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RAIL CONSTRUCTION ROLLING ON



Workers place concrete segments atop support columns to form the rail guideway.

It's been just about a year since HART resumed construction of Honolulu's rail system--- and the project has made significant progress.

Today there are more than 120 columns stretching from Kapolei through Ewa, and foundation work is underway in Waipahu.

And more than 330 50-ton segments have been cast and fitted together to form more than 25 guideway spans.



Two of the buildings at HART's Maintenance and Storage Facility under construction in Waipahu

Also rising up near Leeward Community College is HART's operations and control center and its train maintenance yard where construction work on several buildings is taking shape.

Along Kamehameha Highway through Aiea and Pearl City, workers have been busy relocating underground utilities.

It's been a busy year to say the least, and HART would like to thank everyone for their patience, understanding, and safe driving during our construction.

HART TO REBID STATIONS CONTRACT

HART Executive Director and CEO Dan Grabauskas announced earlier this week that the transit authority has canceled the solicitation to build the first nine rail stations. HART plans to repackage the original contract into three smaller ones and put those out to bid later this year and early in 2015.

"We have decided that it is in the public's best interest to cancel this solicitation and redesign the bid in order to reduce risk to the contractors and thereby reduce costs," Grabauskas said.

The bids received last month came in higher than HART had budgeted.

The change will likely delay by one year the planned opening of the first ten miles of the rail system between Aloha Stadium and east Kapolei.

However, the full 20-mile system from Kapolei to Ala Moana Center is still set to be in operation in late 2019.

WEEKLY TRAFFIC ALERT

Sunday, September 14 to Friday, September 19



EWA

Farrington Highway between Kualakai Parkway (North-South Road) and Old Fort Weaver Road will be closed weeknights between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. through September. Motorists should instead use either the H-1 Freeway or Kapolei Parkway.

Left turns from Farrington Highway onto Fort Weaver Road northbound will be restricted 24/7 until the end of September. Eastbound drivers using Farrington Highway will need to take a detour up Leoku Street and use either Leolua Street or Waipahu Street to access Fort Weaver Road.

H-1 FREEWAY WAIAWA INTERCHANGE

Two southbound lanes of the H-2 Freeway near the H-1/H-2 merge will be closed Sunday through Thursday between 8:30 p.m. and 4 a.m.

WAIPAHU

Eastbound lanes of Farrington Highway between Waipahu Depot Street and Paiwa Street will be closed weeknights between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.

One westbound lane of Farrington Highway near Paiwa Street, and the inside lanes of Farrington Highway near Waipahu High School will be closed weeknights between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. Side-street through traffic at the Kahualii Street intersection will also be restricted during those hours. Traffic signals at the Kahualii Street intersection will be temporarily shut down on Tuesday, September 16 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., and police officers will direct traffic. Westbound left-turn lane pockets at Paiwa Street and Kahualii Street will be shortened 24/7 during the construction.

PEARL CITY

Various sections of Kamehameha Highway along the outside lanes in both directions in Pearl City and Aiea will be closed weekdays between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Two westbound lanes along Kamehameha Highway between Waiawa Road and Waimano Home Road will be closed weeknights between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. and two eastbound lanes between 8 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. The Waimano Home Road intersection will also be closed weeknights after 9 p.m.

One eastbound lane of Kamehameha Highway between Waiawa Road and Waimano Home Road will be closed weekdays 24/7, and an additional eastbound lane will be closed weekdays between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Two westbound lanes of Kamehameha Highway between Puu Poni Street and Kaahumanu Street will be closed weeknights between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. Two eastbound lanes will be closed between 8 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Westbound drivers will be contraflowed to the eastbound lanes between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. One eastbound lane will also be closed 24/7.

AIEA

Eastbound drivers on Kamehameha Highway between Pali Momi Street and Honomanu Street will be contraflowed to the westbound lanes between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m.

An eastbound lane of Kamehameha Highway between Lipoa Place and Pali Momi Street will be closed 24/7.

The eastbound Moanalua Freeway on-ramp near McGrew Point will be closed weeknights between 8 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.

The right eastbound lane of Kamehameha Highway between the Moanalua Freeway on-ramp and Salt Lake Boulevard will be closed 24/7. Two westbound lanes near the Moanalua Freeway/Kamehameha Highway merge will also be closed between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

DOWNTOWN

Westbound lanes of Nimitz Highway between Bethel Street and the Iwilei Street exit will be closed weeknights from 8:30 p.m. to 6 a.m.

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