

Re Bill 14, 15 and 16

There is no over whelming mandate to build a rail system on Oahu since the pro rail voters barely edged out a majority vote. If the anti-rail faction was given the funds to advertise like the City did for rail and the vote was held today, there would probably be a landslide against the rail.

Why are we even talking about increases in gasoline and real property taxes and the multitude of fee increases when all you have to do is eliminate the rail from the budget. Furthermore, without the Federal Record of Decision (ROD) in hand, doesn't the City risks any future funds if it decides to start the project before the ROD (just like in the case of the BRT).

The extra millions wasted on the purchase of the hybrid-buses instead of the modern fuel efficient diesel buses is an example of the City Administration's error in their estimation of cost/savings analysis. With the rail, that type of error can be potentially in the billions of dollars that we don't have and certainly cannot afford.

Why is there such a rush to spend money Honolulu does not have? There is a nationwide reduction in spending, welfare and charity giving are down, loss of thousands of jobs that putting social security and medicare in jeopardy but Honolulu still wants to live beyond its means and buy a "cadillac" instead of a "chevy" transit system.

Rein in spending, save our City.

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