

IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY ON OAHU

Whereas, the Hawaii Republican Party advocates Fiscal Accountability and Limited Government, the planned rail system construction and operation is expected to exceed any income generated by its riders and will negatively impact the private property of many Oahu residents;

Whereas, Hawaii's morning and evening commute is congested along the main traffic corridors, many improvements that are planned or have been proposed could resolve the problem;

Whereas, the current rail solution to traffic congestion is a costly, inflexible, offers limited access and service areas;

Whereas, Hawaii's weather and beaches are reasons tourists flock to our islands, it is the natural beauty of the mountains and coastline that brings them back year after year the proposed rail system is a noisy eyesore that will disturb the peace and tranquility of the island;

Whereas, the proposed train service has limited seating for its users compared to the standing room that will accommodate most commuters during rush hours;

Whereas, the rail system is a single point of failure of mobility in the event of a breakdown, natural disaster or a terrorist attack that affects the system;

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Hawaii Republican Party in convention at Honolulu, Hawai'i, on 12 May, 2012 proposes improvements to the bus system that will better accommodate the mass transit requirements of the State at a reasonable cost

- (1) Increase the number of buses and the frequency of the service
- (2) Increase funding of the bus system which can be transferred from the rail budget
- (2) Provide wifi on the bus since it has seating for more passengers
- (3) Complete plans for the westbound zipper lane
- (4) Build underpass lanes in critical areas to expedite left turns
- (5) Delay building the rail until it is proven to be cost effective

Upon approval of this resolution, copies shall be delivered by the convention secretary to the Honolulu City Council, Governor of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of Hawai'i, the Hawai'i State House of Representatives, the Hawai'i State Senate and will be displayed prominently on the Hawaii Republican Party website.