

**Excerpt on transportation from the following story in Hawaii Reporter:**

**Hannemann Unveils Plans for First Days as New Mayor of Honolulu**

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**CREATE A DIVERSE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Get rid of the Bus Rapid Transit System -- the system is costly, takes away traffic lanes and worsens traffic, competes with local businesses at the taxpayer expense. Move BRT buses, which hold a larger capacity of passengers, to the outer regions of Oahu where the local residents can ride them.

Streamline the synchronization of traffic lights;

Work with the state to consolidate traffic management, construction and maintenance so there is a more streamlined process;

Coordinate long-term improvements with the state Department of Transportation;

Create a traffic taskforce to look at trouble spots and determine possible solutions;

Work with the business community, rather than compete with them on the backs of the taxpayers;

Look into redoing portions of Kuhio Avenue and the Ala Wai Boulevard -- two of three main thoroughfares in Waikiki -- according to recommendations from the emergency response personnel and bus drivers.

Get a ferry system going and connect city buses to the ferries;

Reverse traffic flow on busy streets during peak traffic times;

Stagger work hours of city employees;

Hannemann says he is serious about constructing a rapid transit system on Oahu but says the project could exceed \$2.5 billion, and he does not know where the money will come from at this time, especially considering the federal government may not pay more than \$500 million of that total cost. There also are maintenance costs. He says he will first focus on short-term solutions to traffic and see what kind of progress can be made with those before committing billions of dollars to the rail.