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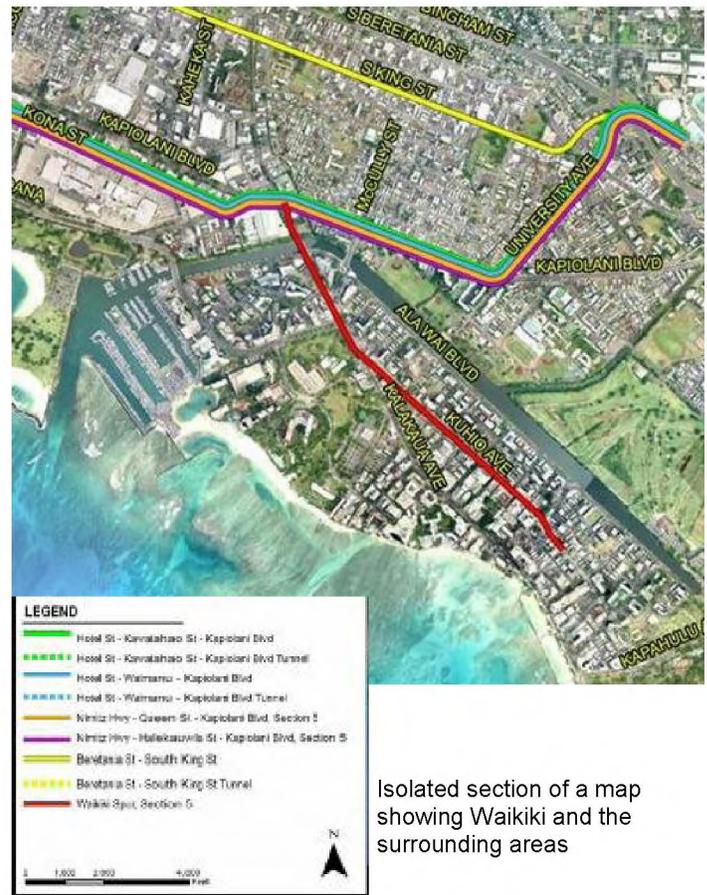
Waikiki Branch of City Transit Plan Presented

For decades, the community has debated developing a transit system to serve urban O’ahu. The passage of a General Excise Tax increase targeted for mass transportation improvements, a transit system has provided the City the resources to potentially make this a reality.

The City and County of Honolulu is developing a plan between now and December 6, 2006 to be used by the City Council to select a Locally Preferred Transit Alternative for Honolulu.

The team working on the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project made a presentation on Tuesday March 14th to a joint meeting of the Oahu Hotel association and the Waikiki Improvement Association. The City consultants presented four alternatives.

The alternative that most directly affected Waikiki was the “Fixed-Guideway Alternative” it would include the construction and operation of a fixed-guideway transit system between Kapolei and the University of Hawaii at Manoa, with options for a branch into Waikiki. The system could use any fixed-guideway transit technology meeting performance requirements and could either be automated or employ drivers. Station and supporting facility locations will be determined during further alternative development and will be defined in the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project Alternatives Analysis



Isolated section of a map showing Waikiki and the surrounding areas

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Definition of Alternatives Report. Supporting facilities would include a vehicle maintenance facility and park-and-ride lots. Existing bus service would be reconfigured and enhanced to bring riders on local buses to nearby transit stations. The guideway would be constructed within existing street or highway rights-of-way where possible, but would require the acquisition of additional property in various locations. This alternative would not preclude future extensions of the system within the corridor, or to Central Oahu, Waianae, or Hawaii Kai.

A broad range of technologies were considered for application to this alternative, including light rail transit, personal rapid transit, automated people mover, monorail, magnetic levitation (maglev), commuter rail, and emerging technologies that are still in the development stage. Through a screening process, several transit technologies were selected and will be considered as possible options. Technologies that were not carried forward from the screening process include personal rapid transit, commuter rail, and the emerging technologies.

The study corridor has been divided into five sections to simplify analysis and evaluation of impacts that would be associated with each alignment in the Alternatives Analysis. With few exceptions, the various alignments under consideration within each of the sections may be combined with any of the alignments in the adjacent sections.

Four different alignment options utilize Kona Street through Ala Moana Center, and then turn mauka to follow Kapiolani Boulevard to University Avenue, which it follows to UH Manoa. Each of these options is being considered both with and without a connecting branch into Waikiki. The Waikiki Branch would diverge from the UH Manoa line near the Hawaii Convention Center, travel into Waikiki following Kalakaua Avenue to Kuhio Avenue, then extend along Kuhio Avenue to the vicinity of Kaiulani Avenue. The line into Waikiki would be overhead and require the reduction of one lane of traffic along its route.

For more information including a description of the process and the four alternatives being considered go to honolulutransit.org.

ResortQuest® Hawaii's Spring Specials

ResortQuest Hawaii, formerly Aston Hotels & Resorts, is offering guests every third, fourth or fifth night FREE during spring when staying at select hotel and condominium resort properties on Oahu, Maui, Kauai and the Island of Hawaii. Upon arrival, each guest room receives a complimentary ResortQuest Hawaii Aloha Book which shares the culture, history, cuisine and attractions of Hawaii. With an assortment of accommodations to choose from and combined with the Aloha Book, guests can experience, "Our Hawaii, Your Way" at ResortQuest Hawaii.

Here is just a one example of the spring specials being offered this season:

ResortQuest Waikiki Beach Hotel on the Island of Oahu — every third night FREE!

For travel from March 22 – June 8, 2006, guests receive every third night free when booking an

ocean-view hotel room, oceanfront hotel room, or a junior suite. Located directly across from Waikiki Beach, this hip-Hawaiian themed hotel features daily complimentary "Breakfast on the Beach" for up to four guests. Save up to 50 percent on a room with an ocean view.

Spring specials may not be combined with other promotions and offers, and are subject to program availability. Rates may vary by season and some restrictions may apply.



Aqua Boutique Hotels Offer FREE In-Room Internet

Aqua Hotels & Resorts has become the first hotel chain in Hawaii to provide FREE in-room, high-speed internet access at its three Aqua Boutique Hotels to meet the needs and demands of Waikiki's business and leisure travelers.

"Aqua Palms, Aqua Bamboo & Spa and Aqua Aloha Surf have received tremendous customer satisfaction and support since adding the complimentary high-speed LAN (Ethernet) internet connection in their guest rooms," said Elizabeth Churchill, Aqua's VP Marketing & Guest Services. "The popular amenity is a feature of AquaCONNECT, which is an example of Aqua's dedication to offering our guests lifestyle amenities normally found in large beachfront hotels, but at no charge."

Free wireless high-speed internet access is also available in the lobbies while Aqua Bamboo & Spa and Aqua Aloha Surf also provide free wireless service at their pools.

Aqua Boutique Hotels' guests also enjoy the selection of complimentary amenities such as served-to-room continental breakfast and a daily local newspaper. "Aqua wants to appeal to Gen-Xers and travelers who are more disposed to take a Waikiki vacation knowing they can easily access their email and conduct some business, if they are so inclined," added Churchill. "Our customers expect a certain level of service but, they're also price-sensitive, so charging a fee for each amenity would become very annoying."



Queen Liliuokalani Trust Appoints Two Vice Presidents

LeeAnn E. P. Crabbe and Michael R. Walsh have been appointed vice presidents of the Queen Liliuokalani Trust (trust).

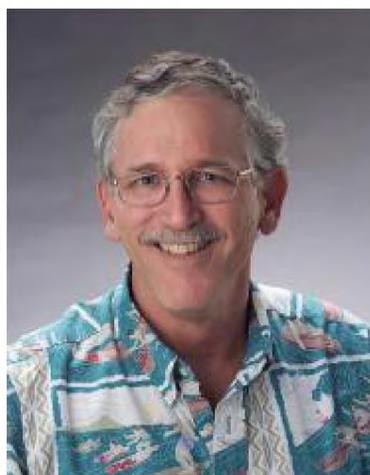


Ms. Crabbe will oversee all development activities on trust land, which are primarily focused on the Big Island. The trust owns 3,500 acres at Keahuolu adjacent to Kailua-Kona and approximately 2,800 acres at Honohina on the Hamakua Coast. She was formerly chief financial officer for the trust.

Ms. Crabbe joined the trust in August 2002 from the Kamehameha Schools where she was director for budget and financial planning. She joined Kamehameha Schools in 1987 as assistant to the director of finance. She worked at Price Waterhouse Coopers as a senior tax consultant from 1983 to 1987.

Ms. Crabbe graduated from the University of San Francisco with a bachelor's of science in business administration. She is a certified public accountant, State of Hawai'i.

Mr. Walsh will oversee the finance function as well as leasing activities for commercial and residential properties. He was formerly an



executive vice president, treasurer and chief financial officer of The Queen Emma Foundation where he worked for 17 years. From 1985 to 1988, Mr. Walsh was controller at Bedford Properties/Rancho California Development Company.

Mr. Walsh holds a bachelor's in business administration in accounting from the University of Hawai'i. He is a certified public accountant, State of Hawai'i.

"These appointments reflect our need to generate more income to meet the increasing needs of our beneficiaries," said Robert Ozaki, president and chief executive officer of the trust's endowment group. "Ms. Crabbe will focus on creating value on our un-improved real estate. Mr. Walsh will manage our financial relationships to facilitate financing of trust property activities."



Starwood Hotels & Resorts Hawaii presented a check for \$30,000 to support the American Cancer Society's (ACS) efforts here in Hawaii. ACS was selected by Starwood Hawaii's associates throughout Hawaii as the charity of choice for 2006.

Pictured from left: Jonathan Cho, M.D. - President, ACS Hawaii Pacific, Marietta Bustamante - Executive Director, ACS Honolulu Office, Beth Hoban - President, ACS Honolulu Field Office, Cheryl Williams - Regional Vice President, Sales & Marketing, Starwood Hotels & Resorts Hawaii and French Polynesia, Tina Clothier - Chief Staff Officer of Development and Organization, ACS, Keith Vieira - Senior Vice President, Operations, Starwood Hotels & Resorts Hawaii and French Polynesia

Other Waikiki Events

Daily: 4:30PM-5:30PM, Star of Honolulu's Pier-Side Hula Show - Free! (Fronting the Star of Honolulu at Aloha Tower Marketplace, Pier 8); 5:30PM-9:30PM Live Entertainment at Moana Terrace (Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort And Spa); 6:00PM, Torch Lighting Ceremony, (Renaissance Ilikai); 6:15PM-6:45PM, Changing of the King's Guard - Rifle Drill Exhibition (King's Village); 7:00PM-10:00PM, Live Jazz at *Deep Blue* (Hyatt Regency Waikiki)

Monday to Friday: 7:00AM-7:45AM, Rhythms of the Ocean Exercises (Outrigger Reef on the Beach); 8:30AM-4:00PM, Hawaiian Crafter Demonstration & Sale (Outrigger Reef on the Beach); 9:00AM-1:00PM, Thrift Shop, Free Admission, 923-1802 (Waikiki Community Center)



Monday to Saturday: 12:00PM, 1:00PM, 6:30PM & 8:15PM, Fish & Stingray Feeding at the Oceanarium (Pacific Beach Hotel)

Thursday to Saturday: 6:00PM-8:00PM, Kawika and Friends Hula Show (Renaissance Ilikai)

Friday and Saturday: 7:00PM-9:30PM, Live jazz entertainment in Neptune's Garden Restaurant (Pacific Beach Hotel)

Every Sunday: 7:30AM, Marathon Clinic (KP); 6:00PM-9:00PM, George Kuo, Martin Pahinui & Aaron Mahi perform (Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa).

Every Monday: 9:00AM-12:00PM, Hawaiian Arts & Crafts (Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa); 2:00PM-4:00PM, The Waikiki Swingers (Waikiki Community Center); 6:30PM-9:30PM, Christian & Sani perform (Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa); 8:30PM-9:15PM, Derek Daniels "Islands of Aloha" (International Market Place).

Every Tuesday: 7:00AM-1:00PM, Farmers Market, (Waikiki Community Center); 9:30AM-11:30AM, Hawaiian Quilt Making (Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center); 10:00AM-12:00PM, Hawaiian Craft Classes (Waikiki Shopping Plaza).



Every Wednesday: 6:00PM-8:00PM Chris Kamaka & Baba Alimoot Perform (Outrigger Waikiki On The Beach).

Every Thursday: 5:00PM-7:00PM, Jimmy Kaina on Piano (Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach); 6:00PM-9:00PM, Auntie Genoa Keawe performs (Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa); 6:00PM-8:00PM, Chris Kamaka and Baba Alimoot Perform (Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach); 6:30PM- 8:30PM, Puuhonua Performs (Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center); 8:30PM-9:15PM, Derek Daniels "Islands of Aloha" (International Market Place).

Every Friday: 7:00AM-1:00PM, Farmers Market, (Waikiki Community Center); 8:00AM-1:00PM, Hawaiian Craft Fair (Pacific Beach)

Every Saturday: 7:00PM-7:45PM, Derek Daniels "Voyage Through Polynesia" (Waikiki Town Center); 7:00PM-10:00PM, Jazz Trio (226 Lewers Street).

Sunday, March 16: 2:00PM-3:00PM, Royal Hawaiian Band performs at Kapiolani Park Bandstand

Friday, March 17: 12:00PM-1:30PM, St. Patrick's Day Parade - Saratoga Road to Kapiolani Park

Sunday, March 19: 1:00PM-3:30PM, Tea Dancing at the Elks Club — fabulous music from the Golden Age of Dance

Saturday, March 25: 5:00PM-6:30PM, Prince Kuhio Parade - Saratoga Road to Kapiolani Park

Until April 30, 2006: 11:30AM-2:00PM, Star of Honolulu Premier Whale Watch Cruise (departs from Aloha Tower Marketplace, Pier 8, call 983-7827)



Kuhio Beach Torch Lighting and Hula Show DAILY!

Torch lighting, Hawaiian music and hula shows are performed daily at **6:00PM – 7:00PM** for the months of November, December and January and at **6:30PM – 7:30PM** from February through October at the Kuhio Beach Hula Mound, near the Duke Kahanamoku statue. FREE. Presented by the City's Office of Economic Development

(843-8002) and the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Schedule subject to change without notice.

For the month of March:

Mondays & Tuesdays: "Auntie Pudgie" Young & Hawaiian Serenaders

Wednesdays: Ainsley Halemanu and Ka Liko O Kapalai

Thursdays: Val Crabbe and Na 'Opio O Nanakuli

Friday, March 17: Moana Chang and the Aloha Boat Days Show

Saturday, March 18: Joan S. Lindsey and the Joan S. Lindsey Hula Studio

Sunday, March 19: Kapiolani Hao and Halau Ke Kiai Ao Hula

Waikiki Parade Watch (courtesy of the City)

March 17, 2006 Friday
12:00PM Starts
1:30PM Ends

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE sponsored by Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick of Hawaii. The event is expected to have 800 marchers, 50 vehicles, 2 floats, 5 bands. It will start at Saratoga Rd./Kalakaua Ave., to Kalakaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to end at Queen Kapiolani Park. Contact Kevin Kelly 956-6651

March 18, 2006 Saturday
7:00PM Starts
9:00PM Ends

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PROTEST AGAINST THE WAR WITH IRAQ MARCH sponsored by Hawaii Not In Our Name Coalition. The event is expected to have 500 marchers. It will start at Zoo Parking Lot at Kapahulu Ave., to Kuhio Ave., to Lewers St., to Kalakaua Ave., end at Zoo at Kalakaua/Kapahulu Aves. Contact: Carolyn Hadfield 286-8288.

The above is based on the most current information available from the event organizers as of the date of this publication. For more information, call the Department of Transportation Services, 808-527-6009.

**Sunset on the Beach for March 18 & 19
CANCELLED due to bad weather**



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If you would like to share news with other members of WIA, please send your info to mail@waikikiimprovement.com or fax to 923-2622.

Check out our monthly calendar of free activities at: www.waikikiimprovement.com