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HCDA ANNOUNCES TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY PLAN

Kakaako – The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) will conduct four open houses to introduce the proposed Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Overlay Plan for the Kakaako Community Development District. The TOD Plan incorporates urban design, mobility and access, complete streets, rail transit, and parking and transportation demand management principles to create a compact, walkable and livable community in Kakaako for present and future generations.

The TOD Plan envisions that people will prefer to live in a community where they do not need to rely solely on auto transportation. To enhance the livability of Kakaako, the Plan establishes a ***Pedestrian First*** Modal Hierarchy that optimizes streets to move people, rather than vehicles. The TOD Plan identifies that additional density or living space in a transit rich district already expecting to realize significant growth will support the construction and delivery of exemplary public benefits such as reserved housing, parks, and complete streets improvements.

“The TOD Plan will enable the Kakaako Community Development District to become a sustainable, highly livable, culturally vibrant, economically healthy, and walkable neighborhood,” said HCDA Executive Director Anthony Ching. “This is exactly what our governor has envisioned for Kakaako – a Pedestrian Oriented Development (POD) community.”

Gov. Neil Abercrombie said, “Establishing a transit rich and diverse community in Kakaako is one of the highest priorities of my administration. Realizing a vibrant Pedestrian First community in Kakaako will mean less urban sprawl and an opportunity to improve the quality of life for Hawaii families.”

The HCDA will invite stakeholders and the public to participate in the TOD/POD planning process, provide opportunities for comments to be heard, and will describe the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) study being conducted and the process for adopting the TOD/POD Plan and administrative rules.

The HCDA open houses will be held at its office located at 461 Cooke Street, Honolulu, Hawaii. Dates and times are as follows:

- Thursday, May 23, 2013 -- 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- Friday, May 24, 2013 -- 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- Saturday, May 25, 2013 -- 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- Thursday, May 30, 2013 -- 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

About the HCDA

Created by the 1976 State Legislature to bring about the timely planning, regulation and development of underutilized areas in the State, HCDA's mission is to ensure that the Kakaako, Kalaeloa, and Heeia community development districts are invigorated and transformed into dynamic communities that will accommodate a mix of people with a wide spectrum of activities and commerce. To accomplish these goals, HCDA works to bring together private enterprise and government in order to establish Kakaako, Kalaeloa, and Heeia as vibrant communities that provide positive economic, social and environmental benefits.

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For more information go to <http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/transit-oriented-development>

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