



City and County of Honolulu

Kalihi

Neighborhood Transit-Oriented Development Plan

Community Workshop #1

June 27, 2011

Summary Report

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1 Introduction

This report describes the results of a community workshop on the Kalihi Neighborhood Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Plan held on June 27, 2011. The workshop was designed to engage a broad spectrum of community members and provide opportunities for discussion of and input into the community's vision for TOD in the Kalihi neighborhood.

This report compiles the responses from the community workshop to serve as a tool in future stages of the planning process. This introductory chapter provides an overview of the project. Chapter 2 describes the format of the workshop, and Chapter 3 synthesizes the results. Finally, a set of appendices provides a record of the materials provided to participants and feedback received during the event.



PROJECT BACKGROUND

Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor

The U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration and the City and County of Honolulu are undertaking a project that will provide rail transit service on Oahu. The Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor is approximately 20 miles and will run from East Kapolei in the west to Ala Moana Center in the east, with subsequent phases to Kapolei, the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and Waikiki. The fixed guideway system will operate in an exclusive right-of-way to ensure speed and reliability and avoid conflicts with vehicles and pedestrians. The service will connect employment and residential centers and provide access via feeder buses at stations to areas not served by rail. Overall goals of the project are to improve corridor mobility and reliability, access to existing and planned development, and transportation equity.

Kalihi Neighborhood TOD Plan

The City is preparing neighborhood plans that integrate land use and transportation planning around the rail stations in anticipation of the rail project. Closer integration of transportation and land use will help support transit ridership, minimize traffic congestion as more people use

transit, decrease the need for parking and even car ownership, and enable more people to live and/or work close to a rail station. The hope is that community members will be able to walk to the station to get to their job or school, or shop or recreate more easily using the new rail system. The Kalihi TOD Plan will address land use, local transportation, and economic, and infrastructure planning around three planned stations: Kapalama, Kalihi, and Middle Street. The TOD Plan can help to holistically plan for orderly growth in these areas.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Throughout the planning process, community members will be offered a variety of opportunities to help develop a vision and plan for these station areas that reflect the community's most important values and priorities. Outreach activities include stakeholder interviews, community workshops (the subject of this report), a community needs assessment survey, an advisory committee, and ongoing updates to the City's project webpage.

PROJECT SCHEDULE AND PHASES

This project is organized into five phases, as shown in the graphic schedule below. Community outreach activities are an integral part of the process, with workshops and advisory committee meetings held in each phase. The Existing Conditions work has recently been completed, providing a foundation for the rest of the process. Development of a project vision and set of planning principles is in progress, synthesizing concepts and objectives expressed during community outreach activities to provide a framework for plan and policy development.



Next, the planning team will prepare alternatives, analyzing future land use and development possibilities, and share preliminary ideas and possibilities with community members in the fall of 2011. Based on feedback on the alternatives, a Preferred TOD Plan will be prepared, outlining the preferred neighborhood character for each station area, including the vision, land uses, circulation, and key characteristics. Finally, the Kalihi Neighborhood TOD Plan will be prepared, providing a land use and circulation plan; goals and policies for the station areas; implementation actions and zoning recommendations; and a conceptual phasing plan.

2 Workshop Structure

The project's first community workshop was held on Monday, June 27, 2011, at Kalakaua Middle School. More than 80 community members participated.

OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this first workshop was to give interested members of the public an opportunity to brainstorm about their visions for the future of Kalihi and how the introduction of rail can benefit the areas around the Kalihi stations. The workshop agenda articulated the following objectives: introduce the project and planning process; describe the concept and qualities of TOD; and brainstorm issues and visions for the Kalihi Neighborhood TOD Plan area.

FORMAT

The workshop agenda is provided in Appendix A. As participants arrived and registered, they were asked to orient themselves to the Planning Area by placing sticker dots on a large map depicting where they live or work in or near the corridor.

City staff and consultants presented information about the project, planning process, and format of the workshop. The workshop presentation is provided in Appendix B.

The workshop was divided into two main exercises:

- **Exercise #1: Visions of TOD** – Participants were asked to assume the role of a reporter writing a cover story on the impact of TOD in Kalihi in the year 2030 and use words and/or illustrations to create a headline. First, participants developed and shared their individual headlines. Next, they worked together in groups of 10-12 persons to develop a collective group headline to share with the workshop at-large. These headlines are summarized in Chapter 3 and provided in Appendix C.
- **Exercise #2: Community Mapping** – Participants were asked to respond to the following questions by placing post-it notes with their comments on large poster-sized maps of each station area:
 - What do you like most about living, working, or spending time in Kalihi?
 - What specifically can be improved to make the station areas more transit-oriented and livable?

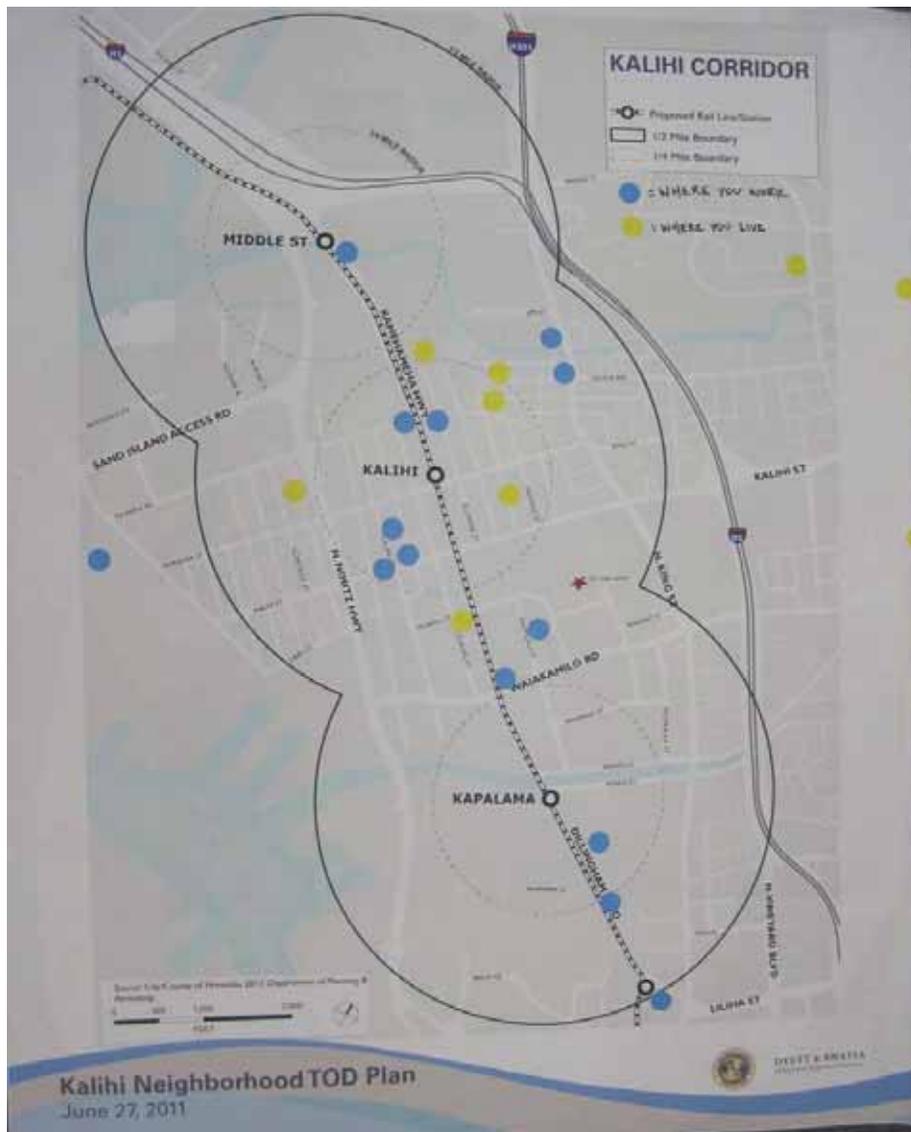
Results of both of these exercises are summarized in Chapter 3 of this report.

3 Workshop Results

This chapter summarizes feedback from the workshop participants, including the orientation, visioning, and community mapping exercises.

ORIENTING PARTICIPANTS TO THE PLANNING AREA

To orient themselves to the Planning Area, participants placed dots on a map of Kalihi depicting where they live or work (yellow or blue dots, respectively). Of those participants who took part in this activity, about twice as many participants reported that they work in the planning area compared with those who live in the area. Most participants stated that they live or work near the planned Kalihi station.



EXERCISE #1: VISIONS OF TOD

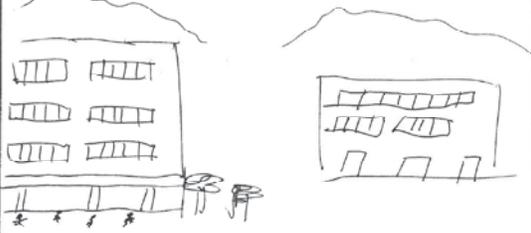
Participants shared their visions for the future of the planning area by creating mock magazine headlines. Individual headlines are documented in Appendix C and a few examples are shown on the following page. Each table of 10-12 participants worked together to develop a group headline:

- Kalihi Beautification on Track with High Density Walkable Neighborhoods: Rail System Finally Finished
- TOD Brings New Life to Kalihi with New Shops, Upgraded Neighborhoods, and a Healthy Affordable Living Environment
- Homelessness Has Been Solved Permanently: No Homeless around Stations. Small local businesses still thrive. Affordable housing inventory is growing. Aldora's great-grandchildren can still afford to live here.
- Improved Communities: Development of Business; Apartments; Neighborhood Clean-Up; More Housing.
- Back to the Future! 1950s, 1930s. 60-70s too auto oriented, redo parking supply, more/better sidewalks, strengthen businesses, apartments/housing, revive Kalihi – clean it up.
- Traffic fixed by rail. Safer neighborhoods. Security unsolved around station. Questions cost/taxes in 2030. People priority. Light industry grows, community development.
- Kalihi: Revitalize & Preserve



HONOLULU TODAY

Kalihi Transformed!



A vibrant walkable community for all. New shops, new parks, new people, where families want to live in.

**SPECIAL EDITION:
KALIHI NEIGHBORHOOD TOD**

HONOLULU TODAY

- A local place where people are proud of their community, its history and will defend its future.
- A place where people want to move in and raise their family.

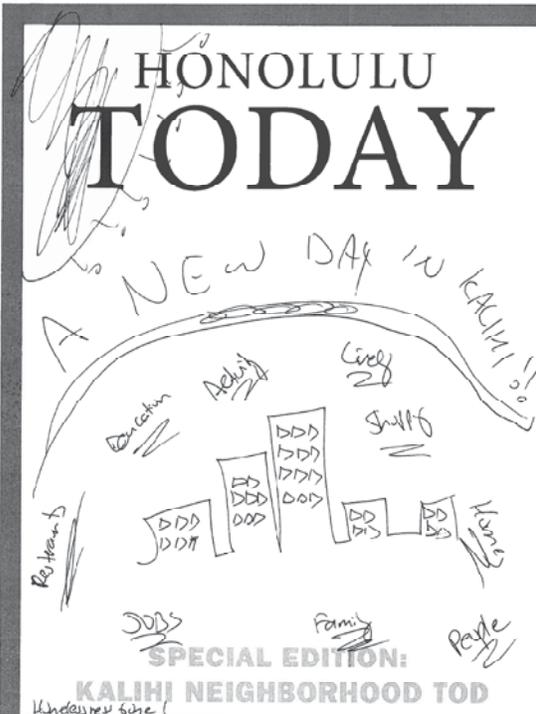
**SPECIAL EDITION:
KALIHI NEIGHBORHOOD TOD**

HONOLULU TODAY

Remarkable transformation: Community identity is retained with lots of new housing and shopping opportunities!

**SPECIAL EDITION:
KALIHI NEIGHBORHOOD TOD**

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**SPECIAL EDITION:
KALIHI NEIGHBORHOOD TOD**

EXERCISE #2: COMMUNITY MAPPING

During this activity, participants described things they like or elements that they would like to change or improve around each station. The following set of bullets summarizes overall comments (made about two or more stations):

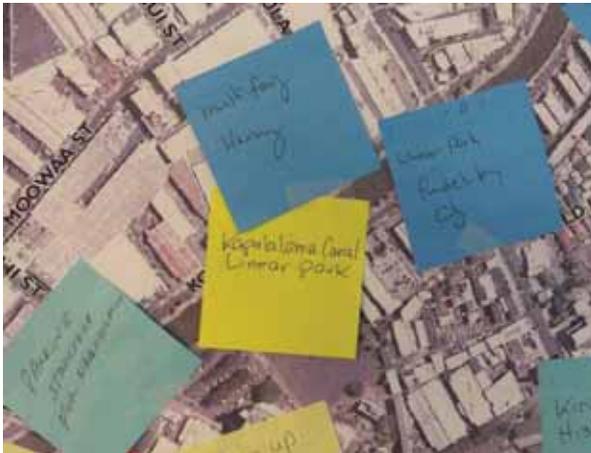
Overall

- Improve pedestrian safety and walkability: add sidewalks, repair streets, and improve street lighting.
- Improve quality of life: Retain Kalihi's sense of community, Hawaiian culture, family-orientation, and diversity. Abate graffiti, find solutions for homeless population.
- Improve access to the station: Provide parking structures, bicycle parking and sharing, and reduce traffic congestion.

The following summarizes comments for each station area:

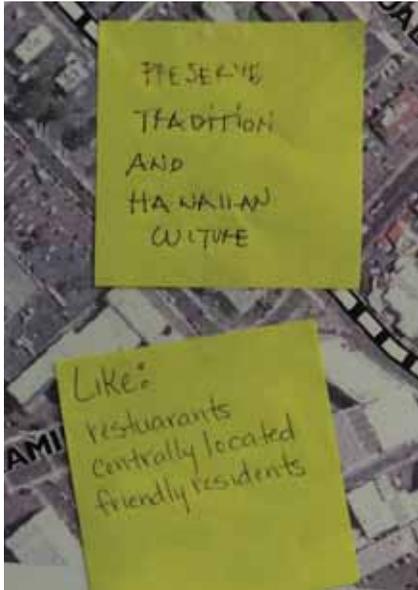
Kapalama Station Area

- Expand green space, including a linear public park along Kapalama Canal.
- Provide new uses: retail, shopping, restaurants, and multi-family and affordable housing. Redevelop big box stores into more transit-friendly uses.



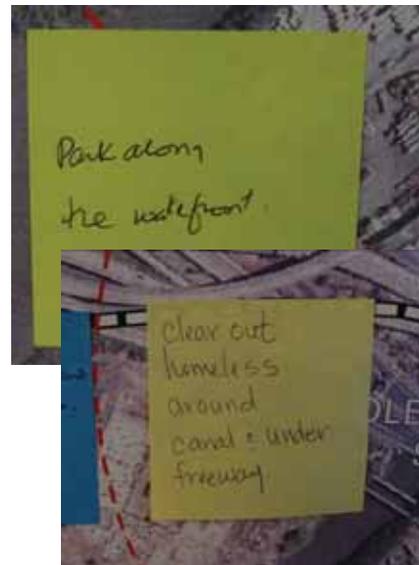
Kalihi Station Area

- Enhance the existing community with more residential, retail, and restaurants. Rehabilitate housing that is in disrepair.
- Relocate Oahu Community Correctional Center.
- Emphasize K-12 education facilities.
- Relocate transit routes to improve access to key destinations (e.g. YMCA, health care).



Middle Street Station Area

- Maintain and enhance pedestrian and bike connections between the Middle Street Station and Ke’ehi Lagoon Park.
- Emphasize connectivity to the rest of Oahu from this bus/rail transfer station.
- Coordinate with long-term plans for Fort Shafter.
- Expand land use options: residential, services, child care, alternative energy.



Appendices

APPENDIX A: WORKSHOP AGENDA

APPENDIX B: WORKSHOP PRESENTATION

APPENDIX C: VISIONS OF TOD - MAGAZINE HEADLINES

Appendix A: Workshop Agenda



City and County of Honolulu
Kalihi Neighborhood TOD Plan
Community Workshop #1
Monday, June 27, 2011, 6-8pm
Kalakaua Middle School Cafeteria
821 Kalihi Street, Honolulu, HI, 96819

Objectives

- Introduce the project and planning process
- Educate community members about transit-oriented development (TOD)
- Brainstorm issues and vision for the Neighborhood TOD area

Agenda

Sign-in and Registration: identify where you live or work in the planning area.

1. Welcome (Renee Espiau)
2. Neighborhood TOD Planning (D&B)
3. Exercise #1: Visions of TOD
 - Develop and share individual headlines
 - Develop and share group headline
4. Exercise #2: Community Mapping (D&B; staff)
 - Self-paced, 40 minutes
 - What do you like most about living, working, or spending time in Kalihi?
 - What specifically can be improved to make the station areas more transit-oriented and livable?
 - Debrief by facilitators
5. Conclusion and Next Steps (Renee)

Please fill out and return a survey!



What is the Purpose of the Downtown Neighborhood TOD Plan?

- Integrate transportation and land use planning to create a community vision that includes:
 - Land use and urban design strategies
 - Transportation and infrastructure improvements
 - Community needs (e.g. parks, public facilities, streetscapes)
 - Implementation actions (e.g. zoning)

Kapalama Station



Kalihi Station



Middle Street Station



What is Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)?

- The development of compact, walkable communities centered around high quality transit systems
- Successful TODs share several characteristics, which can be summarized under the rubric of three "Ds":



Density

- Enables more people to live or work near transit
- Housing choices and affordability
- Walkable districts; support for businesses
- Less land (and costs) devoted to parking and infrastructure



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Diversity

- Mix of uses in corridor
 - Vitality throughout the day ("eyes" on the street)
 - Ability to link errands/activities
 - Shared parking opportunities
- Diversity of housing, businesses, incomes



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Design

- Safe pedestrian and bike access
- Small blocks and connected streets
- Frequent crossings
- Active uses at the ground-level



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How Can TOD Benefit Me?

- Easier and safer to get around on foot, bicycle or transit
- Healthier lifestyle, more walking
- No need to buy a second (or third) car
- Convenient shops, parks and community facilities
- Reduced pollution and environmental impacts
- Housing options
- Savings on housing and transportation costs



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Plan Process and Schedule



VISIONING & EXISTING CONDITIONS
Dec. 2010-June 2011

PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS
July 2011

REFINED ALTERNATIVES
August-September 2011

PREFERRED PLAN
October-December 2011

DRAFT & FINAL PLAN

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

WEST & SHUTELL
ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS

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Public Participation Program

- Stakeholder Meetings
- Advisory Committee Meetings
- Community Workshops
- Community Needs Survey
- Project Website



Exercise #1: Visions of TOD

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ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS

Exercise #1: Visions of TOD

- Imagine you are a reporter writing a cover story on the impact of TOD in Kalihi in the year 2030
 - Use words and/or illustrations to create your headline!
- 4 or 5 minutes to write headline
- 8 minutes to share with the group
- 20 minutes to work on group headline



Exercise #2: Community Mapping

Exercise #2: Community Mapping

Use the post-it notes and pens provided to share your thoughts for each station:

1. What do you like most about living, working, or spending time in Kalihi?
 - Specific places? Qualities or characteristics?
2. What specifically can be improved to make the station areas more transit-oriented and livable? (think: density, diversity, and design ideas)
 - Parks and community facilities?
 - New land uses? Urban design features?
 - Street and streetscape improvements?
 - Community services?
 - Public safety?

Conclusion and Next Steps

Next Steps

- Please complete a Community Survey!
- Visit the project website for updates: www.honoluluodpp.org/planning
- Attend the next Community Workshop (Fall 2011)

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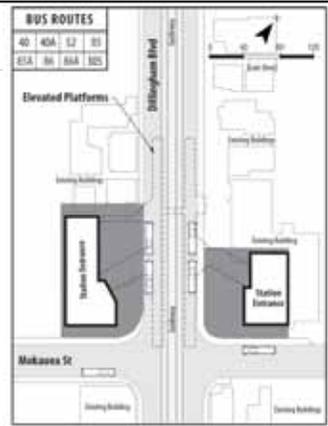
Workshop #1: Community Visioning

June 27, 2011

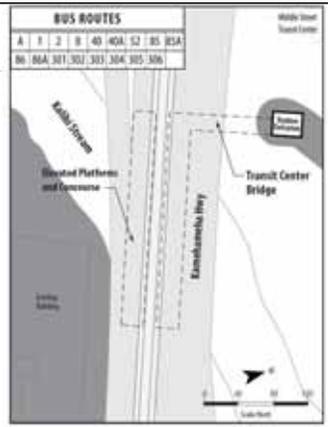
Kapalama



Kalihi



Middle Street



Appendix C: Magazine Headlines

HONOLULU TODAY

*KALIHI "THE REAL SECOND
CITY"*

**SPECIAL EDITION:
KALIHI NEIGHBORHOOD TOD**

HONOLULU TODAY

KALIHI! A VIBRANT

~~ONE-STOP~~

~~COMMUNITY~~ ^{TOWN} OF NEW HOUSING,
SHOPPING, EMPLOYMENT ~~MENT~~

AND CONVENIENT TRANSPORTATION

^{COLLECTIVE}
THE VISION OF TOD AND
THE COMMUNITY REALIZED!

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HONOLULU TODAY

Remarkable transformation:
Community identity is retained
with lots of new housing and
shopping opportunities!

**SPECIAL EDITION:
KALIHI NEIGHBORHOOD TOD**

6/27/11.

- Collective work.
- Community, identity
- Working
- Shopping
- "new life", ~~but~~ healthy lifestyle.
- Save \$, energy, time ...
- Employment.
- Convenience.
- Revitalize investment.
- Property value increase.
- Transportation choice
-

Non/presence

Diversity + sense of
+ Community.
+ Convenience

Future

Clear + green
24/7 community.
Kalthi: the real 2nd city.

HONOLULU TODAY

LIGHT RAIL:

A NEW LIFE FOR THE
ISLAND

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*Kalihi - The Place to be!
Property values rising*

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Kids walk to School
+ bike

Parents ride rail
to work!

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TOD proven critical in revitalizing ~~any~~ ^{+ preserving communities} neighborhood
TOD ~~creates new avenue for~~
boosts jobs, affordable housing and small businesses

Kalihi : Revitalized + Preserved with TOD

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HONOLULU TODAY

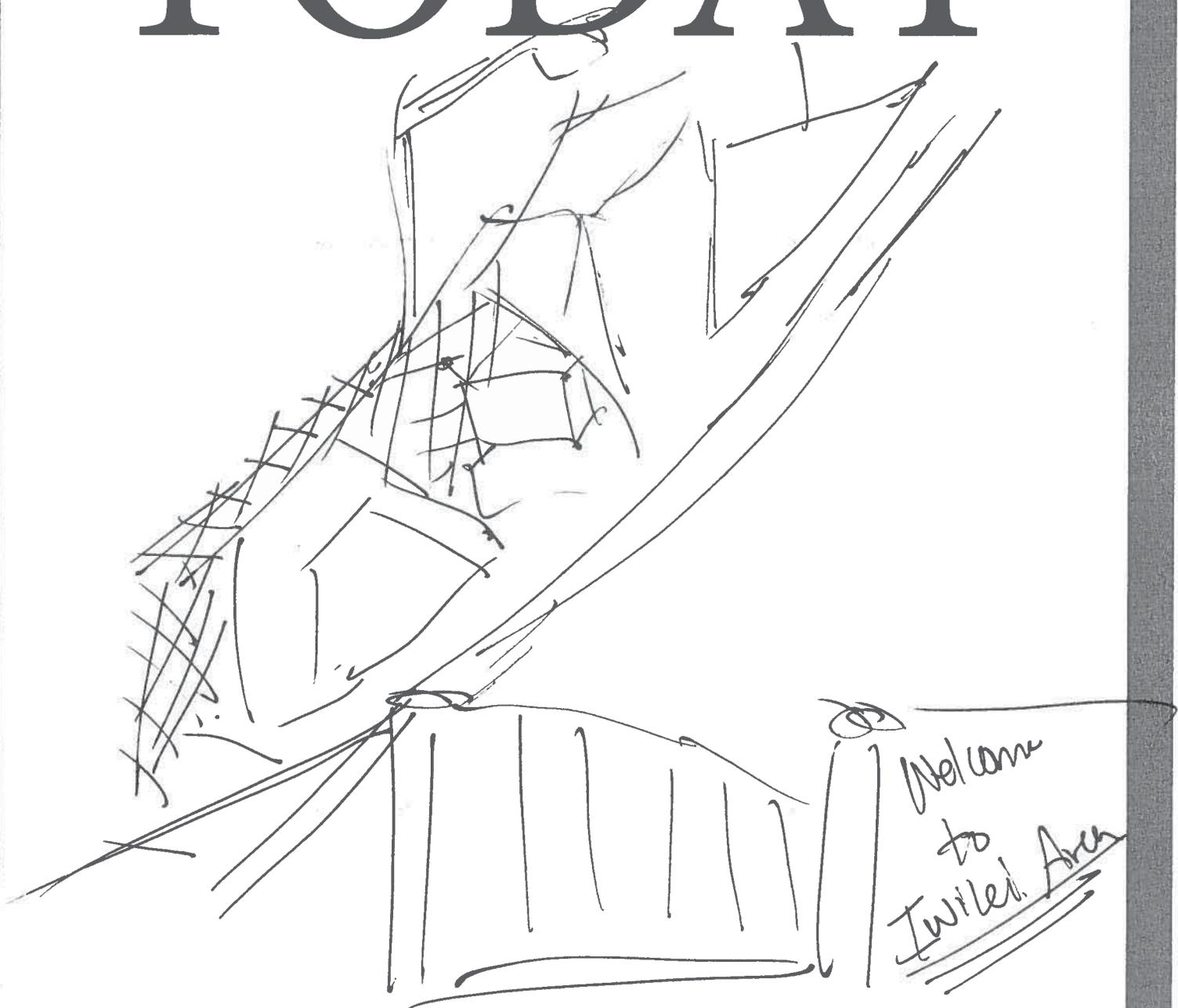
Kalihi neighborhoods
are safer today...

1. restaurants
centrally located
friendly residents

2. reduce homeless population
improved lighting for
safety

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HONOLULU TODAY

Kalihi Beautification on ^{Tracks} Transit ~~Orient~~ ^{Development}
*As the people use the TOD their w/ be less
traffic, more people getting together w/ one
another. children w/ walk on safer roads.*

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KALIHI NEIGHBORHOOD TOD**

HONOLULU TODAY

TRANST CORRIDOR FINALLY
COMPLETED. BUT CONSIDERING
REMOVAL OF SOME GAPS

KALIHI EXPANSION & REVERIFICATION
ON TRACK W/HIGHER DENSITY

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KALIHI NEIGHBORHOOD TOD**

HONOLULU TODAY

KALIHI BECOMES
HONOLULU'S MOST
LIVABLE COMMUNITY

**SPECIAL EDITION:
KALIHI NEIGHBORHOOD TODAY**

HONOLULU TODAY

TOD BRINGS NEW LIFE
TO KALIHI! COMMUNITY
REDEFINES GROWTH +
DIVERSITY.

TOD BRINGS LIFE
~~TO KALIHI~~

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HONOLULU TODAY

*Kalihi - Honolulu's
Best Neighborhood*

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KALIHI NEIGHBORHOOD TOD**

HONOLULU TODAY

KALIHI, THE MOST
WALKABLE, COMMUNITY,

& BIABLE

IN HONOLULU.

BECOMES
HONOLULU'S

V MOST

KALIHI ~~IS~~

LIVABLE

~~AREA~~

COMMUNITY

TOD ENHANCES

LIFE IN

~~COMMUNITY~~

KALIHI

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HONOLULU TODAY

DISPLACED BUSINESSES & HOMES,

BLIGHT, NOISY TRAINS,

INCREASED TAXES, &

GRAFFITTI

~~CONSERVATION~~

Kalihi Becomes

Honolulu's Most Livable

Community

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KALIHI NEIGHBORHOOD TODAY

HONOLULU TODAY

*Kalihi - A Vibrant
and Safe Community*

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TOD Improves
Housing in Kalihi!

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Kalihi Community

Benefits with

The Improvements

~~to~~ In Transportation

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AFTER 2030 What
will be the affect
in the community surrounding
the station
Cleanliness and
Security surrounding
The station Area

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HONOLULU TODAY

Fixed Rail Fixes Traffic

Local Businesses lose
some patrons, but
gain more due to rail
station.

Foot Traffic good for
food vendors.

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*Renaissance of Oahu's
Light Industry Sector
& Surrounding Community*

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HONOLULU TODAY

Group Headline:

TOD BRINGS NEW LIFE TO KALIHI

WITH NEW SHOPS, UPGRADED NEIGHBORHOODS

AND A HEALTHY, ^{AFFORDABLE} ~~HEALTHY~~ ^{LIVING} ~~LIVING~~ ENVIRONMENT

~~MADE AFFORDABLE~~

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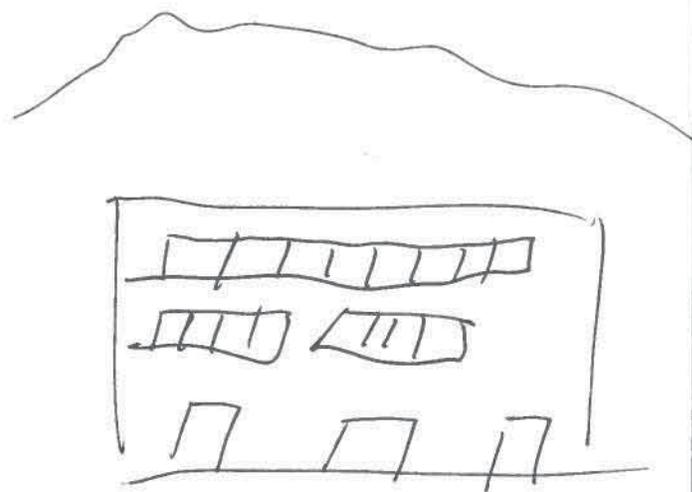
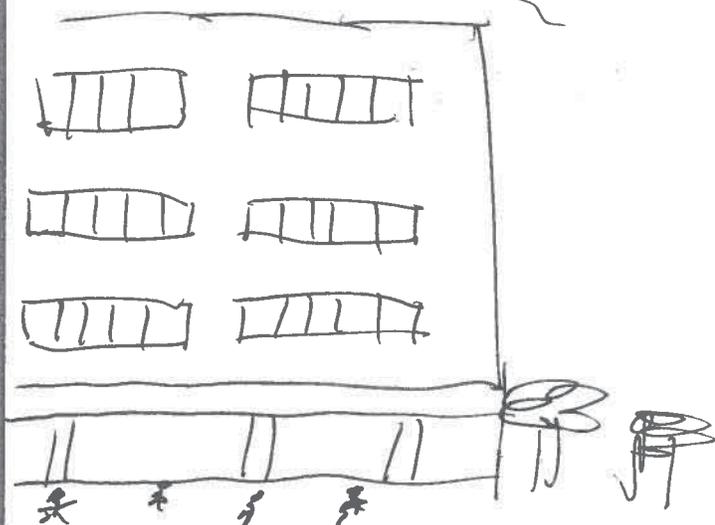
HONOLULU TODAY

~~New stores open today~~
Kalihiki Block Party a Great
Success!

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HONOLULU TODAY

Kalihi Transformed!



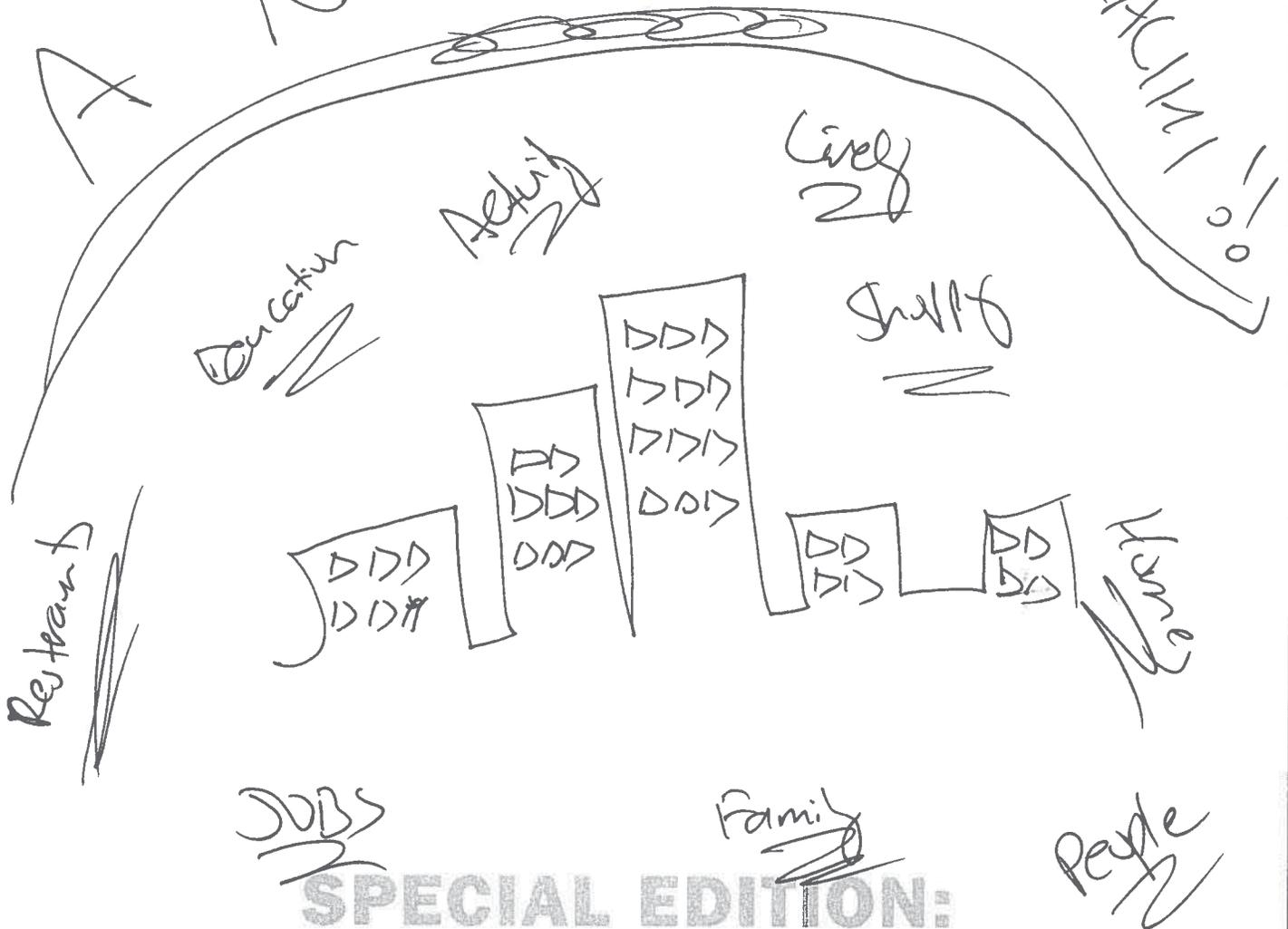
*A vibrant walkable community for all.
New shops, new parks, new people, where families
want to live in.*

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A NEW DAY IN

KALIHI!!!



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KALIHI NEIGHBORHOOD TODAY

Homeless here!

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REVIVING
KALIHI

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*Spend your money in Kalihi,
Shop & Enjoy our many
latteries*

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HONOLULU TODAY

HAWAII ON RAIL

HAWAII ON TRACK

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HONOLULU TODAY

- 1. IMPROVE SIDE SIDEWALKS
- ~ PARKING PROBLEMS

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Train is back
in Kalihi.

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group 2 - Wes

HONOLULU TODAY

"Improved Communities":

- 1- development on business
- 2- Apartments
- 3- Neighborhood - clean up
(park)
- 4- more housing -

Back TO THE future

- 1950
1930

60-70.

SPECIAL EDITION: *Juanita Josiah*
KALIHI NEIGHBORHOOD TODAY

HONOLULU TODAY

- A LOCAL PLACE WHERE PEOPLE ARE PROUD OF THEIR COMMUNITY, ITS HISTORY AND WILL DEFEND ITS FUTURE
- A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE WANT TO MOVE IN AND RAISE THEIR FAMILY.

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