

**EXECUTIVE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET
REVIEW
Testimony**

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Meeting Date: Mar 11, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 0

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 2

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Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Mar 10, 2026 @ 01:55 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kenson Paris, and I am a daily transit rider commuting along the Waiʻanae Coast corridor.

I am writing to encourage continued efforts to improve connections between Waiʻanae Coast communities and the Honolulu Skyline.

Communities such as Mākaha, Waiʻanae, Māʻili, and Nānākuli represent one of the most transit-dependent regions on Oʻahu. However, many riders must currently remain on long bus routes traveling the full length of the corridor before reaching major employment centers or rail connections.

Based on my personal commuting experience, trips from the Waiʻanae Coast toward town often take approximately 60–90 minutes, depending on route and traffic conditions.

One potential improvement would be evaluating a limited-stop peak-hour feeder service connecting the Farrington Highway corridor directly to Keoneʻae Skyline Station.

This concept—referred to as Route R – Waiʻanae Coast Rail Express—would follow the existing corridor before utilizing Kualakaʻi Parkway as a direct connection to the Skyline system. Allowing riders to transfer earlier to rail could potentially reduce travel times to approximately 45–75 minutes, depending on final destinations and transfer timing.

Strengthening these types of feeder connections may also help increase ridership on the Skyline system by allowing transit-dependent communities along the Waiʻanae Coast corridor to access rail more directly.

I respectfully ask whether the City has evaluated potential bus-to-rail feeder connections between the Waiʻanae Coast corridor and Skyline stations such as Keoneʻae using Kualakaʻi Parkway. If not, I hope this concept may help inform future transit planning discussions.

Mahalo for your time and for your continued work improving transportation options for residents across Oʻahu.

Sincerely,
Kenson Paris
Waiʻanae Coast Transit Rider

Name: Racquel Achiu	Email: rhachiu@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Mar 10, 2026 @ 11:33 PM
Testimony: Aloha. My name is Racquel Achiu of the Waialua moku (north shore) I'd like to offer SUPPORT for Department of Planning & Permitting under the direction of Director Apuna and her team. It's not unknown that the challenges DPP faces on a daily basis are significant. HOWEVER, Director Apuna & her team have faced those challenges head on and have consistently worked towards progress even in the face of criticism and obstacles. I've been fortunate to be able to work with Director and her team in multiple matters that impact my community. I don't always hear what I want but I've never left a conversation without feeling as if I was heard and assurances, clarity or plans to work towards a potential resolution weren't made. That said, when working on matters of concern, it's clear to me that much of the strains and challenges are due to a severe lack in support for enforcement. It is my genuine hope that it will be realized that much of the challenges today will only continue unless we are able to provide an effective plan and team of enforcement that will be able to efficiently enforce the guidelines, regulations and laws that DPP oversees. Unless we are able to address this very large task, DPP will always be chasing existing and ongoing matters (that ultimately takes focus away from moving the department forward efficiently and successfully) Please consider providing Director Apuna and the DPP Team an appropriate budget to support the implementation of an Enforcement Division/Team. The consistent and successful implementation of an enforcement division would, without a doubt, provide a revenue by way of the collection of fines and fees that only seem to accrue without timely collection. The collection of outstanding and future fines/fees can provide support to the expense of an enforcement division/team. Not to mention, this could very likely relieve, what I believe to be, an already strained team carrying multiple duties. The integrity of our system needs this support. Mahalo nui Racquel Achiu		