

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Honolulu Rate Commission is requesting input and testimony on the appropriate future policies and rates for Honolulu's Transit System once rail begins operations. HART plans an interim opening from Kapolei to Aloha Stadium to start in December 2020.

Testimony may be given at the following Rate Commission meetings:

Tuesday, July 16 from 2:30-4:30 at Mission Meeting Room beside Honolulu Hale

Tuesday, August 13 from 2:30-4:30 at Mission Meeting Room

Tuesday, September 10 from 2:30-4:30 at Mission Meeting Room

Written testimony can be sent to: covitt@honolulu.gov

Or, mailed to: Rate Commission, c/o Chris Ovitt, Department of Transportation Services, C&C Honolulu, 650 South King Street, Second Floor, Honolulu, HI 96813

Several topics are of particular interest and testimony is invited:

- Should bus and rail fares be the same and no charge for transfers?
- Should there be flat rates or distance based rates?
- Should there be just a few categories of rates, such as Adult, Youth, and Discounted Eligible (include Seniors, Disabled, Low Income)?
- Should discounted monthly and annual passes continue? Or, as an alternative should rides on the Holo card be "capped" and all rides after reaching the cap be free?
- Should rates at the beginning of rail be free on rail and if so, how long?
- What is the appropriate fare for the two year interim rail period?
- In the past, the city has aimed to have fares cover about 30% of the cost of operations and maintenance. Should this practice continue?
- Should cost of riding TheBus and HandiVan be the same for a single ride?
- Should seniors ride free? During all hours or just in non-commute hours?