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May 26, 2026

The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Resolution Relating to the Transfer of Funds – For Funding the Revised Equalization Payment

The Department of Transportation Services requests your review and appropriate action on the attached draft resolution. This resolution is a companion to a separate resolution, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE LAND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND THE STATE OF HAWAI'I, DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, FOR THE VARONA VILLAGE / EWA DRUM PROPERTY EXCHANGE, AND APPROVING A REVISED EQUALIZATION PAYMENT.

The purpose of the Resolution is to authorize the transfer of funds that are needed to fund the Revised Equalization Payment in order to complete the land exchange agreement between the City and County of Honolulu (City) and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), for the Varona Village/Ewa Drum Property exchange.

From	To	Amount	Fund
Department of Transportation Services, Transportation Rail Division (CE)	Department of Transportation Services, Transportation Rail Division (E)	$76,377	BT

DEPT. COM. 361(26)

We ask for your early and favorable consideration of our request. Should you have questions, please contact Director J. Roger Morton at (808) 768-8303.

Very truly yours,

J. Roger Morton
Director

Attachment

APPROVED:

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RESOLUTION

RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

WHEREAS, Section 2-17.2(c)(2), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, requires that the Council approve by resolution any transfer of funds between characters of expenditure within the same activity whenever the cumulative amount of transfers from or to a character of expenditure exceeds the lesser of (a) $100,000, or (b) the greater of (i) 10 percent of the appropriation for either the originating or receiving character of expenditure, or (ii) $10,000; and

WHEREAS, the City and the State of Hawai'i Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) desire to finalize a land exchange transaction whereby the City conveys to DHHL certain portions of Varona Villages and DHHL conveys to the City certain property described as the 'Ewa Drum Site; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the land exchange, the City Council adopted Resolution 22-131, authorizing the disposal of the Varona Villages portions and an Equalization Payment to be made by the City to DHHL in the amount of $415,323; and

WHEREAS, it has been requested that the Equalization Payment be increased by $76,377, to a total of to $491,700; and

WHEREAS, approval of the increased Equalization Payment is currently before the City Council in a separate, companion resolution; and

WHEREAS, in order to effectuate the increased Equalization Payment, a transfer of $76,377 in Transportation Fund ("BT") monies from the Department of Transportation Services ("DTS"), Transportation Rail Division activity, current expense ("CE") character of expenditure, to equipment ("E") character of expenditure, in fiscal year 2026 is needed; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that $76,377 in Transportation Fund ("BT") monies be transferred between the following characters of expenditure in Ordinance 25-38:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, or the Mayor's designee, is hereby authorized to carry out the provisions of this resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation Services and the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION: _____

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Honolulu, Hawai'i Councilmembers

Report Title:

Varona Village; Ewa Drum Property Exchange; Department of Transportation Services ("DTS"); State of Hawai'i, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands ("DHHL"); Revised Equalization Payment; Section 2-17.2(c)(2), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("ROH").

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