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## Honolulu taps INIT for smart card, mobile ticket system

**Chesapeake, VA / April 25, 2016** The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) and the City's Department of Transportation Services (DTS) have partnered with INIT for the implementation of a smart card and mobile ticketing solution for use across TheBus and the Honolulu rail transit systems.

The project will be implemented in four phases over the next five years.

The initial phase will include outfitting all five-hundred and fifty of the agency's bus fleet (TheBus) with proximity terminals, mobile data terminals, and routers to facilitate the validation of smart cards and electronic tickets. The proceeding phase will include equipping HART's rail stations with more than one-hundred ticket vending machines (TVM) from INIT and nearly one-hundred and forty fare gates.

The project will encompass integration with several third party systems. Open Application Programming Interfaces (API) will be available to external partners for managing devices and CAD/AVL information.

HART CEO Dan Grabauskas believes "a rail and bus integrated smart card system provides transit customers with one card that is easy to use, convenient and a modern way to ride both rail and bus."

DTS director Mike Formby explains the vision of the smart card system, "The smart card pass system not only lays the groundwork for Honolulu's multi-modal transportation system, it also helps us better meet the needs of the transiting public."

INIT will provide the central software tool for processing and clearing of revenues. The online validation server will process account transactions in real time providing HART with accurate, split second revenue processing. Due to the software's multi-modal capabilities, ease of use for back-end management of revenues can be effortlessly handled. With the anonymous ridership data generated by the new system, HART officials will be able to study trends and make service adjustments accordingly.

Service terminals will also be installed by INIT at satellite city halls and various retail outlets where customers can buy passes and load cards. The accessibility features of the fare system with HART's paratransit system, TheHandi-Van, will complete phase three of the project, and phase four will be completed with a fully operational revenue service expected with full rail implementation.

The contract is valued at more than \$30 million USD and includes 10 years of operation.

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## **About HART**

The Honolulu Rail Transit Project is a 20-mile elevated rail line with 21 stations. The project will connect West O'ahu with downtown Honolulu and Ala Moana Center via Honolulu International Airport. It will take 42 minutes to travel the entire route. The system features modern electric steel-wheel trains, each able to carry hundreds of passengers.

## **About INIT**

As a worldwide leading supplier of integrated ITS and ticketing systems for buses, light rail, and trains, [INIT](#) has been assisting companies in making public transit more attractive, faster, and more efficient for more than 30 years.

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