

**How much will the project cost to build and how will we pay for it?**

The capital cost for building the 20-mile rail line is \$5.2 billion, including finance charges. This figure has been adjusted for inflation and represents the cost through 2019, which is when construction will be complete. About \$815 million is set aside as contingency. Rail construction will be funded by two sources:

1. Local Funding: The ½ percent surcharge on the General Excise and Use Tax (GET) paid by residents, businesses, and visitors on O’ahu. This is expected to total \$3.3 billion from FY2010 through FY2023. The total amount from the GET surcharge from January 1, 2007, since the transit surcharge was first collected, to FY2023 is expected to equal \$3.68 billion. The city has received more than \$715 million dollars from the GET surcharge as of June 2011.
2. Federal Funding: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has pledged to contribute \$1.55 billion in New Starts funding to build Honolulu’s rail system. Congress has already appropriated \$120 million for planning and design and the Obama Administration has requested another \$250 million in its FY2012 budget.



The Honolulu Rail Transit Project’s new QR Code (Quick Response Code) that connects individuals with iPhones and smart phones to the project’s website.

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**OVERVIEW**

The purpose of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project is to provide high-capacity rapid transit in the highly congested transportation corridor between Kapolei and University of Hawai’i (UH) at Mānoa and Waikīkī. The project will improve corridor mobility, transit reliability, and service equity while improving access to planned development, including the second city of Kapolei.

**What is the Honolulu Rail Transit Project?**

The Honolulu Rail Transit Project is a 20-mile elevated rail line with 21 stations. The project will connect West O’ahu with downtown Honolulu and Ala Moana Center via Honolulu International Airport in a time of 42 minutes. The system features modern, electric, steel-wheel trains each able to carry hundreds of passengers. Future extensions could serve other parts of

West O’ahu and other communities of Salt Lake, UH Mānoa, and Waikīkī.

**What are the benefits?**

Rail transit will be a fast, attractive, and reliable alternative to driving for many commuters. By 2030, about 116,300 trips per weekday are expected on rail transit. It will take about 40,000 vehicles off our roads each weekday by the year 2030. This reduction in the number of cars and trucks on our

congested streets will deliver benefits and improve travel times for everyone – train riders, bus passengers, and vehicle drivers. Approximately 10,000 jobs each year will be attributed to rail construction, with development around rail stations infusing our economy with billions of dollars during the coming decade.



