

1) Transportation Expansion Plan

For disabled transportation, we expect to receive 5-18 passenger, 4 wheel drive buses, and 3 para transit mini vans. Also, 5-45 passenger buses for commuter service.

The 18 passenger mini buses will initially be used for paratransit service in Puna and Kona.

2) In late October we plan to have an island-wide transportation conference

3) Some bus stops are marked. We have a flag stop system in place. This system works well especially for individuals with disabilities, because they can board and alight in areas where the buses can pull over, and not be forced to travel to a specific place which may be farther away

4) Why no fixed route system

Our island is over 4,000 square miles in size. Due to the distances between towns, employment centers, schools, etc. a commuter transit system is the proper choice. Fixed route systems are primarily found in urbanized areas. Commuter systems are defined by travel going primarily in one direction over a significant distance and returning in the same direction later that day. That said, as our system continues to grow and expand, services for all types of transportation needs will increase.

Airport Service

Airport service is under consideration. It is unfortunate that the 3 individuals could not attend their conference. We try to accommodate as many transportation requests as possible and they (or anyone else) should call with their concerns/requests. We are usually able to accommodate them or use our agreements with other providers to assist them.