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Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-23

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CEO OF THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY ON PROPOSED EXTENSIONS TO THE MINIMUM OPERABLE SEGMENT WITHIN THE LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 07-001 (Bill 79, CD2, FD2), approved on January 6, 2007, established the locally preferred alternative, and authorized the city to determine the minimum operable segment within the locally preferred alternative; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 07-039, established the minimum operable segment, to be between UH West Oahu near the Kroc Center to Ala Moana Center via Salt Lake Blvd.; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 08-261, adopted by the Council on January 28, 2009, amended the minimum operable segment to be between UH West Oahu near the Kroc Center to Ala Moana Center via the Airport; and

WHEREAS, Article XVII of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973, as amended (Charter) established the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART), which began operations on July 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Article XVII, Section 17-103 of the Honolulu City Charter provides that HART shall have the authority to plan, design, develop, and construct the fixed guideway system, which is defined in Section 17-102 as "the minimum operable segment approved by the city council and any extensions to the minimum operable segment approved by the mayor and the city council"; and

WHEREAS, Article XVII, Section 17-119 of the Honolulu City Charter further provides that "the authority shall adhere to the fixed guideway system alignment of the locally preferred alternative approved by the council," and that "[a]ny new alignment, extension or addition to the fixed guideway system alignment shall be subject to council approval by ordinance"; and

WHEREAS, Bill 60 (2025), CD1 authorizes HART to conduct planning and preliminary engineering for extensions to the minimum operable segment, including any studies, evaluations, surveys and assessments, and the preparation of any required environmental impact statements and other reports, provided that any such extension adheres to the locally preferred alternative; now therefore,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of HART as follows:

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The HART Board of Directors supports extensions to the minimum operable segment that are consistent with the locally preferred alternative and HART's authority under Article XVII to develop the fixed guideway system; and

The Executive Director of HART is hereby authorized to present testimony on legislation consistent with the contents of this Resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Honolulu City Council and the Mayor.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation on

10/24/25.

Date

HART Board Chair

ATTEST:

Carolyn Ridderman

HART Board Executive Officer