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Committee members,

I do not think rail works on this island. I think it will be another drain to the government. The cost of maintenance will far exceed the cost of ridership.

I strongly support Panos' idea of double decker roads as the best solution. If there was a road above the existing freeway that had no exits in the downtown area and was only used by people going past that area, the traffic would move so much better. Same in the other areas of town where traffic slows down. An overpass with no exits in the areas where congestion exists today would solve so many problems.

For far less than the amount proposed for rail, the city and state could fix all the exits that start right after an entrance with a fly-over design. This in addition to the double decker road in areas where necessary. All for far less money.

We won't solve the gas usage issues, but I don't believe rail will do much for reducing that.

The decision of each committee on this matter will effect all the citizens of Hawaii for years to come and the citizens of Hawaii will hold each member of the planning committee accountable for the results.

~ Vincent Giasolli