

HONOLULU AUTHORITY for RAPID TRANSPORTATION

February 19, 2014

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The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means  
State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Senators:

Subject: SB2436, SD1 Relating to Community Planning.  
SB2437, SD1 Relating to Transit.  
Committee on Ways and Means  
Wednesday, February 19, 2014, at 9:25 AM

Daniel A. Grabauskas  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CEO

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The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) supports the intent of Senate Bills 2436, SD1 and 2437, SD1, which encourage collaboration and coordination between State agencies that own property within transit-oriented development (TOD) zones around stations. Also attached is a copy of HART Board Resolution 2013-12, which reflects the Board of Directors' position regarding TOD-related legislation. HART is committed to working with State agencies, as well as the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), Department of Transportation Services (DTS), and other City departments, to develop TOD and joint development projects.

HART respectfully recommends that the City should maintain advisory capacity over areas under its control, unless they are State-owned properties. HART also recommends that the mission of the advisory committee should be to identify TOD projects for development on State property. The identified projects can result in a memorandum of understanding (MOU) as described in Senate Bill 2437, SD1.

We respectfully suggest limiting advisory capacity to areas with adjacent State property owners, and limiting the advisory group to nine (9) members with staggered terms, and membership as described below:

- (3) Community representatives: developer, resident living in a TOD area, and cultural representative

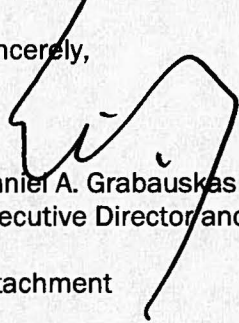
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- (2) City representatives: DPP-TOD (Chair), DTS
- (3) State agency representatives: Hawaii Department of Transportation, State Office of Planning, Governor appointee
- (1) HART representative

HART respectfully suggests that Senate Bill 2437, SD1, be combined with Senate Bill 2436, SD1, as it duplicates existing relationships between HART and State agencies that hold properties adjacent to station sites. HART notes the proposed legislation requires agencies to enter into an MOU but does not address prioritization of agency activities or resources in TOD areas. It should be noted that DPP is the lead City agency for TOD as HART is a supporting agency for DPP in its efforts to perform TOD studies and capital projects in these areas. As such, DPP may be a more appropriate agency for this legislation. The identification of TOD opportunities and State-DPP-HART collaboration of the eight (8) project areas can be further discussed in revisions to Senate Bill 2436, SD1.

We thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony.

Sincerely,



Daniel A. Grabauskas  
Executive Director and CEO

Attachment

cc: HART Board of Directors



**Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013 - 12**

**REGARDING THE POSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION ON  
TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT**

**WHEREAS, the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) has been established pursuant to Article XVII of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973, as amended (RCH); and**

**WHEREAS, RCH Section 17-103.1 authorizes HART to "develop, operate, maintain and expand the city fixed guideway system;" and**

**WHEREAS, RCH Section 17-103.2(n) empowers HART to "promote, create and assist transit oriented development projects near fixed guideway system stations that promote transit ridership, and are consistent with the intent of the adopted community plans and zoning"; and**

**WHEREAS, the HART Board of Directors recognizes that transit oriented development (TOD) will benefit the Honolulu Rail Transit Project (HRTTP) and its ridership through:**

- **Encouraging convenient, safe multi-modal access to transit;**
- **Encouraging the creation of mixed-use, pedestrian and bicycle-friendly communities that provide employment, housing, and services;**
- **Creating housing options including market-rate and affordable units;**
- **Supporting economic development efforts; and**
- **Promoting sustainability by reducing pollution, noise and reliance on automobiles; and**

**WHEREAS, TOD provides a unique opportunity to foster more livable communities that take advantage of the benefits of transit, specifically, reducing transportation costs for residents, businesses and workers while improving mobility and circulation in the station area for all modes of travel; and**

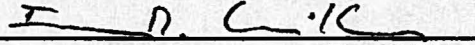
**WHEREAS, In order to capitalize on this tremendous opportunity, development around future rail station stations needs to be focused, balanced and well-planned.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of HART as follows:**

1. **The HART Board of Directors favors and supports legislative measures which maximize the potential for TOD, promote effective community planning and provide a vision for neighborhood improvements and future urban redevelopment.**
2. **The HART Executive Director and CEO is authorized to submit testimony on pertinent legislation consistent with the overall policies set forth herein.**

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation on  
DEC 19 2013.

  
Board Chair

ATTEST:

  
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# GCA of Hawaii

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February 19, 2014

TO: HONORABLE DAVID IGE, HONORABLE MICHELLE KIDANI AND COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

SUBJECT: **S.B. 2436, SD1. RELATING TO COMMUNITY PLANNING.** Establishes the transit-oriented development advisory committee to make recommendations about sustainable development projects close to transit. (SD1)

**S.B. 2437, SD1. RELATING TO TRANSIT.** Requires all state agencies within one-half mile of proposed rail stations to enter into memoranda of understanding with each other and convene working groups that include representatives of the Honolulu authority for rapid transportation. Requires the working groups to submit annual reports to the legislature. (SD1)

### Decision Making

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014

TIME: 9:25 A.M.

PLACE: Conference Room 211

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee,

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of approximately six hundred general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. The GCA's mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest.

The GCA is in support of the intent of S.B. 2436, SD1 and S.B. 2437, SD1 which is to ensure that the state, city and the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation are working together to maximize our investment in rail transit and achieve the promise of transit-oriented development (TOD).

The GCA continues to support the Honolulu Rail Transit Project together with the concerted efforts of all parties involved to plan and construct the rail transit project to serve the people of Oahu. All parties must continue to work together to get this project delivered to the residents of the City and County of Honolulu. Rail will provide the most reliable, cost-efficient and convenient transportation pipeline between urban Honolulu and West Oahu.

GCA appreciates the opportunity to share its testimony.