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HONOLULU AUTHORITY for RAPID TRANSPORTATION

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ENSURING RAIL PASSENGER SAFETY



For passenger safety, HART will add platform screen gates at each of the 21 rail stations.

Safety is a top priority for the Honolulu rail project.

To further ensure the safety of passengers waiting to board the trains, the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) will add platform safety gates to the system's rail stations.

The sliding glass doors will serve as a barrier, reducing the risk of accidents by preventing riders and objects from falling off the boarding platform onto the tracks. The platform safety doors will open only when the train doors open, so passengers can safely board and exit the trains.

The platform doors are widely used in rail systems around the world. Increasingly, systems without the gates have opted to add them to enhance passenger safety.

Planning for the platform safety gates now is much less expensive than adding them later, HART officials said. In a joint meeting of the HART Board of Directors' Finance and Project Oversight Committees, board members unanimously approved paying for the safety system. The platform safety gates will be made of laminated safety glass and will run the full length of the boarding platforms at all of the 21 rail stations. The cost for the gates is about \$27 million, or about \$1.3 million per station.

Stanley Access Technologies, which has provided platform door systems for a number of projects, has been selected to supply Honolulu's platform gates. They will be manufactured at Stanley's plant in Farmington, Connecticut, and Waipahu-based Automatic Door Specialists will install and service the doors for the Honolulu rail system.

Because of its safety features, platform gates have earned public support, particularly among seniors and those with disabilities. The state Disability and Communications Access Board is among those who voiced support for the platform gates, noting that the barrier will safely separate passengers with visual impairments or other limitations from the track area.

COUNCIL TO CONSIDER RAIL RESOLUTIONS

The Honolulu City Council next week, will consider two rail-related resolutions.

These measures will first be heard at two special council committee meetings scheduled for Monday, September 9.

The Zoning and Planning Committee meets at 10 a.m. to discuss the Special Management Area Use Permit and Shoreline Setback Variance for the rail project.

That meeting will be followed by a meeting of the Intergovernmental Affairs and Human Services Committee at 11:30 a.m. at which members are scheduled to discuss the Master Agreement between the City and the State Department of Transportation that covers the work scheduled for state roadways and the Airport.

Committee approvals are required for construction of the project to resume.

Should these two resolutions be approved by the committees and sent to the full Council for consideration, they will be heard at the Council's regularly scheduled monthly meeting, which will take place on Wednesday, September 11, beginning at 10 a.m.

TRAFFIC ALERT



Lane closures will take place from Sunday, September 8 to Thursday, September 12 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

- Kahualii Street 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 Monday, September 9 to Friday, September 13 between 8:30 a.m. 3 p.m. along the inside lane of the H-1/Moanalua Freeway on-ramp near Aloha Stadium.

The H-1 Moanalua Freeway on-ramp along Kamehameha Highway near Aloha Stadium will be closed overnight from 10 p.m. Monday, September 9 to 5 a.m. Tuesday, September 10. During the closure, motorists are advised to use either the on-ramp at the H-1 Halawa Interchange or the other Moanalua Freeway on-ramp off Aiea Access Road.

Lane closures will take place in the Pearl Harbor, Airport and Kalihi areas from Monday, September 9 to Friday, September 13 between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. eastbound on:

- Kamehameha Highway near the H-1 Freeway off-ramp near Makai Frontage Road
- Kamehameha Highway between Middle Street and Laumaka Street
- Aolele Street near the Airport approaching the H-1 Freeway on-ramp near Paiea Street
- Ualena Street between Ohohia Street and Lagoon Drive

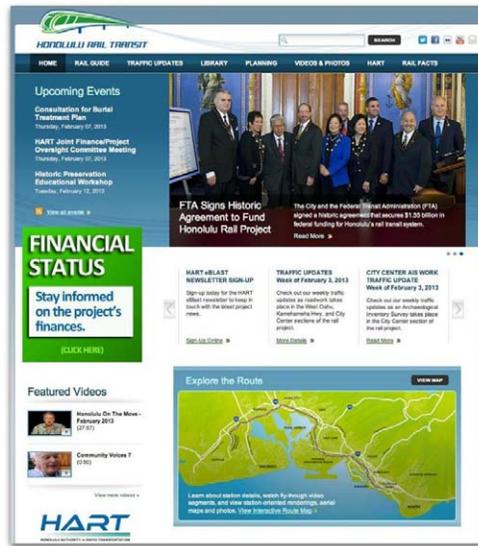
And westbound on:

- Kamehameha Highway near Halawa Drive

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. 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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