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STATE APPROVES RAIL PROJECT'S ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY REPORTS



Workers excavate a trench in Kaka'ako during HART's Archaeological Inventory Survey.

The State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) has approved the archaeological survey reports for the Honolulu rail transit project.

"This approval is a major step forward," said HART Executive Director and CEO Daniel Grabauskas. "We are now working with the city's Department of Planning and Permitting to submit the necessary permit applications to the City Council for its review and approval. Getting back to work after the year-long delay is essential to completing the project on time and on budget -- that's our goal."

The Hawaii Supreme Court ruled last year that the archaeological survey work for the entire rail route should have been completed before construction began in East Kapolei. HART had completed the studies for the half of the alignment between East Kapolei and Aloha Stadium and was in the process of completing studies for the remainder of the route at the time of the court's decision. HART temporarily halted construction on the project to comply with the court's decision and worked on completing the remaining archaeological studies.

The archaeological survey reports were approved for the entire alignment, and applications for the project's Special Management Area Use Permit are being submitted to

the City Council for review and approval.

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY INFORMED



HART Board Chairman Ivan Lui-Kwan

Transparency will be key to the rail project's success, says the new chairman of the HART Board of Directors.

"We need to continue to reach out to the community," said Ivan Lui-Kwan.

"We need to continue to reach out to the people who are paying the bills, who are the taxpayers. We need to continue to work with the policymakers...to enable them to be able to communicate effectively with their constituents when their constituents have concerns or questions about the project.

"We've already been committed, but we really need to make sure that our commitment is continually renewed, to be transparent."

Lui-Kwan says in its first two years, the HART board has worked closely with the public transit authority's administration and staff to achieve several project milestones. The most recent is the completion and approval of the project's archaeological studies, moving the project closer to resuming construction in West Oahu.

"I feel really good about where we are," Lui-Kwan said.

TRAFFIC ALERT



Lane closures will take place from Tuesday, September 3 to Thursday, September 5 between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. along eastbound and westbound lanes of Farrington Highway in Waipahu and Ewa between:

- Old Fort Weaver Road and Leokane Street
- Aniani Place and the Waipahu on-ramp of the H-1 Freeway near Waipahu High School

One lane in each direction of Farrington Highway will remain open at all times.

Lane closures will take place from Tuesday, September 3 to Thursday, September 5 between 7:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. along the eastbound lanes and between 10 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. along the westbound lanes of Kamehameha Highway in Pearl City and Aiea between:

- Acacia Road and Waimano Home Road
 - The H-1 Moanalua Freeway on-ramp near Aloha Stadium and Salt Lake Boulevard
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Lane closures will take place in the Pearl Harbor, Airport and Kalihi areas from Tuesday, September 3 to Friday, September 6 between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. eastbound on:

- Kamehameha Highway near the H-1 Freeway near Makai Frontage Road
- Dillingham Boulevard between Middle Street and Laumaka Street
- H-1 Freeway Nimitz Highway Exit Ramp near the Airport
- H-1 Moanalua Freeway on-ramp near Aloha Stadium

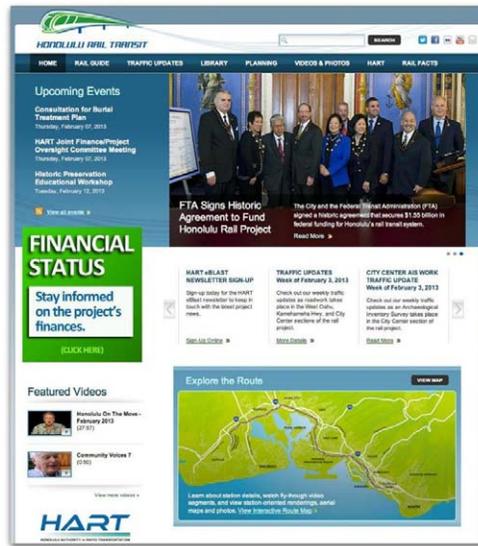
And westbound on:

- Kamehameha Highway near Halawa Drive

Motorists should anticipate some possible delays in traffic and proceed with caution through the work areas.

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