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STRONG SUPPORT FOR RAIL IN D.C.



U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono (center) welcomed (l to r) HART CEO Dan Grabauskas, Mayor Kirk Caldwell, City Council Chair Ernie Martin and HART Board Chair Ivan Lui-Kwan to Washington this week for discussions about the Honolulu rail project.

HART Executive Director and CEO Dan Grabauskas traveled to Washington, D.C. this week along with HART Board Chairman Ivan Lui-Kwan, Mayor Kirk Caldwell and City Council Chairman Ernie Martin to update federal officials on the status of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project.

"This was the most positive set of meetings I have attended in my two years on the project," said HART Executive Director and CEO Dan Grabauskas. "We can report that the lawsuits have been settled, construction is underway and people are being hired at a record pace. "

The Honolulu officials met with Hawaii's Senators Brian Schatz and Mazie Hirono, and with staff members of Representatives Colleen Hanabusa and Tulsi Gabbard. They also had meetings with U.S. Department of Transportation officials, as well as several

congressional transportation committee members in the U.S. House.

"It's important for us to meet not only with our own congressional delegation, but also with members of congress from the rest of the country who are key members of the authorizing or appropriating committees that actually forward the money to our project."

Grabauskas said one of the strong messages HART is getting both from Republicans and Democrats in both the House and the Senate is that now that HART has its full funding grant, has overcome the legal hurdles is back to full construction, the rail project is in the best position to continue to receive money from Congress.

INDUSTRY DAY II



More than 200 people participated in HART's Industry Day event last October.

HART will hold its second Industry Day event next month for Hawaii contractors, construction-related organizations, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms, small businesses and trade unions. HART's goal is to maximize the participation of local companies and organizations in the construction of the rail transit project. The event is being held with the support of our partners, Move Oahu Forward and the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, as well as participating exhibitors and prime contractors.

HART's first Industry Day was held last October and was a great success, attracting more than 200 participants.

Industry Day II is scheduled for Monday, May 5 from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the Honolulu Country Club.

There is no cost to attend, but those interested must RSVP to HonoluluRailRSVP@yahoo.com no later than Monday, April 28. Each company may send up to two representatives.

TRAFFIC ALERT



EWA

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

WAIPAHU

One lane of Farrington Highway in each direction between the Kunia Road overpass and Pupukahi Street, as well as the intersections of Farrington at Leoku Street and Leokane Street, will be closed from Monday, April 14 to Thursday, April 17 between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The inside lanes of Farrington Highway between Paiwa Street and Kahualii Street will be closed from Monday, April 14 to Thursday, April 17 between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. Left turns onto Kahualii Street will be restricted. Eastbound lanes of Farrington Highway near Waipahu High School will be closed from Monday, April 14 to Thursday, April 17 between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The inside lanes of Farrington Highway near Aniani Place fronting Waipahu Intermediate School will be closed from Monday, April 14 to Thursday, April 17 between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. Left turns onto Kahualii Street from Farrington will be restricted during those hours.

There will be no work along Farrington Highway on Friday, April 18 in observance of the Good Friday holiday.

PEARL CITY

The right westbound lane of Kamehameha Highway between Acacia Road and Kuala Street will be closed from Monday, April 14 to Thursday, April 17 between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Beginning in two weeks on April 28, the same westbound lane will be closed 24 hours a day until May 5.

Two westbound lanes and one eastbound lane of Kamehameha Highway between Waimano Home Road and Kuala Street will be closed from Monday, April 14 to Thursday, April 17 between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. Both the Acacia Road and Waimano Home Road intersections with Kamehameha Highway will be closed weeknights beginning at 8 p.m.

Lanes of Kamehameha Highway between Kuleana Road and Puu Poni Street near the HECO-Waiiau power plant will be closed from Monday, April 14 to Thursday, April 17 between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. Westbound traffic will be diverted to a

temporary lane. There will be no left turns allowed at the Kuleana Road intersection.

There will be no work along Kamehameha Highway on Friday, April 18 in observance of the Good Friday holiday.

AIEA

The left eastbound lane of Kamehameha Highway between Hekaha Street and Kanuku Street near Best Buy is closed through April.

The left eastbound lane of Kamehameha Highway between Lipoa Place and Pali Momi Street remains closed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In addition, one westbound lane in the same vicinity will be closed weekdays except Friday, April 18 between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The right eastbound lane of Kamehameha Highway between the Moanalua Freeway on-ramp and Salt Lake Boulevard will be closed 24/7 until further notice.

KALIHI/IWILEI

Both the eastbound and westbound left lanes of Dillingham Boulevard between Laumaka Street and Kaaahi Street and between Kalihi Street and Kokea Street will be closed from Sunday, April 13 to Thursday, April 17 between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m.

DOWNTOWN/KAKAAKO

Both the eastbound and westbound left lanes of Nimitz Highway between River Street and Punchbowl Street will be closed from Sunday, April 13 to Thursday, April 17 between 8:30 p.m. and 4 a.m.

Both the right eastbound and westbound lane of Halekauwila Street between Richards Street and Cooke Street will be closed from Sunday, April 13 to Thursday, April 17 between 7:30 p.m. and 5 a.m.

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