January 22, 2015

Public Review Draft Central O‘ahu Sustainable Communities Plan

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Review Draft Central O‘ahu Sustainable Communities Plan for your review and comment. The Public Review Draft is the result of many years of collecting community comments and suggestions regarding the Plan and its implementation, conducting research, updating information and projections, and drafting revisions to the Plan. It is one product of a required review of the Central O‘ahu Sustainable Communities Plan vision, policies, and implementation.

This draft provides proposed revisions to the 2002 Central O‘ahu Sustainable Communities Plan (SCP). The deadline to insure that comments get considered in preparing the final recommended revisions which are scheduled to be sent to the Planning Commission in late June is Friday, March 13, 2015.

A pdf version of the Public Review Draft Central O‘ahu SCP has been posted on the Web at http://www.honoluludpp.org/Planning/DevelopmentSustainableCommunitiesPlans/CentralOahuPlan.aspx. We also will provide copies of the Plan to the public at the five Central O‘ahu Neighborhood Board Meetings in January:

- Mililani Mauka/Launani Valley Neighborhood Board, Tuesday, Jan. 20 @ 7:00 PM,
- Waipahu Neighborhood Board, Thursday, Jan. 22 @ 7:00 PM,
- Wahiawa-Whitmore Village Neighborhood Board, Monday, Jan. 26 @ 7:00 PM,
- Pearl City Neighborhood Board, Tuesday, Jan. 27 @ 7:00 PM,
- Mililani-Waipio Neighborhood Board, Wednesday, Jan 28 @ 7:30 PM,

and at the Saturday, Feb. 14 Public Review Draft Workshop (8:00 am to 12:30 pm).

The existing Central O‘ahu Sustainable Communities Plan, which was adopted in 2002, is also available at http://www.honoluludpp.org/Planning/DevelopmentSustainableCommunitiesPlans/CentralOahuPlan.aspx.

We will gladly accept comments submitted after the March 13 deadline, but cannot insure that we will be able to inventory them and use them in preparing the Plan and Review Report that goes to the Planning Commission. Any comments received after the deadline, if they are not considered in our Plan revisions and in our Review Report, will be forwarded to the Planning Commission.
Feel free to send questions, comments, and suggestions to the Department of Planning and Permitting by mail, phone, fax, or e-mail. You can contact us by:

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In addition to the Public Review Draft Plan, we have included three handouts:

- **Feb. 14 Workshop.** The agenda for the Public Review Draft Workshop to be held on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015 at the Mililani Mauka Elementary Cafeteria is attached. The purpose of the workshop is to present the Public Review Draft Central O’ahu SCP and collect comments on the proposed changes to the Plan and on the implementation of the current Plan.
- **Plan Review Purpose, Process, and Preliminary Findings.**
- **Proposed Significant Changes to the Central O’ahu SCP**

**What Happens After The Public Comments Are Received?**

- Preparation of the proposed revised Plan and Review Report
- Transmittal of the final proposed revision of the Plan and the final Review Report to the Planning Commission (scheduled for late June).
- Neighborhood Board Presentations and a Public Information Meeting. After the Plan has been transmitted, we will make presentations to the five Neighborhood Boards and hold a Public Information Meeting to distribute the final proposed Plan and the Review Report, and answer questions about the Plan and Report. After the presentations and the Public Information Meeting, all of the Boards will have an opportunity to meet to approve testimony before the Planning Commission public hearing on the Plan will be scheduled.

**At the Planning Commission and City Council.** Even after the Plan has gone to the Planning Commission, there will be several more opportunities to suggest changes to the Plan.

We invite members of the community to submit testimony to the Planning Commission and to the City Council regarding the Plan and its implementation. The City Council will make the decision on what changes will be approved in revising the Central O’ahu Sustainable Communities Plan.