The people of Oahu are making an important investment in their future by funding a fixed guideway system connecting Waipahu with the City of Kapolei to the west and with the Primary Urban Center to the east. This system will provide a viable alternative to the private automobile while promoting the opportunity to create new compact walkable districts and improving existing neighborhoods through infill development. In order to capitalize on this tremendous opportunity and financial investment, development around future transit stations needs to be focused, balanced and well-planned. The Waipahu Neighborhood Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Plan is the first community-based TOD Plan in the State of Hawaii. The plan takes a visionary approach to a unique form of development and neighborhood planning focusing on improvements and positive changes around the West Loch and Waipahu Transit Center stations.

The Waipahu Neighborhood TOD plan was developed through a community-based effort including community workshops, Advisory Committee meetings, and a property and business owner open house. The plan also garnered input and direction from the Waipahu Neighborhood Board, Mayor Milli Hannemann and the Honolulu City Council throughout the process.

The 2009 APA Hawai‘i Chapter Awards Jury recognizes this plan for being very well done and professionally presented. It was highly rated in terms of transferability and implementation. The public participation and partnership processes were exemplary and integral to the development of a good plan. The plan was recognized for its integration of transit-oriented development and sustainability.