
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL, AND HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION TO FIND A MEANS TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PARK-AND-RIDE GARAGE AT WAIAWA STATION AND URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL TRANSIT SERVICES BETWEEN CENTRAL OAHU AND WAIAWA STATION.

1 WHEREAS, the original plan for the Honolulu Rail Transit
2 Project called for twenty miles of rail, resulting in twenty-one
3 stations, and twenty four-car trains traveling from East Kapolei
4 through downtown Honolulu to Ala Moana Center; and

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6 WHEREAS, a significant shortfall between projected revenues
7 and construction expenses for the original plan necessitated the
8 submission of a financial recovery plan from the City and County
9 of Honolulu, to the Federal Transit Administration for approval
10 and receipt of federal grant funds necessary to complete the
11 project; and

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13 WHEREAS, the financial recovery plan was approved by the
14 Federal Transit Authority in September 2022; and

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16 WHEREAS, the financial recovery plan reduces the length of
17 the project from twenty miles of rail to roughly 18.75 miles,
18 ultimately reducing the number of stations from twenty-one to
19 nineteen; and

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21 WHEREAS, in addition, the financial recovery plan also
22 deferred the construction of a park-and-ride garage at Waiawa
23 Station in Pearl Highlands that was estimated to accommodate one
24 thousand six hundred vehicles; and

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26 WHEREAS, the lack of this park-and-ride garage at Waiawa
27 Station will greatly limit the utility of the rail transit line
28 for Central Oahu residents; and



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WHEREAS, in December 2019, the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization completed the Central Oahu Transportation Study to address traffic congestion and long commute times in Central Oahu; and

WHEREAS, the study identified several possible transportation projects to connect Central Oahu communities to the Waiawa Station under the assumption that the park-and-ride garage would be available; and

WHEREAS, the study specifically recommended expanding TheBus service in Central Oahu and establishing bus rapid transit lines from Waiawa Station to Mililani and Central Oahu; and

WHEREAS, the park-and-ride garage at Waiawa Station is critical for Central Oahu residents, as it would increase usage of the rail and reduce traffic congestion and the commute time for many residents across the State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, that the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Honolulu City Council, and Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation are urged to find a means to fund the construction of the park-and-ride garage at Waiawa Station of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation Services is urged to establish additional transit services between Central Oahu and Waiawa Station; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu is requested to submit a report detailing the progress made on the establishment of additional transit services between Central Oahu and Waiawa Station to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of

1 Honolulu, each member of the Honolulu City Council, Executive
2 Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Honolulu Authority
3 for Rapid Transportation, Director of the Department of
4 Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu,
5 Executive Director of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning
6 Organization, and chairpersons of the Pearl City Neighborhood
7 Board No. 21, Waipahu Neighborhood Board No. 22,
8 Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25, and Mililani
9 Mauka/Launani Valley Neighborhood Board No. 35.

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