RESOLUTION

URGING THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION TO TELEVISE ITS MEETINGS VIA OLELO OR OTHER PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE MEDIA.

WHEREAS, at $5.2 billion, the Honolulu Rail Transit project ("project") represents the largest and most expensive capital project in the history of the City and County of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2011, the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation ("HART") was established through an amendment to the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu and is authorized to develop, operate, maintain and expand the project; and

WHEREAS, from July 1, 2011 through February 2015, HART has held 100 committee meetings and 55 Board of Director meetings, all of which have been held on weekdays during daylight hours when many people work and are, thus, unable to attend these meetings; and

WHEREAS, HART does not televise its Board and committee meetings for public viewing on either a live or delayed basis, thereby offering the public no option to view the meetings at a location or time that is accessible and convenient; and

WHEREAS, over the years, major issues have arisen regarding the project, including contract cost overruns, core systems contractor viability, and significant projected financial deficits and project delays, which have potential impacts on the public; and

WHEREAS, Olelo Community Media, which provides public access television on Oahu as part of its mission to advance community engagement, has been utilized by City government to provide community access to government meetings, including 366 hours of Honolulu City Council programming in 2013, and 484 hours of City Administration programming, also in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the size, expense and importance of the Honolulu Rail Transit project merits the televising of HART Board and committee meetings so that government transparency can be achieved and public trust in the project can be gained by informing Honolulu residents of the issues, discussions and plans surrounding the project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that community access television offers a viable and cost-effective way to provide access to HART Board and committee meetings; now, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation is urged to televise its Board of Directors and committee meetings via Olelo Community Media or other publicly accessible media; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that HART is urged to look to implement the televising of its meetings as soon as possible; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the HART Board of Directors.

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

MAR 24 2015

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers
RESOLUTION 15-80

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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

03/31/15 EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS CR-103 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.

04/22/15 COUNCIL CR-103 AND RESOLUTION 15-80 WERE ADOPTED.
9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, OZAWA, PINE.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

GLEN TAKAHASHI, ACTING CITY CLERK

ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER