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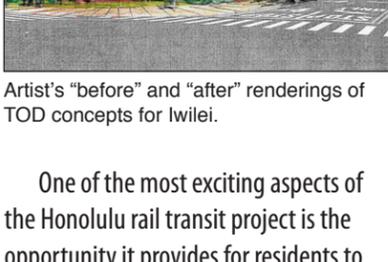


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Community-based Transit-Oriented Development Plans



Artist's "before" and "after" renderings of TOD concepts for Iwilei.

One of the most exciting aspects of the Honolulu rail transit project is the opportunity it provides for residents to become involved in the revitalization of their neighborhoods around transit stations.

The Department of Planning and Permitting has released new elements of the emerging Kalihi and Downtown Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) plans, which envision a revitalized and vibrant Chinatown and an urban mixed-use neighborhood in Iwilei, as well as promenades along Honolulu Harbor and the Kāpalama Canal.

These are just a few of the ideas that have resulted from an ongoing series of community workshops and Advisory Committee meetings, as well as community-wide household surveys. Consultant Dyett and Bhatia

is currently working to prepare draft reports of the TOD plans, which will be unveiled at community workshops in the coming months.

The TOD plans will guide development surrounding the rail stations during the next 25 years and beyond.

In Kalihi, the most significant changes are seen around the Kāpalama station, where several thousand new residents could live in higher-intensity mixed-use development, enjoying improved public gathering space along Kāpalama Canal and convenient and safe walks to nearby stores and services, as well as to the train station.

Similarly, the Downtown TOD Plan proposes to transform the Iwilei station area through more urban development and a greater range of uses, including placing residential, office and retail space in buildings up to 300 feet tall. New local streets and active park space would complement the neighborhood.

The goal of both plans is to allow many of the existing businesses to remain in these urban areas, while providing new housing choices, enabling people to live in town near transit and other quality urban amenities.

Copies of the Draft TOD Framework Plans are available now at www.honoluluodpp.org. To sign up for email updates on the upcoming workshops, contact David Jones at 768-8036 or djones3@honolulu.gov.

"Committed to the Money; Committed to the Project"

Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood said in Washington last month that the Obama administration's support for the Honolulu rail transit project remains strong.



Ray LaHood

"I want you to know that we are committed to this project. This is an important project. This will deliver people all over the island. It's an important project and at this point, we will continue to work through whatever issues need to be worked through. We're committed to this. We're committed to the money; we're committed to the project," said LaHood.

In a hearing before the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, LaHood told Chairman Daniel Inouye, "And, until we hear differently from others who are intimately involved in this, I see no reason why we won't go forward."

Secretary LaHood included \$250 million dollars for the Honolulu rail project in the Federal Transit Administration's portion of the Department of Transportation's budget for next year. The City and the FTA are negotiating the details of the \$1.55 billion Full Funding Grant Agreement that is expected to be concluded this fall.

"President Obama called on us to rebuild America by putting people back to work on transportation infrastructure projects that are built to last," said Secretary LaHood. "In Honolulu, and

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Grabauskas Appointed HART Executive Director and CEO



Daniel Grabauskas will assume the reins of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project as the new executive director and CEO of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation.

The HART Board of Directors voted unanimously to appoint Dan Grabauskas as the organization's executive director and CEO. Grabauskas previously served as the Massachusetts Transportation Secretary and the general manager of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), which operates the bus, subway, commuter rail and ferry systems for the greater Boston, Massachusetts area.

"I have a passion for public service and a passion for public transportation," Grabauskas told members of the HART Board of Directors, which appointed him to the position on March 1st.

Grabauskas comes to Honolulu from his position as chairman and senior

strategic adviser of the Bronner Center for Transportation Management. CEO Gila Bronner said Grabauskas's appointment is "tremendous news for the people of Honolulu."

"As chairman of Bronner's Center for Transportation Management, Dan furthered his reputation as one the best and brightest transportation executives in the world. It is only fitting that America's most exciting mass transit project — in Honolulu — should have a transformational leader like Dan. We'll miss

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him at Bronner but are delighted by the opportunity he now has to help build a bright future in Hawai'i," Bronner said.

In his position as general manager of the MBTA, Grabauskas oversaw an operation with 6,100 employees and an annual operating budget of \$1.4 billion.

"I'm tremendously excited," Grabauskas said of the opportunity to work on the Honolulu rail transit project. "In the time that I've spent with the HART staff and the HART board I've been tremendously impressed with the quality and the caliber of the people here. Their dedication is second to none. It's an exciting project, and I'm humbled to be a small part of it."

HART's Board Human Resources Committee Chair, Keslie Hui, said, "Grabauskas is a proven leader in the transit

industry. After an extensive screening process, the board concluded that Mr. Grabauskas was the one for the job: he is an honorable public servant, passionate about public transportation in general and our project in particular, and he is fully committed to using his considerable knowledge, skills and experience to deliver rail to the people of Honolulu on time and within budget," Hui said.

Grabauskas said transparency and safety are two of his top priorities. And he assured the board he was aware of Honolulu's unique needs. He said he remembered the lesson from a schoolteacher who told him he had two ears and one mouth for a reason. "We (HART) and I will listen with the appropriate respect and sensitivity that makes Honolulu and Hawai'i a special place," he said.



LEARN ASK ENGAGE

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) will present a series of five informational community updates on the Honolulu Rail Transit project. The public is invited to attend to hear up-to-date details about the project, experience informational displays, and ask questions of HART representatives.



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URBAN HONOLULU

Tues., May 1, 2012 | 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
McKinley High School Cafeteria
1039 South King Street

SALT LAKE

Wed., May 2, 2012 | 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Radford High School Cafeteria
4361 Salt Lake Boulevard

KALIHI

Thurs., May 3, 2012 | 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Farrington High School Cafeteria
1564 North King Street

WAIPAHU

Tues., May 8, 2012 | 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Waipahu Intermediate School Cafeteria
94-455 Farrington Highway

MILILANI

Wed., May 9, 2012 | 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Mililani High School Cafeteria
95-1200 Meheula Parkway

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throughout the nation, there is work to be done on projects like these. The budget proposal demonstrates our commitment to putting people back to work, building the infrastructure we need to improve our transit systems, highways, railways, airports and ports well in to the future. At this make-or-break moment for the middle class, we can afford to do no less."

Federal Transit Administrator Peter Rogoff added, "The Obama Administration continues

to make transformational investments in our nation's transit infrastructure that open the door to more jobs and opportunities for millions of Americans. Honolulu's new rail line will be a game changer for a city that has long needed an efficient and sustainable way to combat congestion, bring people into downtown from the airport, and manage growth through smart transit-oriented development projects."

Grabauskas Goes to Washington



HART Interim Executive Director Toru Hamayasu and Executive Director and CEO Dan Grabauskas meet with Senator Daniel K. Inouye in his Washington D.C. office.

Before heading to Honolulu, HART Executive Director Dan Grabauskas traveled to Washington D.C., where he met with FTA Administrator Peter Rogoff and the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

"FTA administrator Peter Rogoff and Hawaii's congressional delegation guaranteed their strong commitment to Honolulu's rail project, and we assured them our project is on track and well positioned to receive full federal funding," Grabauskas said. "Honolulu is fortunate to have such strong support from our entire congressional delegation, the FTA and the Obama Administration. Our federal partners understand that we are not just building a rail project, we are building a better future for O'ahu."



HART Executive Director Dan Grabauskas met with FTA Administrator Peter Rogoff recently in Washington, D. C.

Honolulu Rail Transit CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Honolulu Rail Transit project continues making progress with heavy construction to start this month on the elevated rail system along the Ewa portion of the alignment.

The Federal Transit Administration granted HART approval to begin constructing the foundation and columns for the elevated system along the first half of the alignment from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium. Last year contractor Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. began preliminary construction, with the relocation of utilities along the west end of the rail route from East Kapolei to Pearl City.

With work to pick up along Farrington and Kamehameha highways in Leeward O'ahu, motorists should be aware of increased work activity. During the work, motorists are advised to drive with caution and provide a safe distance between themselves and the construction workers and vehicles.

Drivers should obey posted traffic signs, be aware of construction work zones, and slow down for the safety of the construction crews, as well as other motorists.

Motorists should also anticipate possible traffic delays or use alternate routes during construction work hours.

The latest federal approval also allows work to start this summer in Waipahu on the train Maintenance and Storage Facility and three rail stations in the area.

Archaeological survey work also resumes along the urban Honolulu section of the rail route. The survey work being done in Kalihi, downtown and Kaka'ako will aid project staff in their design of the elevated guideway. Trenching work is expected to run through out 2012.

For weekly construction updates, please visit the project website at www.HonoluluTransit.org or contact our hotline at (808) 566-2299.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) will participate in the following events and/or have meetings open to the community. For the most up-to-date information, dates and times on events, visit www.HonoluluTransit.org.

HART TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thurs., April 19, 2012 | 8:30 a.m.
Mission Memorial Annex
Conference Room
550 S. King Street, Honolulu

HART BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING

Thurs., April 19, 2012 | 10:00 a.m.
Mission Memorial Annex
Conference Room
550 S. King Street, Honolulu

THE 7TH ANNUAL HAWAII BOOK & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sat., May 5, 2012 | 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sun., May 6, 2012 | 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Civic Grounds at Honolulu Hale
FREE ADMISSION!
HART information booth and staff will be available to answer community questions.

* Please note that events are subject to change. For current information about events, visit the project website at www.HonoluluTransit.org.

