

PUC DP: Guiding Principles

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1. **Invest in O'ahu's Gathering Place.** Expand and reinforce the Primary Urban Center's role as O'ahu's gathering place. The PUC continues to serve a vital role for commercial, industrial, transportation and government functions, and as the Pacific's leading business and travel destination.
2. **Respect our History and Culture and Embrace our Diversity.** Recognize Native Hawaiian traditions and knowledge and celebrate the rich cultural diversity of the PUC. Recognize and build upon the unique history and role of the PUC and retain a Hawaiian sense of place.
3. **Guide Growth and Change.** Focus development in appropriate areas: Transit-oriented districts near rail or high-frequency bus service, along mixed-use corridors, and in other centers of activity and commerce.
4. **Focus on Sound Infrastructure.** Plan for and invest in functional, resilient, and well-maintained infrastructure. Coordinate infrastructure investments and new growth.
5. **Enhance Multi-modal Transportation.** Improve the quality and safety of the pedestrian environment and continue to expand facilities for bicyclists. Acknowledge and plan for evolving mobility choices, including shared systems and autonomous vehicles. Continue to provide world class transit service through TheBus, TheHandi-Van, and planned rail service.
6. **Mālama Honua.** Support Resource Conservation. Recognize the gifts of the 'aina as finite and worthy of protection and restoration, including natural resources, habitat, streams, beaches, and the mountain watersheds.
7. **Grow Sustainability Practices.** As development in the PUC becomes denser, make decisions and take action to reduce carbon emissions, retain stormwater onsite, promote green building practices, and increase the urban tree canopy.
8. **Prepare for Sea Level Rise and Climate Change.** Plan for and adapt to sea level rise and the root causes of climate change in accordance with guidance from the City's Climate Change Commission and the best available science. Work cooperatively to consider all available options including more restrictive

zoning and building codes in impacted areas and the protection of vital infrastructure.

9. **Create Housing Solutions.** Promote policies that result in safe, healthy, and affordable housing options for residents. Actively seek to expand the diversity of housing choices in the PUC to relieve housing shortfalls. Continue to expand efforts to end homelessness.
10. **Enhance Complete Neighborhoods.** Support the PUC's unique, vibrant, and distinct neighborhoods. Revitalize and enhance existing neighborhoods with an appropriate mix of housing, parks, and community meeting places. Create greater access to the retail, services, schools, and employment that support the daily life of residents. Encourage compatible architecture in historic areas.
11. **Expand Economic Diversity.** Retain sufficient industrial land and office uses to support and expand economic activity in the PUC, especially near the airport, harbor, and downtown business districts. Encourage and attract emerging industries through allowing for mixed-uses and flexible spaces.
12. **Provide High-Quality Parks and Recreation.** Maintain and create quality parks, open spaces and natural areas. In highly urban areas, provide trees, open space, and linear parks, and protect important views to provide a respite and connection to nature. Encourage creative design for active and passive public recreation space.
13. **Create an 'Age-Friendly' PUC for Kupuna to Keiki.** Support strategies from the City's Age Friendly Honolulu plan to provide abundant services and safe gathering places for seniors and youth. Encourage new development to pursue 'universal design' principles for all age groups and users. Create policies and guidelines to support healthy lifestyles, improve food access, and to invest in neighborhoods equitably.
14. **Increase Agency Coordination.** Bolster inter-governmental collaboration and partnerships between City and County of Honolulu departments and with State agencies to address cross-cutting challenges such as housing affordability, transportation safety, sea level rise and climate change mitigation, and economic development.