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**A L O H A**

from  
Councilmember  
Todd K. Apo

Happy Holidays! With the excitement of the 2008 elections behind us, we must look ahead to what the future has in store for us. Localizing President-Elect Obama's statements, we must all come together to collaboratively work on what's before us. Combating difficult economic times will lead headlines and governmental actions for the next year. With the positive vote on the rail project, we have a major infrastructure project that will help us weather this economic storm.

While major work will be done on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Preliminary Engineering for the project, we will also turn our attention to the Transit Oriented Development ("TOD") that goes hand-in-hand with a rail project. Proper planning will help insure a boost to the real estate market for our long-term future. You are sure to see many bills and resolutions come before the Council in the near future. Already, we have a bill to correct the route of the rail line to serve Pearl Harbor and the Airport, allowing for a spur to serve the Salt Lake residential area. I hope that all of us will join in the effort to do this right.

Finally, I know there are still many questions about the ability to pay for the system. I leave you with these thoughts: (1) The Council has mandated through ordinance, that real property tax revenue cannot be used for the development of this system; (2) studies have shown and the Federal Transit Administration has confirmed that the maintenance and operation costs of a mass transit system will be less with the rail than a system based purely on bus transportation; and perhaps most importantly (3) as the federal government

## Youth Challenge Academy Visits Honolulu Hale



Photo: Cadets from the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy pose for a photo with Council Chair Todd K. Apo in front of City Council Chamber's county seal.

On October 30, 2008, students from the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy visited Honolulu Hale to learn about the operations of the Honolulu City Council.

The students had the opportunity to stop by the Office of the City Clerk and view the voting process in progress, since their visit occurred

right before the recent Primary Election and took a short tour of Honolulu Hale. The students ended their tour in the Council Chamber, where Councilmember Apo spoke to the students about the legislative process and his role as a Councilmember of the Honolulu City Council. ♦

looks to stimulate the economy, they will look at infusing more money into large infrastructure project to provide dollars into the pocketbooks of workers who will now have jobs, while upgrading our nation's aging or lacking infrastructure. With Senator Inouye as the Chair the Senate Appropriations Committee, Honolulu stands in a good position to receive even more funds for a route that serves Hawaii's major military base and our international airport.

We must come together and work together to make sure we do this project right and work through these economic times as quickly as possible. Your participation in these efforts will be invaluable.

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. Mahalo! ♦



## HOLIDAY PARADE SCHEDULE

**Saturday, November 29, 2008  
10:00AM-11:30AM**

**WAIANAE COAST  
CHRISTMAS PARADE**

*Sponsored by  
Waianae Coast Rotary Club*

The event is expected to have 1,000 marchers, 30 vehicles, 30 floats, 3 bands & 3 horse groups. It will start at Waianae Boat Harbor, to Farrington Hwy., to end at Waianae Mall. Contact: Nalani Flinn 668-7415 or 285-0360, Fax: 668-7415, E-mail: [roadrun703@aol.com](mailto:roadrun703@aol.com)

*See "Parade Schedule" on page 2*


**Honolulu City Council**  
**LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**
**Mass Transit Legislation**

At the November Full Council Meeting, Bill 64 (2008) and Resolution 08-261, both relating to transit, passed First Reading. These pieces of legislation would amend 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.

At the November 20 Transportation and Public Works Committee Meeting, Committee Chair Garcia deferred action on Bill 64 and Resolution 08-261 to allow more time for the public to submit testimony for the next meeting. The Transportation and Public Works Committee is scheduled to meet in January 2009. You may view the full documents of Bill 64 and Resolution 08-261 on the web:

**Bill 64 (2008)**

<http://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-82304/3prtb-8k.pdf>

**Resolution 08-261**

[http://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-82603/3qd16\\_sg.pdf](http://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-82603/3qd16_sg.pdf)

**How to Provide Testimony**

If you would like to submit comments or testimony on Bill 64 (2008) or Resolution 08-261, you may do so online at:

[www.honolulu.gov/council/emailtpw.htm](http://www.honolulu.gov/council/emailtpw.htm)

You can also email Councilmember Apo directly at [tapo@honolulu.gov](mailto:tapo@honolulu.gov). ♦

## CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

### DECEMBER-JANUARY

**DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING**

Dec 3 9:00 a.m. Wednesday

**INAUGURATION DAY**

Jan 2 12-1 p.m. Friday

*The newly elected Honolulu City and County Councilmembers will be inaugurated on Friday, January 2, 2009, in Council Chambers. In addition to the officials being sworn in and taking the oath of office, council leadership is selected. This meeting will be televised on Olelo Channel 54.*

**JANUARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

To Be Announced

**JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING**

Jan 28 9:00 a.m. Wednesday

## CITY COUNCIL ONLINE

City Council and Committee Meeting Agendas:

[www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/View/Collection-1017](http://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/View/Collection-1017)

Bills and Resolutions:

[www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/View/Collection-193](http://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/View/Collection-193)

## Parade Schedule (continued from page 1)

**Saturday, December 13, 2008 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**WEST OAHU HOLIDAY ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE AND STREET FEST** sponsored by Kapolei City Lights Committee. The event is expected to have 25 vehicles, 3 floats, & 3 bands. It will start at Kapolei Fairgrounds at Kealanani Ave., to Farrington Hwy., to Kamokila Blvd., left into Uluohia St., left onto Haumea St. and finish. Street Fest will be on Uluohia St., between Haumea St. & dead end, Kapolei Hale parking lot. Contact: Patty Teruya 527-5759, Fax: 550-6706

**Saturday, December 20, 2008 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**EWA BEACH CHRISTMAS PARADE** sponsored by Ewa Beach Community Association. The event is expected to have 1,200 marchers, 80 vehicles, 12 floats & 2 bands. It will start at Ilima Intermediate School, to Ft. Weaver Rd., to Kuhina St., to Hanakahi St., to North Road, to Ft. Weaver Rd., to end at Ilima Intermediate School. Contact: Dolores "Dee" White 368-6206. ♦

# Request for District 1 Capital Improvement Priorities

Budget season for Fiscal Year 2010 will begin in March. Throughout this process the Council will consider proposals for Capital Improvement Programs (CIPs). Capital Improvement Programs are an important aspect of the City's budget. CIPs are projects that enhance city services by providing public health, public safety, transportation, recreation and infrastructure improvements.

During budget season, Honolulu City Council will discuss continuing funding for ongoing pro-

grams, as well as the selection of some new ones. Funding is delivered primarily from bonded monies, the federal government, and your real property taxes.

If you would like to submit CIP proposals, please address them to your Neighborhood Board. Neighborhood Boards will routinely review these proposals before passing their final recommendations to the Mayor and the City Council. Their support for your recommendations will later be passed on to the City Council.

Some 2009 Leeward Coast CIPs include the East Kapolei Fire Station, a new police station in Waianae, TheBoat, Ocean Pointe Park, and funding for the Nanakuli Boys and Girls Club.

For further information please visit <http://www.toddapo.org>. A complete list of fiscal year 2009's CIP projects can be found by selecting the District Activity tag.♦

## City Plans Transportation Improvements for Seniors, Low-income and Disabled Residents

The City and County of Honolulu is organizing a Human Services Transportation Coordination Project to improve transportation for seniors, low-income residents, and people with disabilities. The City is requesting the public's participation to help identify the needs and desires of the communities and come up with a plan that incorporates transit, human services, and community transportation services. Having a plan will enable some agencies to receive federal grant funds.

A series of town hall meetings were held at various locations on Oahu in late November. However, comments are still being taken online at [www.honolulurides.com](http://www.honolulurides.com) and clicking on [Transportation Needs Survey](#). For more information, contact Meagan Eliot, FLT Consulting, Inc., at [meagane@fltconsulting.com](mailto:meagane@fltconsulting.com).♦

## Toys For Tots 2008

### *DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS*

Donations and volunteers are needed for the December 6, 2008 Toys For Tots event, from 4-6 pm, at the Waianae Civic Center Emergency Shelter, Paiolu Kaiulu. In addition to toy donations, volunteers for entertainment (magicians, balloon blowers, etc.) are also appreciated. For more information, please call Gladys Peraro at 696-6770.

## The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Wreath Contest



*This year's theme for the Annual Wreath Contest is Holiday Heroes. Wreath entries will be on display at Honolulu Hale from December 6 through January 4. Judges select the winning entries, awarding ribbons and cash prizes. For more information, call the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts at 768-6622.*

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**UPDATE**

**The Ewa Development Plan and  
Waianae Sustainable Communities Plan**

Drafts of the Ewa Development Plan and Waianae Sustainable Communities Plan are both available for public review and comment. The City & County of Honolulu's Department of Planning and Permitting extended the public comment period for the latest Ewa Development Plan, which was unveiled in October. The prior November deadline was extended to January 30, 2009, to insure that comments and testimony will be considered before going to the Planning Commission in February. The deadline for the Waianae Sustainable Communities Plan is December 15.

The Ewa Development Plan was last adopted in 1997, and the Waianae Sustainable Communities Plan in 2000. Both plans are required by ordinance and are two of eight community-based plans. Development plans implement the objectives and policies of the General Plan and guide policy for development and improvement of a specific region. Community members, landowners, builders, developers, and public agencies have been involved in this five year review of the vision, policies and implementation methods of the growing district.

"These updates have been a long time coming," stated Councilmember Todd K. Apo. "Once adopted, these documents will guide policy for growth, preservation and capital improvements. I encourage all residents to review and provide their input about the future of this region."

To view the plan drafts, please visit: <<http://www.honoluludpp.org/Planning>> ♦

**Ewa Development Plan**

Comments on the **Ewa Development Plan** will be accepted until **Jan. 30, 2009**. Please submit to:

Bob Stanfield  
Email: bstanfield@honolulu.gov  
Mail: Dept. of Planning & Permitting  
650 S. King Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
Fax: 768-6743  
Phone: 768-8051

**Waianae Sustainable Communities Plan**

Comments on the **Waianae Sustainable Communities Plan** will be accepted until **Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please submit to:

Harmonee Williams  
Email: harmonee@townscapeinc.com  
Mail: Townscape, Inc.  
900 Fort Street Mall, Suite 1160  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
Fax: 524-4998  
Phone: 536-6999, ext. 8

**This Month on `Olelo 54**

**December Westside Solutions Episode  
features the Dept. of Customer Services**

WHAT: Westside Solutions  
WHEN: Thursdays, 8 p.m.  
CHANNEL: `Olelo 54

For the month of December, Councilmember Apo's `Olelo show Westside Solutions features the City's Department of Customer Services. Meet Department Direc-

tor Dana Takahara-Dias and learn about the services available at the Satellite City Halls, how you can get forms and other vital city information online, how you can post a complaint, report an abandoned vehicle, and much more. Airs on `Olelo, Thursdays, 8 p.m., Ocean Cable Channel 54. ♦