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## Letters to the Editor

### **transit**

## **Rail system has many benefits over EzWay**

Ann Kobayashi's transit plan to use an elevated three-lane highway is poorly conceived.

While adding three lanes to the highway system may relieve some congestion once opened, it does not fix the primary issue — too many cars.

Her endorsement of Panos Prevedouros' plan of managing traffic by synchronizing traffic lights and controlled access of the elevated highway is a limited solution with short-term benefits.

All this does is delay the inevitable. What happens a few years down the road when the H-1 and the elevated highway are both congested? What is the alternative then?

The rail system immediately reduces the amount of vehicles on the highway and effectively reduces traffic when drivers realize that the rail system would be a viable option when traffic gets worse.

The rail system will also reduce our reliance on oil as the rail system is more efficient and reducing the number of cars on the road saves even more fuel.

Kobayashi's and Prevedouros' narrow vision on our traffic problem does not bode well if they cannot see the big picture should she be elected mayor.

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