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EDITORIAL

The major focus of this month's Hawaii Architect is RAPID TRANSIT. The issue is raised by the conclusion of the DMJM Report to the City and the acceptance of the study by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration in Washington. Contrary to much of what one hears, this is not "another study." The City Administration is committed to its implementation. We hear lots from "experts who have just discovered rapid transit" telling us to look at this system or look at that idea. "If we could only drill a tunnel connecting ... and power it with pneumatic ... then we could"

There are lots of conceivable systems. What DMJM has proposed is a possible system — based on existing and available technology, using a large percentage of land already in the public domain. The costs are high, but the costs of the alternatives — including our continued reliance on the car — are much higher. We, the architects of Hawaii, should be the first to recognize the positive values that the Rapid Transit System will produce. More controlled growth, the capacity to deal with the population growth figures already projected, the opportunity to guide Honolulu through a critical phase in its development. The growth is upon us. Even if we could stop immigration, which we can't, our present transportation system will not handle the numbers of vehicles projected even with conservative projections. Something will have to be done. That something is Rapid Transit.

We owe it to ourselves and to our community to do all we can to lend our support to the idea of rapid transit, to the recommendations of the DMJM Report, and to the legislators and administrators who favor them. To quote an earlier Hawaii Architect editorial: "Write a letter, send a telegram, dial a phone, carry a sign ... do SOMETHING." Start with your City Councilman.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

If you, like many people, often find yourself wondering "what does the AIA do?" Here's a brief and not very complete summary of what's happening at the moment.

URBAN SPRAWL FILM: Larry Thomas of KHON-TV has been working with Don Dumlao, Gus Ishihara, John Hara, Francis Oda, Jack Sidener and Jim Reinhardt to put together three 3minute films to be shown on the Channel 2 News, dealing with urban sprawl in Honolulu. The results of inadequate planning and lack of coordination between the State and the City will be examined, and some positive suggestions made. The viewing date has not been set at this time.

THE HOME SHOW - in association with the Home Builders of Hawaii, AID, and NSID: Recognizing the failures of the Hawaii Home Show in the past, the Home Builders Association has sought out the advice and participation of the AIA, the AID, and the NSID (National Society of Interior Designers). The result is a new format, new types of displays (no land salesmen, encyclopedias or pots and pans), a new organization of the exhibits – a more interesting plan and hopefully, a greatly improved show. To appear at the end of April.

THE DOWNTOWN OFFICE: The search for a publicly oriented Downtown office is nearing an end. Two likely possibilities have been chosen either would be excellent. The choice will be made within two weeks.

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The Oahu Rapid Transit Plan



By JIM REINHARDT, AIA

The final report of the City's Rapid Transit Plan is expected to be accepted by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration in Washington, D. C., this month. This culminates an 18month study by DMJM, the second phase of the City's long range rapid transit planning. Phase I, completed in 1967, was the Oahu Transportation Study, founded jointly by the City and the State. It established the overall criteria for transportation systems, projected demand, and concluded that a diversified transportation system was essential to Oahu and Honolulu. The DMJM report gives form and substance to the direction called for by the Oahu Transportation Study.

The DMJM study proposed a highspeed, fixed guideway system, powered by electricity, running on a 22-mile route from Pearl City to Hawaii-Kai. Twenty miles of the system would be elevated, ^{1/2}-mile on grade, 1^{1/2} miles underground. Plans call for the system to be operational by 1978-79.

The Route

Three route alternates are proposed – actually three phases of the same route alignment. The full route of 22 miles would run from Pearl City to Hawaii-Kai, with 20 stations. A 12-mile route from Halawa Stadium to the University of Hawaii at Manoa would contain 12 stations. The 14-mile route would add 3 more stations, extending to Kahala Mall. The amount for initial construction would depend on the federal and local funds available.

The transit corridor served by the 22-mile system would serve two-thirds of Honolulu's population and 80 per cent of its employment. The specific route chosen reflects a great many

factors. Significant among them were. (1) The acquisition of right of way and the resultant dislocation and relocation of businesses and residences, and (2) The costs of right of way. The recommended route (considering the full 22 miles) utilizes land presently owned by public agencies (either City, State or federal) for two-thirds of its total acquisition area. One-half is presently City street right of way. The entire system would require acquisition of 89.2 acres of privately owned land. (The Halawa freeway interchange, by way of comparison, occupies 110 acres of right of way.) Relocation would be required for 189 homeowners, for 695 apartment dwellers, and for 430 businesses. If you happen to be one of those to be relocated, this is very significant, but for a project of this magnitude, very little relocation is involved. In addition, federal regulations require that all relocation be done before any construction is undertaken.

The route, beginning in Pearl City, will follow along the Kamehameha Highway, with a station at Pearl City, at the intersection of Waimanu Home Road, to Pearl Ridge, at the shopping

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center, to Halawa Stadium, along H-1 to the Nimitz Gate entrance to Pearl Harbor on to the Honolulu International Airport. It goes along the mauka edge of the airport, through the Keehi industrial park to Lagoon Drive, crosses Nimitz to go down Dillingham Blvd. At Aala Park it goes underground under Hotel Street past Downtown and the Civic Center coming up near Cooke Street. It runs down one block makai of Kapiolani to Ala Moana Center, then follows Kapiolani to Isenberg Street and then toward the U.H., generally along Hausten Street. It then follows H-1 to Kahala Mall, and the Kalanianaole Highway to Hawaii-Kai, to the proposed regional shopping center at Hawaii-Kai Drive.

Needless to say - as is the case when any idea gets specific - the exact route will generate a large amount of discussion. There are no doubt many factors that would be better served by another route, but as a whole, the main traffic generating centers have been served - the shopping centers, the University, the Stadium, Waikiki, Downtown, the Civic Center, HIC, and Pearl Harbor. The residential stations fall at appropriate locations. The recommended route faces reality in chosing a path to minimize acquisition of private land, thereby minimizing costs, both of acquisition and of relocation, and time delays of the inevitable court actions.

The Elevated Structure

The elevated section of the system -90 per cent - would be carried on concrete guideways. These structures would be 4 feet deep, 22 to 23 feet wide, 16 feet to the bottom, and carried by single T type support (see illustration). This would minimize the "forest of columns" effect of the Moanalua Interchange. Depending on the location, this area would be used for linear parkways with bikeways included. It could be used for normal street traffic, as with the portion along the Kalanianaole Highway, or in some cases, could be used for shops, parking or other commercial uses. At the stations, the sale of air rights could help defray some of the system costs.

This structure will be similar in its scale and impact on adjacent areas to that of the BART system south of Oakland. While it's not the sort of thing you might seek out for your front yard, it's a far cry from the infamous Chicago Els, and about one-fourth the size of the elevated freeway at Kahala.

The Vehicle

The vehicle itself is also a far cry from the Chicago Els or the New York subways. High speed (60 mph), electrically powered (minimum pollution – even including the generation of the electricity), rubber tired (quiet and smooth), fixed guideway (no competing



KALANIANAOLE HIGHWAY - AINA HAINA TO HAWAII KAI



with autos for space; maximum safety), computer controlled (yes, they are aware of BART's problems - and are learning from them). The cars will carry 36 seated passengers, with room for standees; will be operable in groups of 2 to 10 and would provide a level of comfort on a par with the Mercedes tour buses. The system itself is capable of carrying 20,000 to 25,000 people per hour, each way. Trains would operate from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m. seven days a week. During peak commute hours, trains would run at 2 minute intervals. After 8 p.m. frequency would be 4 to 8 minutes. Obviously, specific schedules are some time away, but conceptual

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schedules are based on experience from other systems.

The Feeder System

Integral with the development of the Rapid Transit System is the development of an effective feeder system. Experience shows that Americans cannot be expected to walk more than one-quarter mile. Reaching the guy who lives on top of Wilhelmina Rise therefore is a significant problem. The City plans a fleet of 475 buses by 1995 to feed the fixed guideway system. Onehundred-forty-three of these buses are now operating. Three-hundred-sixty will be operating within 2 years. Express buses in exclusive bus lanes will serve Windward Oahu. Express buses will serve Leeward and Central Oahu. This integrated bus-fixed guideway system will produce what the Oahu Transportation Study called a "balanced transportation system."

In the event that growth on the Windward side justifies a branch transit line, the rubber tire vehicle recommended is capable of negotiating the grades involved to get over the Koolaus.

The study just completed deals with Honolulu's transportation problems to the year 2010, with the main focus on **Continued on Page 8**



KALANIANAOLE HIGHWAY-TYPICAL ELEVATION RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM

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1995. Projections are based on State of Hawaii Department of Planning and Economic Development (DPED) figures estimating the Oahu population at 924,000. The 1970 census shows 630,528. Based on that figure the 1995 residents will make 3.3 million trips daily. The 1970 residents made 1.5 million. Continued reliance on the auto would result in the need for 10 more lanes of freeway in the Middle Street to Kahala area, 8 more lanes from Kahala to Aina Haina, 6 more lanes from Aina Haina to Hawaii-Kai. And that would only take care of getting the cars "there." Consider the requirements for parking! DMJM's projected figures are based on travel for 484,000 people, with the transit system carrying 70 per cent of the load.

Construction Phasing

DMJM proposed a continuing program to maintain the current momentum toward achieving a modern transit system. It would devote the first year to the preparation of plans and specifications for the first contract package, with construction beginning by the end of 1974, and the first increment of the rapid transit system ready for service by 1978.

DMJM considers it prudent to limit the maximum construction volume of the transit system to approximately \$100 million per year. Based on that amount, the first increment system of 12 to 14 miles of trunk line, could be completed in four years. The remaining segments of the system would be staged for completion one to two years later with the entire 22-mile system in service by early 1980.

DMJM recommends that the trunk line between Middle Street and Honolulu International Airport should be the first segment of the system completed, according to a report by ODC.



a summary of the estimated costs in millions of dollars for the trunk-line system in three lengths:

	А	В	С
	12-mile	14-mile	22-mile
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Fixed Facilities & Equipment:			0100 5
Trunk-line and Stations	\$115.1	\$131.6	\$188.5 57.0
Power and Control Systems	32.5	41.9	16.5
Trainyard and Shop	15.4 31.3	37.0	52.2
Vehicles		51.0	
Subtotal	\$194.3	\$225.9	\$314.2
Rights-of-way and Relocation	84.2	92.2	95.6
Administration, Engineering,			
Construction, Management and	25.2	29.4	40.8
Pre-operating Expenses	25.3		
Subtotal	\$109.5	\$121.6	\$136.4
Contingency	45.6	52.1	67.6
Escalation	89.9	107.7	159.1
4% State Excise Tax	12.9		21.7
Subtotal	\$148.4	\$174.9	\$248.4
Grand Total	\$452.2	\$522.4	\$699.0

TRUNK-LINE ALTERNATIVES

A comparison of the 12, 14, and 22-mile lines studied by DMJM. The 22-mile line is recommended by DMJM.



The next segment would be the subway portion located beneath Hotel Street, with following segments located in the Ward/Ala Moana district and the Pearl Harbor area. These early segments involve little relocation of residents.



Later portions of the initial increment would be in the Kalihi area, makai of Dillingham Boulevard; and the segment at the Waikiki station, which would involved some residential relocation. The final sections of the first increment would be the link to Halawa Stadium and the segment from the Waikiki station to University station. The latter section involves a substantial amount of residential relocation.

The remainder of the system is programmed to complete the segment through Kaimuki to Kahala Mall, then the segment to Hawaii-Kai, and last, the segment from Halawa Stadium to Pearl City.

Cost Estimate

It is significant that DMJM includes in its cost estimate: (1) a contingency fund; (2) an escalation allowance; and (3) the 4 per cent State excise tax, none of which are customarily publicized in connection with freeway or highway projects. Surprisingly, these three items account for about one-third of the total project cost.

Financing

DMJM assumes that the local share of the total project cost would be one-third, or \$150 million for the minimum 12-mile system, up to \$233 million for the entire 22-mile system.

The consultants conducted a bond financing analysis based on the issuance of general obligation bonds by the City & County. Certain basic assumptions were made with respect to such bonds. It was noted that the incurring of additional funded debt by the City by as much as \$233 million would be within the maximum legal debt limit set by the State Constitution. However, that would preclude other City capital expenditures during the period. Therefore the consultants recommend that one-half of the local matching share toward the federal funds should be defrayed by the State. Several types of financing sources and a range of tax sources to assist that financing are listed in the DMJM report.

Other Forms of Rapid Transit Considered

Although much discussion has appeared in the press lately questioning the consideration given to other forms of Rapid Transit, the DMJM report analyzed: (1) Waterborne Transit System (Hydrofoil); (2) Dual-Mode System (operated both on road and on a fixed guideway); (3) Personalized Rapid Transit (small cars - like ski area gondolas); (4) Extended Bus System; (5) Auto. The basis for comparisons were: (1) The system must be technologically available now - no gambling on magic innovations to take place sometime in the future. (2) The system must be able to be operational by 1980 - we don't have forever. (3) Initial cost.

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Here are the results: At 100 lbs. a slight indentation in the plywood substrate, the Hydro-Ban showed no scuff marks or cut through; at 300 lbs. there was permanent deformity of the plywood but the material showed no scuffing and cut through; at 500 lbs. the rod penetrated into the plywood 3/32" causing permanent deformation. There was no damage to the membrane. And at 750 lbs. which results in a stress level of 15,281.17 psi, the membrane was not penetrated or cut and still would have acted as a water barrier.

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(4) Operational cost. (5) Impact Cost (Environmental and Social). (6) Service.

It is difficult to determine the accuracy and depth of the comparisons without extensive research and experience, but the evaluations appear to be logical, reasonable, and conclusive. None of the alternatives was even very close.

Similarly, it is difficult to determine the accuracy and depth of the overall study without extensive experience and research. The list of subject matter considered, however, indicates that the report was well done. The Environmental Impact Statement is three volumes. Thirty-four other secondary reports cover subjects from "Evaluation of Transit Concepts and Vehicles," "Patronage, Operations, and Revenue," "A Financial Plan for HRT," "Land Use Impact," "Economic Impact," three volumes of Route Planning Studies, to an "Airport-Waikiki Express Study," "Progress Report on Geologic and Soils Engineering," Island-Wide Alternative Growth Pattern Maps," and "Rapid Transit System Goals and Objectives." It all seems to be there, and from a quick overview, it seems logical and reasonable.



The most important question is "What now?" Now comes the period of politics. The decision makers in the City Council, the State Legislature, the Governor's office and even Washington need to be convinced that we want and need this system. Faced with a \$700 million investment, they are going to take a lot of convincing. It's going to take some very brave people to say "OK – Let's do it." They will be a lot braver if we lend our full support to the plan. As architects, the planning issues are clear. Suburban Sprawl vs. Disciplined Growth. (Development will take place around the stations, and along the line of the system.) More roads and parking vs. mass transit. (Is mass transit really a

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These busway costs should be compared to an equivalent 19-mile Fixed Guideway System whose total present worth cost is \$1,597,570,000

² To place all the alternative systems on a comparable basis, for those systems which are carrying less than the maximum patronage of 484,000 riders/day, the cost of owning and operating private autos by those people who are no longer diverted to transit should be added into the total present worth cost.

loss of individual freedom if the alternate is 10 more lanes of freeway chock full of cars?) Act now vs. wait until manana. The situation is perfectly clear. There can be no question of if - only of when.



Note: The sections on Phasing Costs and Financing are from the ODC Planning Issues – Winter 1973.

Illustrations are from "Draft Environmental Impact Statement – Honolulu Rapid Transit Preliminary Engineering Evaluation Program." Volumes 1, 2 and 3 by Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall, September, 1972.

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Vladimir Ossipoff announced that as of January 1 the firm's name was changed from Vladimir Ossipoff and Associates to "Ossipoff, Snyder, Rowland, and Goetz, Architects." Ossipoff opened his architectural office in Honolulu in 1935 and, except during World War II when he worked in Pearl Harbor, has main-



Goetz

tained a continuous practice since that time. The inclusion of Snyder, Rowland, and Goetz into the firm as principals is, says Ossipoff, "a recognition of the long association these men have had with the firm and is a forward step in the continuing development of our architectural practice."

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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the Ylvisaker speech is being continued at a series of meetings at the beginning of February with William L. Slayton, executive vice president, AIA, National Task Force on Growth Policy Statement; Jacqueline Robertson, FAIA, also of the National Task Force on Growth; Jack Robin, Ford Foundation; and Fred O. R. Hayes. The chief goal of bringing these guests here is to advise us on how to make the AIA more effective in the community.

MILLWORK INSTITUTE: Responding to the encouragement of the AIA, the CSI, and the GCA, the Millwork Manufacturers of Hawaii have formed an industry organization similar to the California Millwork Institute. The chief benefits for us will be the use of industry standard specifications and details. This will help us both in specifying and in enforcing the specs. Don Chapman and Ted Candia deserve our mahalo.

OFFICE PRACTICES TASK FORCE: George Woo is chairman of a task force working to produce a comprehensive set of office practices. They are currently working on the area of working drawings — on symbols, abbreviations, and schedules. There is no reason for each

Alfred Preis Takes the Prize



Preis

Alfred Preis, director for the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, took the "preis" for special meritorious service to the community at the Makaha Inn bash sponsored recently by the local chapter of the AIA for his untiring efforts in raising the level of culture and arts in our community. His plaque read, "In recognition of his contribution in enhancing the environment as Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts."

ASA

Ruby Shupper of Mackinlay, Winnacker, AIA & Associates was installed president of the Hawaii Chapter, Architectural Secretaries Association, at their annual banquet held on January 26, 1973, at the Oceania Floating Restaurant. Other officers are: vice president, Genevieve Baker of David G. Stringer & Associates, Ltd.; secretary, Kay Okazaki of Belt, Collins & Associates, Ltd.; treasurer, Addie Duke, of Ossipoff, Snyder, Rowland & Goetz. The directors are: Sylvia Lee of Wong & Wong Associates, Inc.; Peggy Nakasone of Walter Leong & Associates, Inc.; and Thelma Chun of Edwin T. Murayama & Associates, Inc.

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office to "reinvent the wheel." Shared experience will not only make our work easier, but raise the level of completeness and descriptiveness for all.

NOTE: Hawaii Architect intends to continue this column of "What's Happening" within the AIA. It will let all of us know what the various committees and task forces are doing.



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