Honolulu Rail Transit Project Update

Hawai‘i Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD Council)

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HART
HONOLULU AUTHORITY for RAPID TRANSPORTATION

What is HART?

- The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) is a semi-autonomous department of the City and County of Honolulu.
- HART is 100% taxpayer funded.
- HART is responsible for the design and construction of the rail transit system, called “Skyline.”
- The City’s Department of Transportation Services (DTS) operates and maintains Skyline, along with the City’s bus and paratransit services.
    - As each segment achieves operational readiness, DTS assumes responsibility for that portion of the system.

Lelepaua (Daniel K. Inouye International Airport) Station

Skyline – Honolulu Rail Transit System

First Automated (Driverless) Light Rail Transit System in the U.S.

- Approximately 19 miles with 19 stations from East Kapolei to Civic Center in Kaka'ako
- Vehicle fleet of 20 four-car trains
- Powered by a "Third Rail" electric system

Skyline – Open for Service

- East Kapolei to Kalihi Transit Center
- 16 miles, 13 stations
- Stops at major destinations including Leeward Community College, airport, and Kalihi Transit Center
- Operates daily from 4 am – 10:30 pm

Future Planning – Bill 60 (2025)

- Signed into law by Mayor Blangiardi on March 4, 2026
- Authorizes HART to develop Skyline extensions to UH Mānoa, Waikīkī, and further west in Kapolei, beginning with planning work
- Bill 60 does not authorize or appropriate funding

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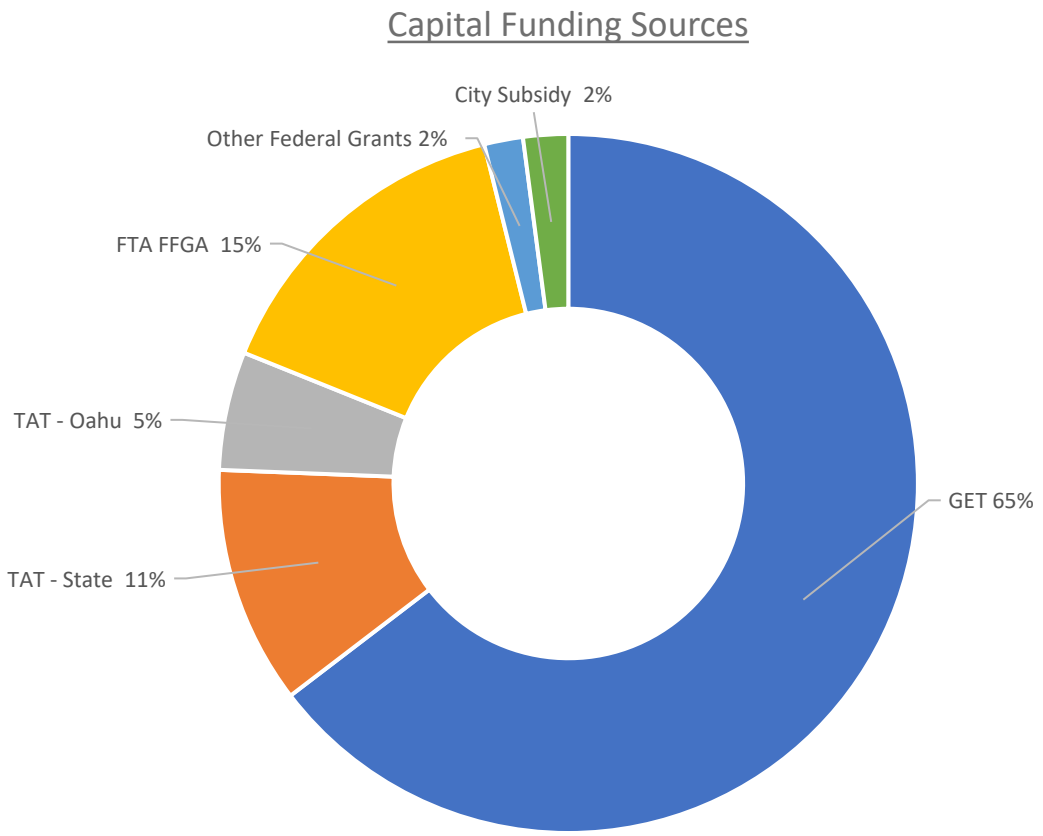
Bill 60 signed, clearing way for possible Skyline rail extensions

Mayor Blangiardi signs Bill 60 (HNN)

Forecast of Project Funding

HART is 100% Taxpayer Funded

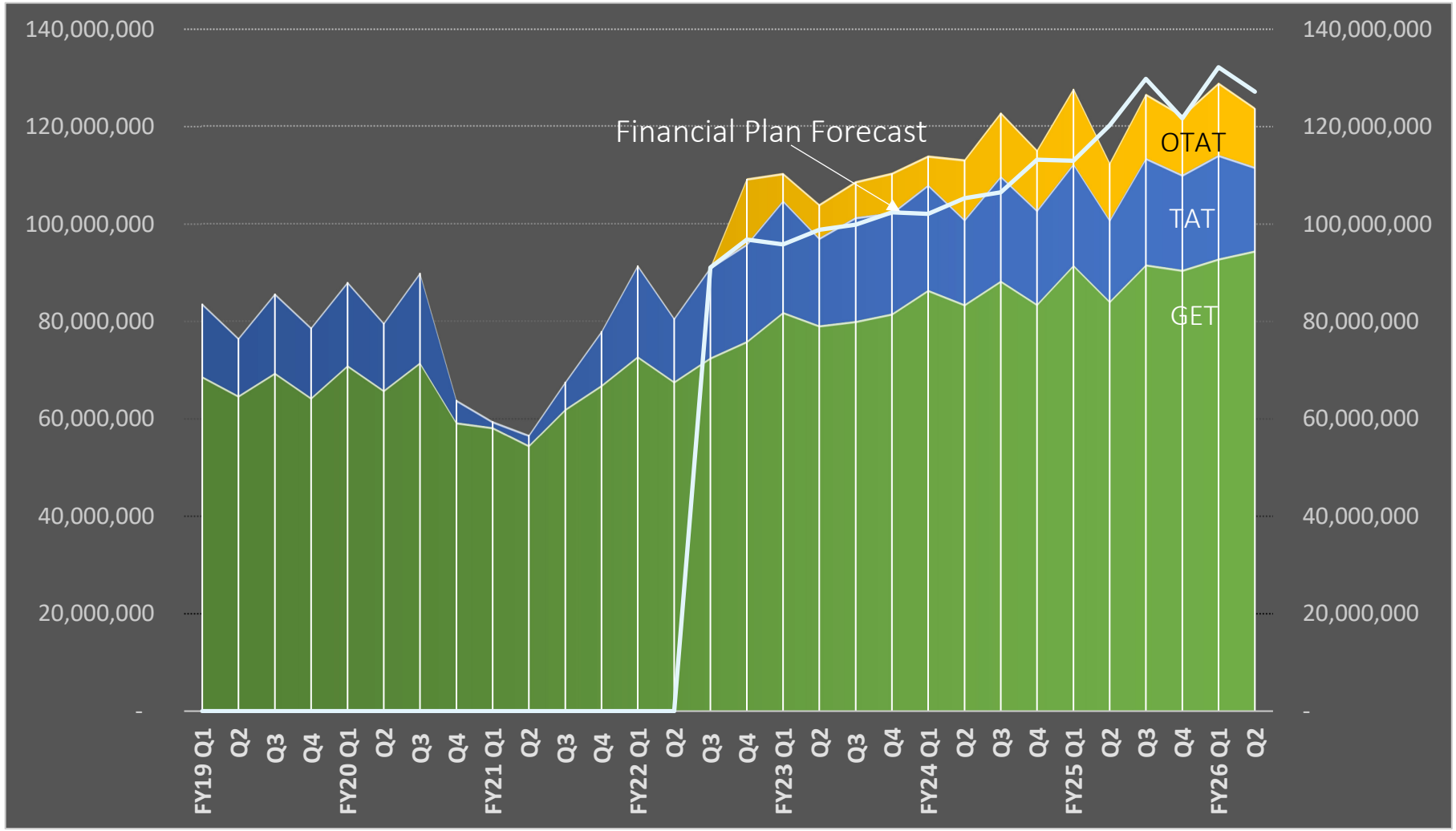
Funding Sources	$ in millions
FTA FFGA	$1,550
Other Federal Grants	185
Oahu General Excise Tax (GET)	6,557
Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT)	1,096
Oahu Transient Accommodations Tax	546
City Subsidy	214
Other (interest income, rents)	52
Total Forecast Funding	$10,200



83% Local Funds; 17% Federal Funds

Financial Trends

HART Funding from GET, TAT and OTAT *(based on quarter accrued)*



- Most recent quarter GET and TAT (combined) totaled $111.7M
  - 2.2% decrease from last quarter's $114.1M
  - 9.7% increase from FY25 Q2 at $100.8M
- OTAT collections contributed an additional $12.1M ($164M since enacted in 2022)
- Combined Q2 collections of $123.8M is $3.4M below plan

Segment 3 – City Center Utilities Relocation (CCUR)

Middle Street to Civic Center

- April 2026 – Downtown utilities relocation (CCUR III) from Kaʻaahi Street to Cooke Street substantially complete
- Dillingham utilities relocation (CCUR IV & CCUR IVE – Electrical):
  - Continued progress along Dillingham Boulevard
  - Completion anticipated by the end of 2026
- Upon completion of utility relocations, HART becomes eligible to receive $125M under the FFGA

Looking east toward Nimitz Hwy and Ala Moana Blvd

Segment 3 – City Center Guideway and Stations (CCGS)

Project Overview

- 3 miles of guideway and 6 stations
  - ➢ Through Kalihi-Palama, Iwilei, Chinatown, Downtown, and Kakaʻako
- CCGS construction completion anticipated – 2030
- Segment 3 open for passenger service – 2031

<u>All costs of the current project scope will be fully paid by the time Segment 3 is complete.</u>

Segment 3 – CCGS Construction Overview

Kalihi Station to Civic Center Station

- Guideway column shaft construction began – October 2025
  - 18 shafts completed to date
- First guideway column installed in March 2026; 3 columns completed since then
- Traffic control installed between Middle Street and Pu‘uhale Road along Kamehameha Highway and Dillingham Boulevard to begin shaft construction – March 2026
- Construction of Hōlau (Chinatown) Station begins – April 2026
- Shaft construction on Halekauwila Street begins – Fall 2026
- Installation of the first guideway span anticipated – 1st half 2027

First guideway column on Nimitz Hwy

Segment 3 – CCGS Station Renderings

Mokauea (Kalihi) Station
Location: Dillingham Boulevard/Mokauea Street

Niuhelewai (Honolulu Community College) Station
Location: Dillingham Boulevard/Kokea Street

Renderings shown are preliminary and subject to change.

Segment 3 – CCGS Station Renderings

Kūwili (Iwilei) Station
Location: Dillingham Boulevard/Kaaahi Street

Hōlau (Chinatown) Station
Location: Nimitz Highway/Kekaulike Street

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Segment 3 – CCGS Station Renderings

Kuloloia (Downtown) Station
Location: Nimitz Highway/Bishop Street

Ka‘ākaukukui (Civic Center) Station
Location: South Street/Halekauwila Street

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Neighborhood Design Workshops

How We Communicated

- **Workshops & Participation**
  - Workshops held – 7 (3 more scheduled)
  - Total participants – 221
  - Votes on design enhancements – 300+
  - Comments received – 424 total *(via sticky notes, adhesive dots, online and paper forms)*
- **Additional Public Community Engagements**
  - 2025: 34 meetings
  - 2026 (to date): 7 meetings
- **Digital Outreach**
  - HART eBlast newsletter – 9,600+ people reached
  - Quarterly newsletters distributed to stakeholders – 3 since 2025
  - Social media – 10,000+ people reached

Upcoming Events and Information

Second Round of Neighborhood Design Workshops

- **April 23, 2026** - Kūwilei (Iwilei) & Mokauea (Kalihi), 6:00-8:30 p.m.
  Kalākaua Middle School Cafeteria, 821 Kalihi Street
- **May 7, 2026** - Ka'ākaukukui (Civic Center), 6:00-7:30 p.m.
  Hub Coworking, 1050 Queen Street
- **May 21, 2026** - Kuloloia (Downtown), 6:00-8:30 p.m.
  HPU Multipurpose Room 3, 1 Aloha Tower Drive

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Skyline Operations Information - Fares, HOLO Card, and train schedules
Honolulu.gov/skyline
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Mahalo!

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