Cost for the spur as currently designed is approximately \$350 million, compared to \$700

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## Local Thoughts

"When my daughter was born 15 years ago, I sold my last car. It was at this time I decided that if there was one thing I wanted to teach my child was that we each have a choice in many things in life and most of the time it comes down to the simple question, "Will I be a part of the problem or part of the solution?"



Lawrence Payne, Kailua

My daughter and I have lived in 7 states and have taken Mass Transit in all of them. I constantly come across people that after their initial amazement wears off they say, "I could never be without my car," to which I reply, "You could if you chose to."

Please let others know that it is possible and taking Mass Transit actually improves your quality of life due to reduced stress, more personal time, and quiet solitude."



Fran Villarmia Kahawai, Newtown

"I only knew what was on the TV news. This presentation helped me understand more of the direction we're going with this [rail transit] and I think it's a good idea!"

"The future is now. This is a great investment for the future. And, it's a boon for senior citizens because they can depend on another mode of transportation in case of emergency. You can depend on rail."



Masaru Matsumura, Mililani



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## AAA's Annual Cost of Vehicle Ownership



Four-wheel-drive mid-size SUV = **\$10,448**

Large sedan = **\$9,769**

Minivan = **\$8,644**

Average Sedan = **\$8,121**

Small sedan = **\$6,320**

Source: AAA, Your Driving Costs (2008 Edition)

Cost of Riding Transit = **\$440**

**Total Savings = \$7,681**

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million to construct the entire segment. The route does not go all the way to Pearl Harbor, but is being planned to accommodate future expansion to Pearl Harbor as funding allows.

### Ala Moana Center Modifications

In order to accommodate the increase

the airport passengers to Ala Moana Center, the City is working with Ala Moana Center to devise a circulator bus system to easily transport passengers with luggage to and from Waikiki. Since TheBus does not allow riders with luggage, this also provides a potential opportunity for private bus and trolley operators and taxi cabs.

## HOT TOPIC: Property Impacts

This is a topic that is taken very seriously by the City and the project. When accurate impacts are finalized, property owners are going to be notified in writing of the possible impacts and then contacted in person by a City/project representative. We recognize that this is a sensitive issue and are treating it with the care and caution that it deserves. In all cases, property owners will be notified before the Draft Environmental Impact Statement is released.

The exact impacts of the route and stations are still being refined by engineers; therefore the exact impacts to the nearby properties are not final. Most of the impacts, however, are slivers adjacent to existing roads.

There are very few full-parcels that are

affected. As the engineering design progresses, the size and shape of the project footprint is also progressing. General impacts are known, but the specific impacts will be released to property owners first.

Rather than provide people inaccurate information, the City is working to refine an accurate list of property impacts, by Tax Map Key (TMK), size of impact and type of property. By doing this, an open, accurate discussion can be held with property owners to facilitate the process.

Because this is a sensitive issue, especially to the property owners, the property impacts will be discussed in detail with property owners rather than outside agents or in the media.