



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

DISTRICT 1

Ewa ❀ Kapolei ❀ Leeward Coast



FIXED GUIDEWAY TRANSIT ROUTE APPROVED BY HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

West Oahu Residents Mobilize to Pass Bill 79

As you all know, on Friday December 22nd, the Honolulu City Council achieved a monumental task and approved Bill 79, CD 2, FD 2, which allows for the eventual development of a full transit route from West Kapolei to Manoa.

The people of this island, particularly West Oahu, played a huge part in the decision-making process and share in its success. This could not have happened without your support. Since Bill 79 was introduced, hundreds of citizens have testified in front of the Council about the mass transit issue. I commend each and every person who came forward, contributed to this very important decision, and made your voice heard.

One of the most significant hurdles in this process was determining where the transit route would run. For West Oahu, I was concerned about (1) efficient access to transit stations for existing residents, and (2) incorporating the routes into Kapolei's anticipated development of residential, business, and educational facilities. There are still many details to be decided and many stages left in the process. But in the end, the City Council selected the full 28-mile route from West Kapolei (next to the Advertiser Building) through downtown to the UH Manoa campus. This policy fosters the entire island's development, ensuring that we can be a thriving and vibrant community with a sustainable transportation alternative and a better quality of life.

Thank you again for your continued support and have a safe and happy New Year.