**Everything The City Wants You To Know About The Rail**

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Dedicated to

Mayor of Honolulu.

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HART

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Aloha and welcome to RailRipoff.com. Before I go any further, I want to let you know that I am not anti-rail. I am not against the rail. I am for the rail. I voted for the rail but much later realized that I voted based on false information, like:  
1. The rail project would cost $5.29 billion (and no mention of GET funding)  
2. The rail project would go 20 miles to Ala Moana and have 21 rail stations.  
3. The rail project would be built on time.  
4. The rail project would create 10,000 local jobs.  
5. The rail ridership numbers were grossly inflated.

The cost of the rail project was poorly estimated from the start, and has been severely mismanaged. There has been very little accountability and to this day of August 8, 2016, HART refuses to provide much needed answers even to the Honolulu City Council, various members of the Legislature, and even to the FTA.

Even after not one, but two separate audits, there is still no transparency. The People of Hawaii deserve real and complete answers, and deserve to be told the true facts. We do not appreciate being told nothing. And when there is something to be told, we do not appreciate half-truths, twisted information, PR, white lies and smoke and mirrors.  
There is a huge difference between having a plan, and having the money to complete that plan. Right now there is no Recovery Plan, there is no money to go to Ala Moana, there are no real estate developers committed to buy a rail station and there is no total cost estimate. There is also no extension of the GET to help fund the rail. HART is broke and there are no funds to pay for the project to Ala Moana..

There are many hard working individuals working at HART, the City and various architects, engineers, consultants, construction workers etc. Some of them are my friends. Some of the contents of RailRipoff.com is by no means meant to devalue their services., or cut them down.

RailRipoff.com was created to discover the truth, report the facts, ask hard questions, and provide opinions. Our goal is to separate fact from fiction. The HART website does not tell all. It only contains information that they want the public to know.

RailRipoff.com is backed by a consortium of community leaders, construction industry experts, Hawaii taxpayers and concerned citizens not only in Hawaii but on the mainland and even around the world.  
Our Advisory Board consists of former and current politicians, contractors, construction workers, architects, engineers, cost engineers, CPA’s consultants, government workers and non-construction industry related concerned citizens.

If any of the information posted on RailRipoff.com is not accurate, I welcome any and all responses by HART, and will post HART’s response on RailRipoff.com. Furthermore, I have posed questions directly to HART and request answers to those questions. HART’s answers to my questions will also be posted on RailRipoff.com.

Stay tuned for the rest of the story: The Real Rail Book.

Mahalo, Be Informed and Happy Reading at RailRipoff.com.

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