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OBAMA BUDGET INCLUDES \$250 MILLION FOR RAIL



There's good news this week out of Washington, D.C., where President Barack Obama has included in the Fiscal Year 2015 federal budget an additional \$250 million for the Honolulu rail project.

"This moves us that much closer to delivering this project to our community and providing our residents and visitors with relief from some of the worst traffic in the nation," said HART Executive Director and CEO Dan Grabauskas.

HART Board Chair Ivan Lui-Kwan said the continued support of the project's federal partners is essential as construction moves forward.

"I want to thank all the members of our congressional delegation for their strong and continued support," Lui-Kwan said. "It is because of their commitment and their efforts that we are able to keep the project on time and on budget."

The \$250 million in federal funding is part of the \$1.55 billion the Federal Transit Administration has agreed to provide for construction of Honolulu's rail system.

HONOLULU TRAFFIC SECOND WORST IN U.S.



Honolulu motorists spent an average of 60 hours delayed in traffic congestion in 2013

A new report confirms what most motorists on Oahu already know: Traffic congestion on the H-1 Freeway is bad and getting worse. Honolulu ranked second, behind only Los Angeles, among cities with the worst traffic congestion in the country.

On average, Honolulu motorists spent 60 hours in 2013 stuck in traffic. That's the average, which means some drivers actually spent more than 60 hours delayed in traffic.

That's 10 hours longer than just a year earlier according to INRIX, Inc., which annually analyzes traffic conditions in cities across the country. In 2011, Honolulu actually topped L.A. as the country's most-congested city.

Rail transit will provide a fast, reliable and affordable option to driving cars and trucks on our island's streets and freeways.

There'll be less congestion with rail than without it. In fact, in the future, rail will eliminate an estimated 40,000 vehicles from our congested streets and highways.

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY MEETING

The Honolulu rail transit project team continues to hold our monthly Business & Community meetings.

We will provide construction updates and a forum for businesses and residents to ask questions and share concerns.

Come and learn more about the construction of the rail project. Invite your friends, colleagues and neighbors to join us.

Farrington Highway Guideway Meeting
Wednesday, March 12, 2014
6 p.m.-Registration
6:30 p.m.-Project Update
Waipahu High School Library

HART BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday, March 13, 2014
Alii Place Suite 150 | 1099 Alakea Street | Honolulu

- 8:30 a.m. Transit-Oriented Development Committee
 - 9:00 a.m. Board of Directors
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TRAFFIC ALERT



EWA

Farrington Highway between Kualakai Parkway (North-South Road) and Old Fort Weaver Road is closed in both directions through April.

There will be staggered closures of eastbound and westbound lanes of Farrington Highway between the Kunia Road overpass and Old Fort Weaver Road Loop from Sunday, March 9 to Saturday, March 15. Motorists may be diverted to a temporary lane.

WAIPAHU

The outside lanes of Farrington Highway east of Waipahu High School will be closed Monday, March 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The inside lanes will be closed on Tuesday, March 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PEARL CITY

Two westbound lanes and one eastbound lane of Kamehameha Highway between Waimano Home Road and Kuala Street, including the left-turn lane into Home Depot, will be closed from Monday, March 10 to Friday, March 14 between 7:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.

Lanes of Kamehameha Highway between Kuleana Road and Puu Poni Street near the HECO-Waiiau power plant will be closed from Monday, March 10 to Friday, March 14 between 8 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. One westbound lane will remain open

and westbound traffic will be diverted to a temporary lane. There will be no left turns allowed at the Kuleana Road intersection. Two westbound lanes in the same area will also be closed weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Two westbound lanes of Kamehameha Highway between Waimano Home Road and Puu Poni Street will be closed from Monday, March 10 to Friday, March 14 from 7:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.

AIEA

The inside eastbound lane of Kamehameha Highway between Hekaha Street and Kanuku Street near Best Buy is closed until mid-March.

Two westbound lanes of Kamehameha Highway and an additional eastbound lane will be closed in the same area from Monday, March 10 to Friday, March 14 between 7:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.

One eastbound and two westbound lanes of Kamehameha Highway between Lipoa Place and Pali Momi Street, including one of the two left-turn lanes onto Pali Momi Street will be closed from Monday, March 10 to Friday, March 14 from 7:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.

PEARL HARBOR

The right westbound lane of Kamehameha Highway between Radford Drive and Halawa Drive will be closed from Monday, March 10 to Friday, March 14 between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

KALIHI/IWILEI

Both the eastbound and westbound left lanes of Dillingham Boulevard between Waiakamilo Road and Alakawa Street will be closed from Sunday, March 9 to Thursday March 13 between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m.

The northbound lane of Iwilei Road between Sumner Street and North King Street will be closed from Tuesday, March 11 to Friday, March 14 between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

DOWNTOWN/KAKAAKO

The eastbound and westbound left lanes of Nimitz Highway between River Street and Punchbowl Street will be closed from Sunday, March 9 to Thursday, March 13 between 8:30 p.m. and 4 a.m.

Punchbowl Street between Pohukaina Street and Ala Moana Boulevard will be closed on Saturday, March 8 and Sunday, March 9 between 7 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Motorists are advised to use either Halekauwila Street or Pohukaina Street as detours.

Halekauwila Street between Cooke Street and Ahui Street will be closed from Monday, March 10 and Tuesday, March 11 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Motorists are advised to use adjacent streets during the closure.

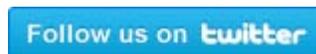
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