A representative from the City and County of Honolulu presented current planning concepts and alternatives for the Halawa Area TOD Plan to the Authority on January 8.

With the new Aloha Stadium Station, the Halawa area will become one of Oahu’s most interesting and livable transit communities, combining dense, mixed-use around compact, walkable blocks and community-oriented open spaces. It will complement the anchor uses of Aloha Stadium, Pearl Harbor Visitors Center, nearby Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, as well as the surrounding neighborhoods of Aiea, Foster Village, and Halawa.

New uses will appeal to residents and visitors alike, including: a mix of housing types; community-oriented retail and amenities; food, entertainment, and cultural uses, that support the stadium and community; other complementary commercial activities that create activity, such as a hotel; and event programming that appeals to residents, visitors, and workers.

Office, residential, retail, restaurant, and entertainment uses will activate the area with "round the clock" activity. Vehicular and pedestrian movement will be augmented by improved transit services, dedicated and shared parking, expanded bikeways, and wide, pedestrian-oriented sidewalks. Open spaces will include a multifunctional “great lawn”, tree-lined streets, trails, vista points, and improved mauka/makai and ewa/diamond head connections. Expanded events will preserve and augment the highly successful Aloha Stadium Swap Meet and Marketplace, UH football games, and provide other much needed community amenities such as pre-and post-game day activities, market days, performances, and movies in the park.

The Halawa area will embody the Aloha spirit and become a place where people from all walks of life can live, work, visit, and connect.

Public Hearing February 5

A development permit application has been filed for the construction of a retail and self-storage facility. It consists of a single story structure that will house the offices for the self-storage facility and a five-story structure located on Kawaiahao Street that will house the self-storage units on the second through fifth floors with commercial use on the ground floor, at 868 Queen Street, 819, 825, 835, and 841 Kawaiahao Street.

The proposed project, which involves 11,564 square feet of commercial use and 111,766 square feet of industrial use, also includes parking and loading areas, landscaping and an enclosed trash area.

A presentation hearing was held on January 8 to allow the applicant to present the proposed project, to allow any other party the opportunity to present its position, and to provide the public with the opportunity to present oral and/or written testimony.

On February 5 at 1 p.m., a decision-making hearing will be held to allow for additional oral and written comments from the public on the application prior to decision-making by the Authority.

If the Authority adopts a proposed decision and order which is adverse to a party, the party adversely affected will be allowed to file written comments and/or exceptions to the Authority’s proposed decision and order. In that case, the Authority will engage in final decision-making at a future hearing to be held on March 4, 2020.

Copies of this development permit application are available for inspection during regular business hours at the HCDA office, located at 547 Queen Street, 5th Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, or can be mailed to anyone who requests a copy after payment has been made for copying and postage costs. The development permit application is also available online at: dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/kakaako-retail-and-storage/.

To request a copy of the development permit application or to submit written comments, please contact the HCDA on or before the date of the public hearing. Written comments will be accepted through the HCDA website at dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda until 12:00 p.m. the day before the respective public hearing dates (“Written Comments Deadline”).

Persons wishing to submit public comments after the Written Comments Deadline are encouraged to appear in person at the public hearing to submit their comments. Persons who intend to present comments on the above-listed application shall sign-up at the beginning of the public hearing.

Persons who intend to submit written comments shall submit 30 copies of their statements by 12:00 p.m., on the day before the public hearing. Please be advised that all written public comments submitted to the HCDA will be treated as a public record and, therefore, any contact information contained therein may be available for public inspection and copying.

The Chairperson may limit public oral testimony to three minutes per speaker and speakers may be subject to questioning by the members of the Authority or by any other representative of the Authority.

The next HCDA board meetings will be held on February 5 followed by the public hearing.

For more information visit http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda. Mahalo.