

Primary Urban Center Development Plan (PUC DP) Update: Status Update for Community Members



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The Primary Urban Center Area stretches from Wai'alae-Kāhala to Pearl City, mauka to makai





### What is the Primary Urban Center Development Plan?

The PUC is the main population center for the island with just over 45% of total population, and represents a continued area of growth and development, as called for in the General Plan. The PUC DP helps to determine where that development is most appropriate, and at what levels of intensity. This is influenced by many factors like natural conditions and resource protection, infrastructure capacities and planning, and community preferences.

## What is the PURPOSE of the PUC DP?

- Implement O'ahu's General Plan
- Establish policies and guidelines for land use and development based on a robust public process
- Reflect the unique conditions, geography and concerns of the PUC's residents
- Identify priority investments
- Set the stage for regulations and topicspecific plans (eg, the LUO)
- Guide City land use approvals
- Set goals and evaluation strategies to document implementation progress





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## Updated Structure for the PUC DP



#### Existing Plan:

- Hard to navigate
- Lacking critical new topics
- Not implementationfocused





The Updated DP will feature:

- Shorter, two part format
- Graphics rich layout and formatting for online reading
- Implementation Strategies and Evaluation Metrics

New topics

How will it work?

- Goals and Strategies will be presented in Part I
- Detailed policies and implementation actions will be presented in Part II



## **Big Themes and Issues**



Housing affordability, types and conditions

The updated PUC DP will contain familiar themes like housing and transportation, but will also feature newer themes like planning for climate change and sea level rise and for an aging population.



Mobility improvements including rail, bus, bicycle, pedestrian, and roadway facilities



Setting priorities for major infrastructure improvements



Creating livable, "agefriendly" communities



The location, amount and type of new development



Planning for climate change and sea level rise



Creating a diverse and prosperous economy





## **Public Collaboration**

The PUC DP Update has included a robust program of public participation including three cycles of public meetings and close to 30 "pop-up" workshops to date



"Growth and Change" Workshop at St. Andrews, July 2019



"Plan Direction" Workshop at Farrington HS, Dec. 2019



"Vision Forum" at McKinley HS, Nov. 2018



Sea Level Rise "Pop-up" Workshop at Lanakila Senior Center, August 2019





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The update process included a statistically valid survey on top concerns for PUC

(Conducted Summer 2018)

residents

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## Sea Level Rise and Climate Change



Addressing impacts from sea level rise has emerged as a pressing issue moving into the future

Projected impacts of 3.2 feet of sea level rise by 2100 are extensive:

- Chronic flooding of nearly 1,800 acres
- Potential flooding of ~1600 structures and 24 miles of road
- Displacement of at least 4,300 residents
- Economic losses of \$7+ billion

Where and how do we grow to address this?



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## **Growth & Change – Place Types**

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The updated PUC DP will provide clear guidance for different "place types" or areas with similar form characteristics and levels of density, either existing or planned.

These form a "palette" that will help communicate specific design principles that- for instance-help create a lively streetscape in mixed-use areas.



#### Town Corridor/Center

An urban, highly walkable corridor or center anchored by transit with a mix of building forms including mid-rise and occasional high-rise buildings. A robust public realm enables multimodal access to transit for residents of the district and those in adjacent neighborhoods.

Examples of Place Types in the PUC:

#### **Components of Community Character**



Parking

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from view · De-bundled parking

**Public Institutions** 

Town-serving

Height

**Mobility Options** 

gateways

Access to multiple, frequent bus lines;

sidewalks and multi-use paths.

Connected to other places by bike lanes,

Timed on-street parking

· Off-street parking screened

· Neighborhood-serving and

· 5 stories in most locations

· Up to 12 stories at centers and

· Active uses along sidewalk High building transparency Frequent building entrances



Streetscape Trees in tree wells Robust street furniture · Shade provided by buildings and street trees

**Ground Level Character** 

**Open Space** Formal, programmed plazas, squares, gardens, and parklets

Transit Transit Supportive

> Setbacks · Small or no front setbacks Small or no side setbacks Rear setbacks provide transition to other place types

**Relationship to Other Places** Well connected and within close proximity to Town Neighborhood areas. Buffered from lower-intensity places by Town and Near-Town





#### **Policy Priorities**

Policy LU 1.1.#

Policy LU 1.1.# Support mixed-use corridors through infrastructure investment and zoning changes.

Policy LU 1.1.# Support strong mixed-use town centers in key existing commercial nodes through infrastructure investment and zoning changes.

Policy LU 1.1.# reate compact and integrated developments that provide excellent connectivity, and enhance access to housing, jobs and amenities through.

Provide more opportunities for employment uses within proximity to residential areas.

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Neighborhoods.

## **Healthy & Sustainable Communities**











Final White Paper - June 2019

The PUC DP update is informed both new research, and existing City Plans, programs, and policies, such as Honolulu's Age-Friendly City Action Plan, Honolulu Complete Streets, and the O'ahu Resilience Strategy. Together these and other efforts represent new "Healty Communities" content and sustainability topics that will appear in the Plan.



The anticipated release of the Public Review Draft is Fall 2020



# **Mahalo**

## **Any questions?**

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