



# Future of the Oahu Community Correctional Center

## Public Scoping Process

December 2016

### ELS Preparation Notice Scoping Process Concluded

The Hawaii Department of Public Safety (PSD) expresses its appreciation to the many individuals, groups and agency representatives who attended the Scoping Meeting held on September 28, 2016 to learn about plans for a new Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC). PSD also acknowledges those who submitted comments that day and in the weeks that followed concerning the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The public scoping comment period, which ended on November 22, 2016, provided an opportunity for over 50 individuals and community groups as well as 17 federal, state and local agencies to submit letters and other forms of communications concerning the EIS Preparation Notice (EISPN) and the subsequent activities to be undertaken as part of the EIS process.

The public scoping process attracted a wide variety of organizations and range of viewpoints and the comments and questions heard on September 28th and in the weeks that followed offered valuable advice, guidance and insight concerning the proposed OCCC project. The comments and information received during the EISPN scoping process have been compiled and will be addressed in the Draft EIS scheduled for publication in 2017.

### Public Discussion of Prospective OCCC Sites Initiated

Separate and apart from the EISPN and scoping process, PSD has been focused on identifying properties capable of accommodating development of a new OCCC. The site search was extensive and sites clustered within the Kalihi, Aiea, Kalaheo and Miliani areas have been identified for initial consideration. Information concerning the prospective sites are included in Newsletter Vol. 5 found on the PSD-OCCC website:

**<http://dps.hawaii.gov/occc-future-plans>**.

In the weeks ahead, all prospective sites will be screened, rated, and ranked to determine those best meeting OCCC siting criteria. Sites that most closely address the State's and PSD's siting criteria will be recommended for in-depth study via the EIS process; those that do not meet the siting criteria will not be subject to the EIS process.

With PSD's commitment to openness throughout the OCCC planning process, informing elected officials, agencies, stakeholder groups and the public about the prospective OCCC sites is an important and necessary step. PSD has begun informing elected and appointed officials, stakeholders, community groups and the public via one-on-one and small group meetings and the OCCC website. Plans are underway to arrange open house/information sessions to accommodate group discussions in addition to attending neighborhood board meetings and similar forums. Look for announcements about dates, times and locations of all such meetings and forums via the PSD-OCCC website.



Over the coming months, additional project information will become available as the OCCC team reaches various milestones. Use the PSD website to keep abreast of progress, upcoming events and meetings, and to inquire about the OCCC project and the important role

you can play in the decision-making process. Mahalo for your continued interest and support in the future of OCCC.

## Interested in Learning More? Contact:

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