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Are you going to sit back and let this happen?



This is a rendering of the rail station at Bishop and Nimitz produced by Hawai'i architects.

- Trains will run every 3 minutes in each direction; a train every 1½ minutes at 83 decibels!
- They say it will cost \$5.5 billion. Experience says \$7 billion. Property tax hike coming?
- Riders are supposed to increase by 31,000 daily more than if we do nothing; that is \$212,000 for every new rider!
- To run the train increases its share of the city budget from 11 percent to 15 percent. Property tax hike?
- The city says, "Traffic congestion will be worse in the future with rail than what it is today."

Here's the main question: How can a elevated rail line, 35 feet high and 30 feet wide, running noisy trains every 1½ minutes across the most valuable part of Honolulu's waterfront area and through our historic districts, a project opposed by every one of Hawaii's environmental organizations, be approved as the "environmentally preferable alternative"? How can this be legal? It isn't.

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The city was supposed to choose a transit alternative that would avoid impacting Downtown historic properties and the likely Native Hawaiian burial sites. Instead they chose the alternative with the greatest impact.

In fact, this elevated rail project is what our environmental laws were written to protect us from.



The above images are the before and after of the Waipahu rail transit station

Do you know the rail line only goes from East Kapolei to Ala Moana Center? It does not go to Kapolei proper, or Ewa, or to U.H. or Waikīkī.



Did you know that the U.H. soil experts consider the farmland the rail project will eliminate among the finest in the state or that it is currently actively farmed?

Have you considered what will happen during the eight years it will take to build rail? It will create Leeward-side traffic congestion so bad that it will require new ways to describe it.

It is unprecedented to have all of a city's environmental organizations condemn a rail project. Here is an excerpt from what the Coalition of Environmental Organizations agreed upon as a joint statement that they presented at a press conference under Governor Cayetano's leadership:

"...the City's proposed elevated heavy rail project will... forever alter the character of the communities through which it is built and will negatively impact the lives of people who live and work in Honolulu's urban core. We consequently are united in our opposition ..."

We are in the process of having the nation's finest environmental attorney file suit against the F.T.A. and city to stop this elevated rail line from ruining our city's financial condition and its environment. This takes money; your money. Please make a donation to help us finish this lawsuit. You can pay something now or you can wait until rail hits your property taxes.

Sincerely,
Cliff Slater, Chair

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