

NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MONTHLY REPORT



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Construction Progress

The full 20-mile, 21-station rail system is 60.8% complete.

- West O'ahu Stations Group (Kualaka'i, Keone'ae, Honouliuli) is 99% complete.
- Farrington Highway Stations Group (Hō'ae'ae, Pouhala, Hālaulani) is 99% complete.
- Kamehameha Highway Stations Group (Waiawa, Kaluauo, Hālawā) is 97% complete.
- Kamehameha Highway resurfacing is 99% complete.
- Airport Guideway and Stations Group (Makalapa, Lelepaua, Āhua, Kahauiki) is 82% complete.

HART is currently in the process of closing out the existing City Center Utilities Relocation (CCUR) contract and working to re-procure that contract. HART is moving forward with the re-design of plans for the Dillingham corridor and exploring a potential “mauka-shift” of the guideway. The shift of the guideway on certain sections of the Dillingham corridor will reduce the number of utilities that need to be relocated underground. However, this will require additional right-of-way acquisitions. Shifting the guideway does not indicate a change in the route. The guideway and stations will remain on Dillingham Boulevard.

Web Connectivity

Web connectivity on Honolulu's future trains just got one step closer to reality in March as HART recently awarded Icomera a contract to deliver secure, high-speed passenger Wi-Fi on its trains. The company is noted as the world's leading provider of wireless internet connectivity for public transport with service reaching over 31,000 trains, trams, coaches, and busses worldwide. Icomera's mobile connectivity solution will be deployed through its next-generation X5 mobile application and communications gateways, and SynAPse access points. This high-tech Wi-Fi system will deliver high-speed internet while utilizing all available mobile networks for riders and will be installed on board all 80 Hitachi train cars by mid-2022. Whether on a short trip between stations or a complete 42-minute end-to-end trip from Kualaka'i (East Kapolei) Station to Kālia (Ala Moana) Station, riders will enjoy a fun and/or productive commute while using their smartphone, tablet or laptop to surf the web. Best yet, the Wi-Fi service will be complimentary for passengers while riding the train.

Dynamic Train Testing Schedule

HART/Hitachi Rail is continuing to actively test trains from Kualaka'i (East Kapolei) Station to Hālawā (Aloha Stadium) Station for system integration and training of Hitachi Rail operations/maintenance personnel. Dynamic testing will be conducted 24/7 on Monday to Friday and 2 p.m. to 6 a.m. on weekends, as needed. For safety, HART would like to remind the public to stay away from the station construction sites, and the elevated guideway and energized track at all times.

For more information, please visit HART's website at www.HonoluluTransit.org, call HART's 24-Hour Project Hotline at (808) 566-2299 or email us at info@honolulustransit.org. Mahalo!