



# LAB Report

## Honolulu, HI



### Keeping Kalihi, Kalihi 2024 Stakeholder Convening

with support from Move Oahu Forward



#### Where We Started

Located along the port in a semi-industrial area of the island of O’ahu, Honolulu’s Kalihi neighborhood has long been a safe landing spot for new immigrants and an affordable place to locate a family or a small business. Currently served by bus, Kahili will be served by four stations planned for the Skyline rail extension in Kalihi. With these new stations comes refreshed interest in development.

#### Opportunity

Move Oahu Forward, a coalition of Hawaii business and community leaders, worked with M: PACT:LAB to convene local stakeholders in Kalihi, with the goal of ensuring that the changes that are coming benefit current residents.

#### Approach

M: PACT:LAB worked with Move Oahu Forward to host a two-day Kalihi Summit. Participants ranged from elected officials to lifelong Kalihi residents, transit agency and city staff to local businesses and developers. On day one, elected officials delivered welcome remarks, then Skyline and government officials shared plans for future station areas and related development. Participants went on bus tour of Kalihi and rotated through four immersive table conversations hosted by ten organizations. On Day 2, participants organized into four workgroups to galvanize connections and identify what success looks like. Together, they built a 7-year timeline.

#### Outcomes & Next Steps

Over the course of these two full and lively days, stakeholders together set forth a vision for transit-oriented development (TOD) in Kalihi. They committed to cross-coordination and collaboration and to making the four coming station areas a shining example of what transit-oriented development (TOD) can look like and how it can be done along the entire Skyline corridor. They plan to re-convene every year until the trains come rolling through in 2031 to be sure community voices are heard and at the table.



I was overwhelmed by the hope our longtime Kalihi residents and businesses have for a better future, that they dare to dream big for a Kalihi that has all the elements of an amazing place to live, work, and play, but want to sustain all the magic that makes Kalihi undeniably Kalihi.

– Jon Nouchi, Deputy Director, Department of Transportation Services, City and County of Honolulu

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