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## *RAIL PROJECT COMPLETES STUDIES REQUESTED BY FEDERAL COURT*



*HART Executive Director and CEO Dan Grabauskas, Mayor Kirk Caldwell and Councilmember Breene Harimoto announce the rail project's compliance with a federal court order.*

The rail project has completed the additional studies and reports required by the U.S. District Court, achieving another milestone as the project progresses.

Attorneys filed the Notice of Compliance this week notifying the court that the work has been completed.

In response to a lawsuit filed by rail opponents, U.S. District Court Judge A. Wallace Tashima late last year instructed the City and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to conduct additional studies on a Beretania Street Tunnel alternative, to determine whether the project would have any impermissible use of Mother Waldron Park, and to determine if there were any previously unidentified National Register-eligible Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP) that would be impacted by the project.

A Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)/Section 4(f) Evaluation was produced, which was approved in September by the FTA. The report concluded that the Beretania Tunnel option would be far more expensive, take two years longer to build, and not move any more riders than the current rail route. The Final SEIS also concluded that the project would not create any impermissible use of Mother Waldron Park. In addition, HART completed the final section of the TCP report, and no previously unidentified TCPs were found in the City Center portion of the route.

A copy of the [Final SEIS](#) is available on HART's website at [www.HonoluluTransit.org](http://www.HonoluluTransit.org) and at all Oahu public libraries.

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## *HART BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS*

Thursday, October 17, 2013  
Mission Memorial Annex Conference Room | 550 South King Street,  
Honolulu

- 8:30 a.m. - HART Board Transit Oriented Development Committee
- 9:00 a.m. - HART Board Joint Finance/Project Oversight Committees
- 10:00 a.m. - HART Board of Directors

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## *TRAFFIC ALERT*



HART has temporarily reopened the eastbound lane of Old Farrington Highway in Ewa. Drivers are now able to access the eastbound lane from Kualakai Parkway (North-South Road) and detour along Old Fort Weaver Road near Kahi Mohala to access Farrington Highway into Waipahu. The highway will remain closed to westbound traffic.

Members of the public will be able to access the Aloun Farms pumpkin patch during the next three weekends via Old Farrington Highway and Kualakai Parkway.

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Lane closures will take place from Sunday, October 13 to Thursday, October 17 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 Paiwa Street

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

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Lane closures will take place along Kamehameha Highway in Aiea on Wednesday, October 16 and Thursday, October 17 between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. between Hekaha Street and Kanuku Street.

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Lane closures will take place in the Pearl Harbor and airport areas from Monday, October 14 to Friday, October 18 between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on:

- Kamehameha Highway near Halawa Drive
  - Kamehameha Highway near Middle Street
  - Kamehameha Highway near H-1 to Nimitz Highway
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Lane closures will take place in the Kalihi area from Monday, October 14 to Friday, October 18 between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. westbound on:

- Kamehameha Highway near Nimitz Highway

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

For the latest traffic updates, please visit our website at [www.HonoluluTransit.org](http://www.HonoluluTransit.org). If you have any questions or concerns regarding the work in your area, call our 24-hour project hotline at (808) 566-2299.

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