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Aloha! The Mass Transit project has been progressing steadily since the November General Election. On January 28, the Council passed three pieces of transit legislation. The Council adopted legislation clarifying the Council’s role in the transit project’s Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Bill 63 (2008) CD1, FD2 ensures that the RFP process is in line with Hawaii Public Procurement Code and the Council is included in all relevant communications.

The Council also adopted Resolution 09-26 opposing any efforts to suspend, delay or otherwise change the transit general excise tax surcharge. As the City continues to grow, the need for rail infrastructure becomes more apparent. The Federal Transit Authority has noted that because of our State’s demonstration of financial partnering via the on-going collection of GE taxes, we have a strong chance of securing federal money to pay for a large portion of the project’s cost. Additionally, a project of this scale which is supported by federal funds, will stimulate our local economy when we need it most. Thus, it is important that the GE Transit Fund remain dedicated to this purpose.

The Council also addressed the transit route and adopted Resolution 08-261. This legislation amends the fixed guideway’s minimum operable segment (MOS) to serve Pearl Harbor and the Honolulu International Airport, allowing a spur to serve Salt Lake Boulevard.

The Council is also developing Transit Oriented Development (TOD) legislation, Bill 10 (2008). The rail line plans to break ground by the end of this year. So as the project is built, we want to ensure that the land use surrounding transit lines and stations are developed in a manner serving the community in the best way possible.

On March 8, the long-awaited Target at the Kapolei Commons Shopping Center will open in West Oahu. This will be a huge draw to our area, pulling in residents from all over the island. All agencies and parties involved are working together to ensure that West Oahu road construction is steadily moving. In February, the Kapolei Parkway West Extension is scheduled to be complete, and the final portion of the Kamokila Boulevard Extension should be mostly complete by the end of March.

As always, you can email me at [tapo@honolulu.gov](mailto:tapo@honolulu.gov). I regularly send out electronic newsletter updates, so please visit the District 1 website at [www.toddapo.org](http://www.toddapo.org) and join our mailing list. If you have any other questions, please call me at 768-5001.

**COUNCIL  
CALENDAR**

**Tuesday, March 3**

9 am

Zoning Committee

1 pm

Public Infrastructure  
Committee

**Wednesday, March 4**

9 am

Budget Committee

1 pm

Executive Matters &  
Legal Affairs Committee

**Thursday, March 5**

9 am

Transportation &  
Planning Committee

1 pm

Public Safety & Services  
Committee

**Wednesday, March 18**

9 am

FULL COUNCIL  
MEETING

## **Kamokila Boulevard Extension Now Open**

The extension of Kamokila Boulevard in Kapolei is now open, connecting Kapolei Parkway to Roosevelt Avenue. The four-lane extension, located between the new Costco and the Judiciary complex now under construction, was a public-private partnership of the City and Kapolei Property Development. This extension provides another east-west driving route through Kapolei.

## **LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Transportation and Planning Committee**

*Resolution 09-65 - Earth Hour 2009.* Councilmember Apo has introduced Resolution 09-65 which encourages the City of Honolulu to participate in Earth Hour 2009. According to the resolution, Earth Hour is scheduled for March 28, 2009 at 8:30p.m when households and businesses in 538 cities from over 64 countries are expected to switch off their lights for a period of one hour to demonstrate the need to halt global warming and promote sustainability. Earth Hour was first held in 2007 with approximately 2.2 million participating. In 2008, it is estimated that the event grew to include more than 50 million people. This resolution is scheduled for consideration by the Council's Transportation and Planning Committee on Thursday. *Bill 10* relating to Transit Oriented Development and *Bill 4* regarding Electronic Devices and Motor Vehicles are also scheduled to be heard during Thursday's meeting.

### **Budget Committee**

The Budget Committee is expected to consider many legislative items regarding the current economic downturn and upcoming budget season. *Resolution 09-75* and *Resolution 09-57* address the receipt and expenditure of federal funds awarded to the state as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. *Resolution 09-39* – Approves Honolulu's Fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) Year Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnerships, Emergency Shelter Grants And Housing Opportunities For Persons With Aids Program Funds. *Bill's 9, 10 and 11* consider Real Property Tax credits and incentives for various tax sectors. The Committee is also expected to receive an Economic Forecast for the City.

Any of these legislative items can be viewed by visiting the Council website at:

<http://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/View/Collection-11>

All meetings can be viewed through the City's granicus service on the web at:

[http://olelo.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=9](http://olelo.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=9)

More information about Earth Hour can be found on the web at:

<http://www.worldwildlife.org/sites/earthhour/index.html?gclid=CNyynclfh5kCFSMSagodViRHmg>

## **COMMUNITY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Comment period on Makua Valley Cultural Sites open until March 27, 2009.**

On Monday, March 9, 2009, 6:30 – 9:30 pm, at Nanaikapono Elementary Cafeteria, there will be a community meeting to discuss priorities for cultural site access at the Makua Military Reservation. The Army's list of 116 known archaeological sites will be discussed; this list is available at the Waianae, Kapolei and Hawaii State public libraries. The Army will use comments and discussion to draft a list of high-priority sites; the final list will be published in June. To mail in a comment send it to U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division, Attn: Cultural site list comments, 947 Wright Ave., Wheeler Army Airfield, Schofield Barracks, HI 96857-5013. Comments can be submitted via e-mail to [peter.yuh@us.army.mil](mailto:peter.yuh@us.army.mil) or via fax at 808-656-1039 until March 27, 2009.

### **Extension of Ewa Development Plan Comment Period until March 15, 2009**

March 15, 2009 is the deadline for comments on the public review draft of the Ewa Development Plan. To view the draft document, please visit [www.honoluluodpp.org](http://www.honoluluodpp.org). The Department of Planning and Permitting will use these comments to create the final draft of the Ewa DP, which will be submitted to the Planning Commission and the City Council for final approval.

### **Community Meeting for East Kapolei Transit Oriented Development Plan: March 18, 2009**

Planning for land development around the three transit stations in East Kapolei has begun. Please join a Community Workshop on March 18, 2009, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, at the Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands Hale Pono'i Building (Conference Facility), 91-5420 Kapolei Parkway. Attendees are invited to share ideas and perspectives on Transit Oriented Development in East Kapolei. For more information, please visit [www.honoluluodpp.org/planning](http://www.honoluluodpp.org/planning), or call Dean Uchida at 808-521-5661, or Adam Rosa at 415-974-5352, xt 222.

### **THIS MONTH ON 'OLELO WESTSIDE SOLUTIONS**

#### **March Show: "Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center: Serving the Waianae Coast"**

Richard Bettini, CEO of the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC), joins Councilmember Apo on 'Olelo's *Westside Solutions* this month. Mr. Bettini shares about how WCCHC serves our community, explains the array of health services, and gives the latest updates on their new facilities, including valuable information on their job training programs. Watch *Westside Solutions* on Channel 54, Thursdays at 8 pm.

### **JOB/BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Industry Day: How to do Business with Marine Corps Base Hawaii**

Marine Corps Community Services presents this informational and networking event on Wednesday March 11, 2009, at the Marine Corps Officers' Club Lanai Ballroom. Learn about the procurement process and how to bring your business, product, or service on-base. This event is free to any business, small or large. Information Brief: 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Networking Reception: 11:00 am to Noon. Register online at [www.mccshawaii.com](http://www.mccshawaii.com). For more info, call 254-7679. Meet representatives from: MCBH Regional Contracting; MCCS Contracting and Procurement; Food, Beverage, Hospitality and Catering; Health and Fitness; Retail Purchasing; Marketing, Sponsorship & Advertising.

#### **Job Announcement: Summer Student Aide II and III**

Department of Parks & Recreation ~ \$9.00/hr (II) / \$10.50/hr (III): Contract hours vary during an eight-week period. Must have completed 24 credits – and be currently matriculated or enrolled in a college or university. Please see the DPR website for minimum requirements and to access the online application at: <http://www.honolulu.gov/parks/studentemploymentprogram.htm>