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CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Apr. 4

Public Safety	9 am
Parks	10 ³⁰ am
Executive Matters	1pm

Wednesday, Apr. 5

Budget	9am
Public Works	1pm

Thursday, Apr. 6

Zoning and Housing	9 am
BEDT	1 pm
Trans & Planning	2 ³⁰ pm

District 3 Staff

- Paulyne Anakalea
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Community Talk Story

Aloha Kakou,

Earlier this month, I was honored to participate in another Community Talk Story Meeting with my legislative colleagues from the State Capitol. Representatives Cynthia Thielen, Chris Lee, Senator Laura Thielen and I joined numerous windward residents at Kailua Intermediate School to discuss various neighborhood issues, City & County of Honolulu concerns and the 2017 legislative session.

For the first time, we utilized a moderator to ask the questions, distribute questions evenly and to the appropriate legislators. Community attendees were invited to write down their questions or concerns on a note card to ensure a majority of the questions were answered by the legislators. We discussed a wide range of topics and I am happy to provide a brief summary of the most frequently asked questions and answers for the City & County of Honolulu:

Kalaheo Hillside Development- We have been told by the Mayor's office that this project is now off the table.

Pali Highway Repaving- The HDOT has an upcoming project to resurface from Castle Junction to Waokanaka. The estimated ready-to-advertise date is March 2017, with an estimated construction start date in September 2017. HDOT crews currently respond to and repair potholes on a regular basis.

Windward Dog Park- I am in the process of drafting a resolution that requests City Administration to consider the feasibility of building a dog park at

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either Kalaheo Hillside or at the city parcel located adjacent to Bayview Golf Course and to report back to the City Council with their recommendation within 6 months.

The Rail Project- Honolulu City Council Chair Ron Menor and I, met with the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) in late February to discuss the Honolulu Rail project's so called alternative options. The FTA made it clear that should the City and County of Honolulu alter the scope of the project substantively, by building at grade or decreasing the number of stations in relation to our Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA), the City will face significant challenges in regards to the commitment of federal funding for the project including an environmental impact assessment, and more likely, a full supplemental environmental impact statement, and the FTA would need to renegotiate the terms of our FFGA.

Additionally, the FFGA clearly states that Honolulu risks losing future federal transportation dollars not just for rail, but all other future State of Hawaii transportation related projects if we violate the contract. Furthermore, in order to repay the federal government, all funds would ultimately come solely from the Honolulu City and County property taxpayers as the GET surcharge currently established is specifically for the rail project and cannot be used for any other purposes. Building the planned system, the full 20-mile, 21-station system from East Kapolei to Ala Moana Center remains the only viable option.



Malama Pono,



Kaneohe Road Updates

My office has received many inquiries from windward residents regarding the re-paving of Waikalua Road. I have been informed that Waikalua Road will indeed be repaved, it will, however, take some time. This project is part of the Rehabilitation of Streets, Project 13B that will repave Waikalua Road and 60 other roads and streets in the area. The contractor is in the process of applying for a Hawaii State Department of Health, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and once the permit has been approved, the notice to proceed will be given. The contractor controls the start, scheduling and sequence of roads to be re-paved.

I hope this helps to answer all your questions and if you should have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.