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EXPERT SAYS RAIL WILL HELP EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION



Transportation expert Todd Litman says rail transit will help relieve traffic congestion.

Todd Litman, a sustainable transportation expert invited to Honolulu as the keynote speaker for the 5th Annual Hawaii Clean Energy Day conference, says research shows that drivers who live in cities that include rail as part of their public transit mix experience much lower traffic congestion delay times than they would without rail.

"The results are very consistent," said Litman, the executive director of the Victoria Transport Policy Institute. "If you have high-quality transit on a corridor, congestion delay, the intensity of congestion on parallel highways, is lower. It doesn't disappear. But it is much lower than it would otherwise be."

Traffic congestion as measured by vehicle hours of delay will decrease 18 percent with the Honolulu rail project. Rail will eliminate an estimated 40,000 cars and trucks from Honolulu's congested streets and highways, as more drivers move from cars to the train. Rail ridership is projected to be more than 116,000 weekday passenger trips by 2030.

If you know what traffic is like when UH and private schools are out for the summer, you have an idea of the difference rail will make. And for those passengers who ride rail, there will be no congestion at all.

WEST OAHU STATION GROUP MEETING PLANNED

The first two stations on the west end of the rail transit route will serve the fastest growing communities on Oahu. HART encourages Leeward and West Oahu residents, along with other members of the public to share their ideas on the designs planned for the UH West Oahu and East Kapolei rail stations. HART staff members will conduct a community informational meeting at Kapolei Hale on Tuesday, July 30 at 6:00 p.m. at which station designs and aesthetic features will be on display.

The West Oahu Station Group meeting follows a June 25 presentation at which the Farrington Highway Station Group was showcased at a well attended informational meeting. Community members learned that the design of the three stations in the Waipahu area is already well underway.



Waipahu Station - Mauka Entrance from Hikimoe Street

The intersection of Farrington Highway and Mokuola Street will be the site of the Waipahu Transit Center Station, one short block makai from the Waipahu Transit Center, on Hikimoe Street, which runs parallel to Farrington Highway. From the transit center, rail passengers can catch buses to locations elsewhere on the Ewa Plain, as well as other parts of Oahu.

At the Waipahu Transit Center Station, riders will find fast food and other kinds of restaurants, as well as grocery shopping at the nearby Times supermarket. The station is also adjacent to a key recreation complex, Waipahu District Park. The station will be situated over Farrington Highway, supported by the columns running down the median and will offer entrances on both sides of the highway.

From the Waipahu Transit Center Station, passengers heading west can reach the East Kapolei Station in 11 minutes. For those traveling east, it will take seven minutes to get to Pearlridge Center Station, 15 minutes to the Honolulu International Airport Station, 27 minutes to Downtown Station, and 31 minutes to the Ala Moana Center Station.

TRAFFIC ALERT



Crews will be performing geotechnical work next week on Kamehameha Highway as part of the design work for the Pearl Highlands rail station.

The work is scheduled to be done during daylight hours beginning on Tuesday, July 23, and finishing up next Saturday, July 27.

The geotechnical testing will take place on the parcel located at 96-171 Kamehameha Highway and will include borings to analyze underground soil conditions.

For updates on work days and times, visit the project website at www.HonoluluTransit.org or contact our hotline at (808) 566-2299.

HART BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday, July 25, 2013

Kapolei Hale Conference Room | 1000 Uluohia Street, Kapolei

- 9:00 a.m. - HART Board Transit Oriented Development Committee
- 10:00 a.m. - HART Board of Directors

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