

# THE MAYOR IS MISLEADING US ON RAIL.

**INFORM YOURSELF ABOUT WHAT THE CITY ISN'T TELLING US.**

The recent GE tax increase and federal funds will be INSUFFICIENT to fund rail.

**REASON:** For the beginning 20-mile line we are unlikely to get all of the supposed \$900 million in federal funds and in any case, the city plans for \$1.2 billion. The recent GE tax increase is not going to yield what the city projected because of the downturn in the economy. On top of that, there is the high probability of COST OVER-RUNS. In addition, the city is also not telling us that the operating losses will be paid out of property taxes. You, the taxpayer will be stuck with the shortages.

#### **THE LARGER TRUTH:**

The city's intent is to build the full 34-mile UH to West Kapolei line, including the Waikiki Ala Wai Boulevard and Airport spurs. To build all that will cost \$7 billion, and counting, in today's dollars! This amount together with operating subsidies will take at least a **40 percent hike in property taxes!** Whether you are renting or a property owner, this tax hike will affect you.

A **"MEDIA BLITZ"** is needed, to inform voters of the less expensive **"HOT LANES"** alternative.

**Please send a cash donation to this great cause.**

Checks to **Stop Rail Now**, 575 Cooke Street, Suite A-PMB 1904, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 OR pay by credit card to our PAYPAL account [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com)

Automobiles are on average, MORE energy efficient than modern rail lines.

**REASON:** For the better part of the 20 hours a day this train will run nearly empty. Even during the rush hours it will only be full one way. Only for a minor part of a day will the trains run full and be energy efficient.

**CHECK IT OUT:** U.S. Department of Energy measures energy efficiency per passenger mile for trains and cars as they are actually used. To find out the details, go to [www.stoprailnow.com](http://www.stoprailnow.com) which will point you to the right U.S. Department of Energy website.

Rail transit will cause unprecedented & irreversible URBAN BLIGHT.

The Mayor and other city officials tell us how rail will be good for the environment.

**THE TRUTH IS:** Rail runs on a concrete bed 30' wide supported EVERY 170' by 5 to 6' diameter pillars. The stations will be 270' long (3/4 the length of a football field), **FIVE traffic lanes wide, and FIVE STORIES HIGH!** Each with escalators, elevators, and stairs on **BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET!** The station at Ala Moana Center will be **12 STORIES HIGH!**

The city admits future traffic congestion will be WORSE with rail than it is today.

**REASON:** The city's own Parsons Brinckerhoff studies forecast that with rail, rush hour traffic will be 37% greater than it is today. Some 45,000 new homes are planned for the Ewa Plain, and there are no plans to widen H-1 for at least 25 years.

#### **CHECK IT OUT:**

Call, write or fax your councilmember and ask them this precise question, *"Will traffic congestion in the future with rail be worse than it is today, yes or no?"* If you get any response other than **"Yes"** please let us know immediately.

**Your Councilmember's contact information is at:** [www.honolulu.gov/council/ccl.htm](http://www.honolulu.gov/council/ccl.htm).

#### **A LESS TAXING ALTERNATIVE:**

Bus/Rapid Transit and autos on High Occupancy Toll **"HOT LANES"** is the most cost-effective way to reduce congestion and thus reduce pollution and energy use. However, the Mayor and city officials have thrown up all kinds of smokescreens to obscure their benefits to all Oahu residents.

The truth is that the new **"HOT LANES"** alternative is now being built all over the Mainland & is reducing traffic congestion for buses and autos alike, at a much lower cost than rail.

The latest news is that the San Francisco Bay Area is going to build 1,000 lane-miles of **"HOT LANES"**.

**IMAGINE the visual and noise impact of this elevated steel-on-steel train snaking through town every 1 1/2 minutes at the foot of Bishop Street, along Halekauwila Street, across to Queen Street and then Kona Street, taking out all the buildings and trees in its way.** Local members of the American Institute of Architects, the American Planning Association and the Outdoor Circle have voiced their concerns **& so should you.**



(The city's vision of the Aloha Tower Station, on Nimitz Hwy.)



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**OPPOSE RAIL ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT**

You can read all the details about **"HOT LANES"** on our new website, [www.stoprailnow.com](http://www.stoprailnow.com)