

Pāhoā Transit Hub and Library



Project Overview

The County of Hawai'i Transit and Multi-Modal Transportation Master Plan (Master Plan) was completed in August 2018. One of the goals of the Master Plan was to "Create transportation hubs and bus stops with amenities that provide rider comfort and safety and that help support community and village gathering places." To implement this goal, the County of Hawai'i Planning Department and Mass Transit Agency (the Department and MTA) are initiating the planning phase of a Transit Hub in the Pāhoā region.

In addition, the County entered into discussions with the Hawai'i State Public Library System (HSPLS) regarding co-location of the transit hub with a new State library. HSPLS intends to construct a new library in the Pāhoā region and desires to support the County's Transit-Oriented-Development (TOD) initiatives and explore the possibility of co-locating the library with the future transit center. Co-location of these key public services will enhance the ability of both facilities to serve the Pāhoā community and advance TOD principles.

Read the County's Transit and Multi-Modal Transportation Master Plan here



<http://heleonmasterplan.com/final-transit-and-multi-modal-transportation-master-plan/>

How to Get Involved



For more information and to sign up for the project mailing list, please scan the QR code below and visit the project website:



Drop by an upcoming pop-up event!

February 25, 2023
1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Malama Market at Puna Kai Shopping Center

15-2714 Pāhoā Village Rd A, Pāhoā, HI 96778

February 26, 2023
7:00 AM-12:00 PM

Maku'u Farmers Market

15-2131 Kea'au-Pāhoā Rd. Pāhoā, Hawai'i 96778



Participate in in-person community meetings

March 1, 2023
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

TBD

Previous Efforts on Transit Hub Site Selection

- MTA initiated public outreach in 2019 along with initial identification of locations for consideration of a transit hub.
- A community meeting was held in March 2019, where **four possible locations** were proposed, along with parcel ownership, address tax map key (TMK), size (in acres), and zoning.
- A second community meeting was held in July 2019, where **two additional sites** were added by the Department.
- A **seventh location** was added after research results were presented, and site advantages/disadvantages were discussed by attendees.
- After the public outreach, the Department and MTA added additional locations and ranked 13 potential sites based on the criteria previously identified. Of the 13, three were removed from consideration.
- Site suitability analysis of the remaining ten sites was conducted, resulting in three preferred sites.
- \$100,000 in State Transit-oriented Development Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Planning funds were awarded to support the planning study.

Community input is currently being sought on three sites.

Previous Efforts on Pāhoā Public Library Site Selection

- The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS)' consultant, G70, completed an Environmental Assessment for the Pāhoā Public Library Site Selection in September 2021, with a Finding of No Significant Impact.
- The document identified **six State-owned and County-owned sites** in Pāhoā.
- The identified sites were **not satisfactory for HSPLS** to proceed with the design phase.
- HSPLS has begun coordinating with State/County TOD efforts to explore the possible co-location of the library with the transit hub.
- HSPLS/DAGS contributed \$350,000 in HSPLS CIP funds to support the planning study for the co-located library.

Project Schedule



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