



Pāhoa 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 Pāhoa 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 Pāhoa 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 Pāhoa 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/)



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How to Get Involved



The Pāhoa Transit Hub and Library Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) will be published with the State of Hawai'i, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development Environmental Review Program. The EA will be accompanied by a 30-day public comment period. To be notified about the release of the draft EA, please sign up for our mailing list on our website. We appreciate your mana'o.



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



<http://pahoatransithub.info>

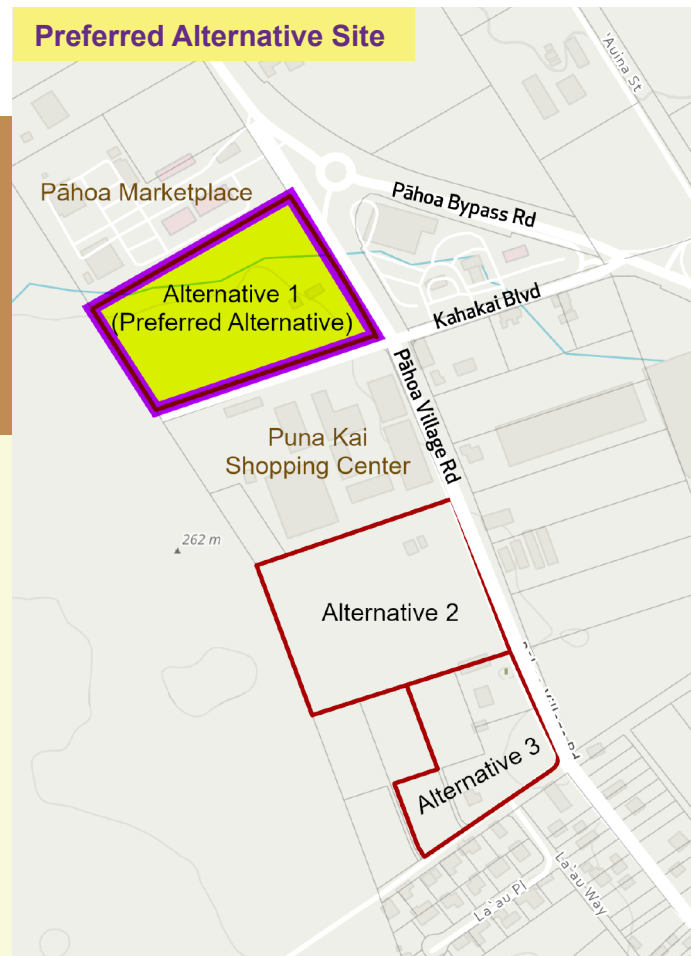
Be On the Look Out for the Next Community Meeting!



Location: TBD
March 2024

Details to be announced

Preferred Alternative Site



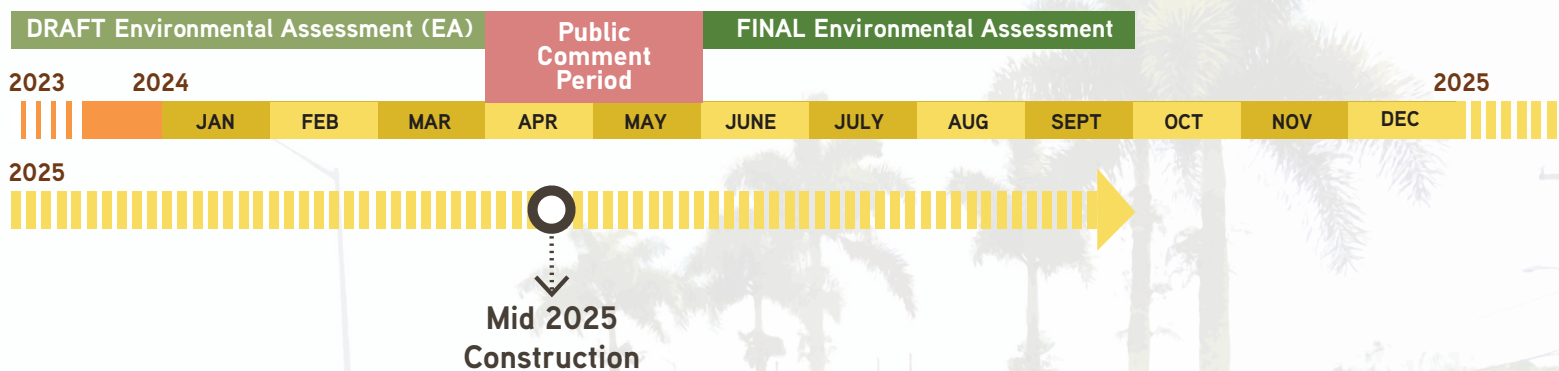
Previous Efforts on Transit Hub Site Selection

- MTA initiated public outreach in 2019 along with initial identification of locations for consideration of a transit hub.
- 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 alternative sites.
- Public outreach efforts were conducted in 2023 to determine the preferred alternative site from the three remaining sites.

Previous Efforts on Pāhoa Public Library Site Selection

- HSPLS initiated community focus groups to gauge public interest in desired uses and services for a new regional library in Puna.
- The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS)' consultant, G70, completed an Environmental Assessment for the Pāhoa Public Library Site Selection in September 2021, with a Finding of No Significant Impact.
- HSPLS has begun coordinating with State/County TOD efforts to explore possible co-location of the library with the transit hub.

Project Schedule



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