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City's rail transit briefings for public start Tuesday

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The city will hold a series of community meetings from Tuesday through Oct. 23 to further inform residents about Honolulu's rail transit project.

The community meetings will include information about current and future traffic conditions on O'ahu; the 20-mile elevated rail route and how it is expected to reduce future traffic congestion; rail stations and locations; the projected costs of building and maintaining the rail line; economic impacts, including an estimated 11,000 jobs created during construction; steel wheel technology; and environmental factors.

"Community outreach is one of the foundations of this project, and this slate of community meetings will continue to engage the public in this important project," Mayor Mufi Hannemann said in a news release. "Our goal from the beginning of this process has been to educate residents about the facts of Honolulu's future traffic congestion, inform them about the best options available and deliver results."

The community meetings will feature exhibits, displays and handouts, and project staff will be on hand to answer questions, according to the news release.

All meetings are 6 to 8 p.m.:

- Tuesday at Holomua Elementary School, 91-1561 Keaunui Drive in 'Ewa Beach.
- Wednesday at Manoa Elementary School, 3155 Manoa Road.
- Thursday at Waipahu Intermediate School, 94-455 Farrington Highway.
- Oct. 21 at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall.
- Oct. 22 at Farrington High School, 1564 N. King St. in Kalihi.
- Oct. 23 at Mililani Waena Elementary, 95-502 Kipapa Drive.

There will also be an information booth at the Food and New Product Expo at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall today and tomorrow.