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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan – Public Review Draft

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) is pleased to inform you that the East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan (SCP) – Public Review Draft (PRD) has been released.

The PRD is the result of years of community comments and suggestions regarding the East Honolulu SCP and its implementation combined with internal research, the updating of information, projections, and drafting revisions to the East Honolulu SCP. It is the first product of a required review of the East Honolulu SCP vision, policies, and guidelines.

This draft provides proposed revisions to the 1999 East Honolulu SCP. To insure that comments are considered in preparing the DPP’s final proposed draft to the Planning Commission, the deadline for comments is Friday, June 28, 2019.

A PDF version of the PRD of the East Honolulu SCP is available on the website listed below. The existing East Honolulu SCP, adopted in May 1999 (dated in April), is also available at:


Hard copies of the PRD will be available at the three East Honolulu Neighborhood Board (NB) meetings and public meeting based on the following schedule:

- Hawaii Kai NB on Tuesday, February 26, 2019;
- Kuliouou-Kalani Iki NB on Thursday, April 4, 2019;
- Waialae-Kahala NB on Thursday, March 21, 2019; and
- Combined community meeting and open house with the Board of Water Supply for both the East Honolulu SCP and Watershed Management Plan to be held on Monday, March 4, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Koko Head Elementary School Cafeteria.
While we will accept comments submitted after the June 28, 2019 deadline, we cannot insure that we will be able to inventory and address them in the preparation of the East Honolulu SCP and Review Report that goes to the Planning Commission. Any comments received after the deadline and not considered in the East Honolulu SCP revisions and Review Report, will be forwarded to the Planning Commission or the City Council.

Supporting Documents

In addition to the PRD, there are other documents available on our website to assist community members and stakeholders in their review.

- The Review Status Report provides a quick overview of the review work program, what we have learned from the review so far, and what changes we are considering for the SCP.
- A Briefing Materials Handbook is a 16-page summary of the SCP that includes some of the data and a map presented in the SCP and a short-hand locator for where significant changes are proposed in the SCP.

What Happens After the Public Comments are Received?

- Preparation of the Proposed Revised SCP and the Review Report;
- Transmittal of the Proposed Revised SCP (clean copy and Ramseyer version) and the Review Report to the Planning Commission (Summer 2019); and
- Public Information Meeting. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing typically consisting of presentations, dissemination of copies of the proposed revised SCP and Review Report, and a question and answer period. Timing will be such that the East Honolulu NBs will have an opportunity to meet following the publication of the proposed revised East Honolulu SCP and prior to the Planning Commission public hearing. The Planning Commission forwards its recommendations to the City Council.

At the Planning Commission / At the City Council

After the SCP has gone to the Planning Commission, there will be several more opportunities to suggest changes and submit testimony on the SCP at meetings of the Planning Committee and at City Council meetings. The City Council will make the final decision on what changes will be approved in revising the East Honolulu SCP.
Questions and Comments

Questions, comments, and suggestions on the PRD can be submitted to the East Honolulu SCP Project Manager, Thomas Blair, of the DPP staff, at the following:

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Should you have any questions, please contact Thomas Blair, of our staff, at 768-8030.

Very truly yours,

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