



Getting Around In Kapolei

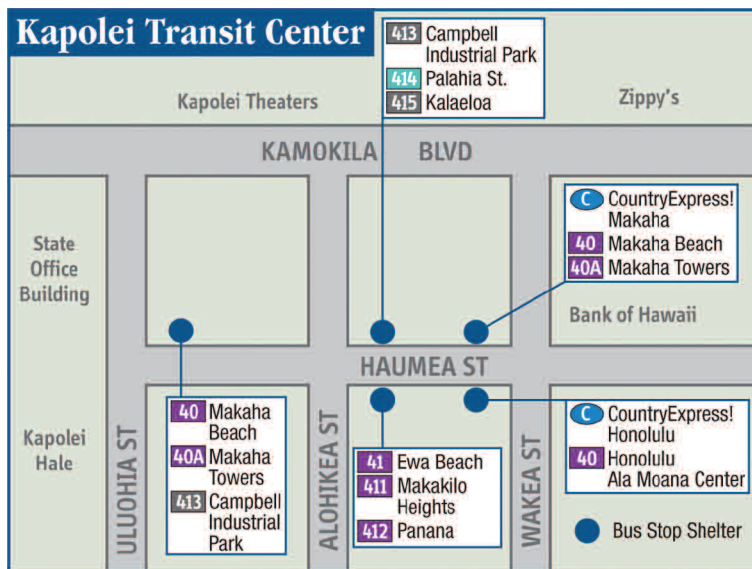
If you don't drive, or even if you do, but want to save on the cost of gas and the hassle of driving and parking, what are your options? Kapolei residents have plenty, depending on where they're going and what they need.

TheBus

The City & County of Honolulu's TheBus was named America's Best Transit System in 1994-1995 and 2000-2001 by the American Public Transportation Association, and for good reason. It is the most efficient and convenient way for the roughly 225,000 people who ride it every day to travel almost anywhere they want to go on the island of Oahu. Of these passengers, more than 6,000 are in the Kapolei area. Kapolei riders also have the added convenience of the **Kapolei Transit Center** on Haumea Street, where they can connect quickly to buses going west to Makaha, and east into town and Ala Moana Center. They can also get to Ewa Beach and Campbell Industrial Park, or take a **Community Access Bus** to travel between Makakilo and the Transit Center.

Another way commuters beat the traffic is by catching the **Route C CountryExpress!** that leaves the Kapolei Transit Center for Honolulu every half hour from 4:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., getting there faster with fewer stops. Return trips from Honolulu to Kapolei are just as frequent, running every half hour until around 9 p.m.

To get more information about routes and schedules, call (808) 848-5555 or go online to www.thebus.org.



TheHandi-Van

TheHandi-Van is the City & County of Honolulu's public transit service for people who are unable to use TheBus because of a disability. The service runs seven days a week from about 4 a.m. to 1 a.m., and offers rides in their familiar white and blue vans for just \$2 for each one-way passenger trip. The rides require advance reservations. Those wishing to use TheHandi-Van must first qualify by

being certified as ADA paratransit eligible. For information, go to www.honolulu.gov/dts/riders.htm, or to find out how to qualify, call TheHandi-Van Eligibility Center at 538-0033.



VanPool

This State Department of Transportation program works like a private express bus, with anywhere from seven to 15 people carpooling to and from work in a **VanPool Hawaii** van. Each passenger pays \$65 per month and shares the cost of fuel and parking with other riders. VanPool Hawaii picks up any maintenance and insurance costs, and covers breakdowns with 24-hour roadside service. VanPoolers also use the HOV and Zipper lanes, which get them to their destinations faster.

There's a cool option for folks who want to upgrade to a sportier ride that has more bells and whistles than a regular van. For an extra \$15 per person a month (or \$80), passengers can travel in style with one of VanPool's **Cool Pool** vans — a Ford Explorer SUV.

Companies can also benefit from the program by sponsoring VanPools as an employee benefit, and at the same time reduce payroll and business expenses by deducting up to \$65 for each employee in the program.

For details, go to www.vanpoolhawaii.com/vanpool/index.htm or call Vanpool Hawaii at (808) 596-VANS.



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