



# NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MONTHLY REPORT



January 2021

## Construction Progress

The full 20-mile, 21 station rail system is 60.1% complete.

- West Oahu Stations Group (Kualaka'i, Keone'ae, Honouliuli) is 99% complete.
- Farrington Highway Stations Group (Ho'ae'ae, Pouhala, Halaulani) is 99% complete.
- Kamehameha Highway Stations Group (Waiawa, Kalauao, Halawā) is 96% complete.
- Kamehameha Highway resurfacing is 99% complete.
- Airport Guideway and Stations Group (Makalapa, Lelepaua, Ahua, Kahauiki) is 79% complete.
- City Center Utilities Relocation is 7% complete.

The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) is moving closer to getting the first ten miles and nine stations completely tested and safety certified by mid-2021 for the City's Department of Transportation Services to launch passenger services and the entire system ready for full passenger service in the 2027/2028 timeframe. However, this schedule depends on gaining access for construction in the City Center section. HART is completing a re-design of the utility relocation work along the Dillingham corridor and is finalizing the design in all other areas. The utility relocation work will continue through 2024. Also, HART will be looking to hire a contractor to build the remaining four miles of the overhead guideway and eight stations between Middle Street and Ala Moana Center. That selection will likely be completed in late 2021 or early 2022.

## Train Testing Schedule

HART/Hitachi Rail is actively testing trains on a 24/7 schedule from Kualaka'i (East Kapolei) Station to Halawā (Aloha Stadium) Station for system integration and training of Hitachi Rail operations and maintenance personnel. Testing will be conducted in three shifts from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. (shift 1), 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. (shift 2), and 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. (shift 3).

- Monday to Friday: 24 hours a day (shifts 1, 2 and 3)
- Saturday and Sunday: 2 p.m. to 6 a.m. (shifts 2 and 3 as needed)

## Federal Funding Grant Extension

The lapsing deadline for the \$250 million federal funding grant was extended to the end of 2021. HART and the City will look for additional sources of funds to complete the construction of the rail system and present a revised financial plan to the Federal Transit Administration by the end of this year.

## HART Interim Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Lori Kahikina has been selected to become HART's new Interim Executive Director and CEO effective January 1, 2021. Ms. Kahikina has served for the past eight years as the Director of the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) of the City and County of Honolulu. In this role, she has managed over 1,100 employees and many construction and utility relocation projects. Under her leadership, Honolulu's sewer collection system and sewer treatment facilities were rebuilt in a massive \$5.2 billion program that met every schedule requirement and cost goal. This project included a \$354 million, first-of-its-kind in Hawaii, gravity-flow sewage tunnel that was three miles in length, as much as 400 feet below the surface, and 13 feet in diameter. She is experienced in relocating wet and dry utilities in roads and highways throughout Oahu. Prior to ENV, she was the Director of the City's Department of Design and Construction and has a Mechanical Engineering degree from the University of Hawaii.

For more information, please visit HART's website at [www.HonoluluTransit.org](http://www.HonoluluTransit.org). If any of the Neighborhood Boards would like to request additional project information or schedule a presentation, please call HART's 24-Hour Project Hotline at (808) 566-2299 or email us at [info@honolulustransit.org](mailto:info@honolulustransit.org). Mahalo!