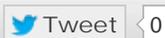


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HART AND THE BUS WORK TOGETHER FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



Pearl Highlands station in Leeward O'ahu.

Part of the planning for the rail line involves creating a multimodal transit system that connects rail with the city's bus system, TheHandi-Van, bikes and pedestrians. The goal is to create a high-quality, seamless, public transportation network for a variety of travelers.

To help achieve that goal, a working group, including representatives from the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART), Oahu Transit Services (OTS), which operates the city's bus system, and the Department of Transportation Services (DTS), along with other transit stakeholders, is identifying opportunities for coordination and cooperation among the three public transit entities.

One of the many areas the group is studying is the fare system, including the latest technologies used in fare collection, with the goal of providing a single, systemwide fare for both TheBus and rail. Transit riders, including seniors and students, will be able to use a single pass to ride both the train and TheBus, making it easy to transfer between both systems.

Bus routes will also connect with all 21 rail stations and four new bus transit centers to be built at the UH West Oahu, West Loch, Pearl Highlands, and Aloha Stadium stations. Some bus routes will be reconfigured to help get passengers to and from the rail stations. And with the addition of the rail line moving commuters along one of our most congested corridors, more buses will be redeployed to underserved areas.

The working group is also researching bus and rail operations in other cities and municipalities to identify best practices and lessons learned by other transit systems.

The working group plans to issue a final report on its work and findings in 2014, well in advance of the initial opening of the first 10-miles of the system in 2017. The full system from Kapolei to Ala Moana Center is scheduled to open in 2019.

HART RECEIVES \$50 MILLION IN GET COLLECTIONS FOR RAIL

The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) received more than \$50 million in General Excise and Use Tax (GET) revenue collected during the second quarter of 2013.

The \$50.36 million collected from April through June brings the total GET revenue received for the Honolulu rail project to \$1.079 billion.

The half-percent GET surcharge dedicated to the Honolulu rail system began in January 2007 and is set to expire at the end of 2022. It is estimated the surcharge will fund nearly 70 percent of the project's cost, with the remainder to be covered with federal funding.

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA USE PERMIT HEARING



The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) will conduct a second public hearing as part of its review of an application for a Special Management Area Use Permit (SMP) to construct portions of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project. The hearing will be held on Monday, August 5, 2013 at 10 a.m. at the Filipino Community Center (94-428 Mokuola Street) in Waipahu.

All interested persons are invited to attend. To learn more about this meeting, please visit the [SMA Meeting event listing](#) at www.HonoluluTransit.org.

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