

Mayor's Aiea/Pearl City Town Meeting  
Monday, May 22, 2006  
Pearl Ridge Elementary School Cafeteria  
7:00 – 8:30 PM

Transit issues: Toru Hamayasu, Chief of Transportation Planning, will be in attendance to answer questions relating to mass transit.

Bus issues: Glenn Moir, Planner with Public Transit, will be in attendance to answer questions relating to TheBus, bus stops, and HandiVans.

Hot issue: Pearl City Bus Stop

In June, 1997, Route 73 was shortened to eliminate service to the top of Waimano Home Road (WHR). This was the final solution to a long, drawn-out problem: three residents of Hookiekie Street (actually their homes rear property line was on Hookiekie Street) were having problems with Pearl City High School students (allegedly bus patrons) trespassing and littering at a bus stop.

Ultimately the neighborhood board, after extensive community input and consultation with us and Councilmember Hannemann's staff, decided to re-route the bus off of Hookiekie Street. Along the way, we tried:

- simply removing the stop, shifting it onto WHR, but that didn't work out,
- the Waimano Home turnaround became a problem,
- the proposal to use the cultural center driveway (further up WHR) wasn't feasible, and
- the NB decided the route didn't need to go all the way up, anyway.

The end result is that the community, through the NB, changed the route to become what it is today.

James Burke, Chief, Public Transit Division, spoke yesterday with Brooks Baehr of KGMB Channel 9 News regarding a bus stop on Waimano Home road. He told James about how he is doing a story on some HS special education students who are learning life skills like going shopping, etc., and riding TheBus.

Brooks also indicated that the HS teacher wrote a letter to the Pearl City Neighborhood Board to get a bus stop located closer to Pearl City High School – The bus stop that they use is about 9/10 of a mile from their classroom.

Brooks was well informed of issues of the past. They discussed how the bus stop and service was discontinued after a process that included the Neighborhood Board, Councilmember's Hannemann's staff, and residents, in June 1997 (see above).

James told him that this is the first time we have heard about this specific issue and that we would be interested in communicating with the group (James asked him to send a copy of the letter to DTS), then we can ascertain exactly what is being talked about. We are willing to explore possibilities to remedy the situation and solutions which may or may not include a bus stop closer to the high school.

Traffic Issues: Mike Oshiro, Engineer with Traffic Engineering division, will be in attendance to answer questions relating to traffic, signage, and DTS projects in the area.

Subject: Kaonohi St. Moanalua Road Intersection Improvements

Reconstruction conference with contractor Haron Construction indicates that traffic signal equipment will begin installation by September 2006 and end by November 2006.

Hot Issue: State's Traffic signal @ Kahumanu  
State's Traffic Optimization program for  
Aiea-Pearl City - Kamehameha Highway

- State DOT has a contract with Parson's Brinckerhoff Quade Douglas (PBQD) to optimize the traffic signal timing for Kamehameha Hwy in the Aiea-Pearl City area.
- PBQD is currently working on the optimization timing. As of 5/22/06 nothing has been submitted to the City for review.

Further technical questions should be addressed to Rod Haraga, SDOT, 587-2150.