

# ROUTE 81, WAIPAHU EXPRESS

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## OPERATOR'S GUIDE

<b>A.M.: Leoku/Leolua to Beretania/Punchbowl</b>	<b>P.M.: Alapai/Hotel (Alapai Transit Center) to Leoku/Leolua</b>
<b><i>NOTE: If your bus stalls in the HOV LANE, pull as far to the left shoulder as possible. Unload your passengers only when subsequent keys catch up to you, and you are able to safely transfer your passengers.</i></b>	
<p>Operate <b>LOCAL</b> service via Leoku,  <b>If</b> Waipahu at traffic light,  <b>rt</b> Hene at next traffic light,  <b>rt</b> Honowai at stop sign,  <b>rt</b> Hoaeae at stop sign,  <b>If</b> Waipahu at traffic light (<b><i>proceed slowly through "S" turn bridges</i></b>),  <b>If</b> Paiwa (Hans L'Orange Park),  <b>rt</b> Hiapo at 3rd traffic light,  <b>rt</b> Mahoe at stop sign,  <b>If</b> Waipahu at traffic light,  <b>rt</b> Waipahu at 2nd right to continue on Waipahu,  <b>rt</b> Kahuanui,  <b>If</b> Paiwa at stop sign,  <b>If</b> Farrington at traffic light to Farrington/Waipio Point,  <b>rt</b> on-ramp to H-1 EAST,  <b><i>(Utilize the HOV LANE to Waiawa/Keehi Interchange.)</i></b>,  <b>merge If</b> into shoulder lane after passing NIMITZ EXPRESS LANE EXIT,  <b>merge rt</b> one lane onto H-1 EAST prior to Middle St Tunnel,  <b>take</b> EXIT 20B "VINEYARD BLVD,"  operate <b>LOCAL</b> service via Vineyard,  <b>rt</b> Liliha,  <b>merge If</b> one lane after passing stop at Kukui,  <b>If</b> King,  <b>merge</b> to the far left lane after crossing Punchbowl,  <b>If</b> Alapai,  <b>If</b> Beretania to Beretania/Punchbowl.</p>	<p>From Stop 3 at the Alapai Transit Center,  <b>rt</b> Alapai,  <b>merge</b> left one lane,  <b>If</b> Beretania,  <b>rt</b> into Eternal Flame bus stop,  operate regular <b>LOCAL</b> service onto Beretania, onto King,  <b>rt</b> Liliha,  <b>merge</b> to the left-turn lane after passing stop at Liliha/Kukui,  <b>If</b> Vineyard,  <b>merge</b> to the left lane after passing stop at Vineyard/Palama,  <b>merge</b> to the left lane after passing stop at Vineyard/Palama,  onto H-1 WEST,  <b>take</b> "AIRPORT/PEARL HARBOR EXIT,"  <b><i>(Utilize HOV LANE while traveling on H-1 WEST between the Keehi/Waiawa Interchange.)</i></b>,  continue along H-1 WEST,  <b>take</b> EXIT 8B "WAIPAHU,"  operate <b>LOCAL</b> service via Farrington,  <b>merge rt</b> one lane, onto Farrington  <b>rt</b> Paiwa at 2nd traffic light,  <b>rt</b> Kahuanui opp tennis courts,  <b>If</b> Waipahu at stop sign,  <b>If</b> Waipahu at stop sign to continue on Waipahu,  <b>rt</b> Mahoe at traffic light (August Ahrens Elem),  <b>If</b> Hiapo,  <b>If</b> Paiwa at traffic light,  <b>If</b> Hapapa at 3rd left,  <b>rt</b> Mahoe at stop sign,  <b>rt</b> Waipahu at traffic light (<b><i>proceed slowly through "S" turn bridges</i></b>),  <b>rt</b> Hoaeae at traffic light,  <b>If</b> Honowai at 3rd left,  <b>If</b> Hene at next left,  <b>If</b> Waipahu at traffic light,  <b>rt</b> Leoku at traffic light to Leoku/Leolua.</p>

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#### *Car House to Starting Points*

**Alapai Transit Center (from Kalihi Facility):** Lf Middle, lf Kamehameha, Dillingham, rt King, lf Alapai Transit Center Diamond Head driveway to the unloading/layover area.

**Alapai Transit Center (from Pearl City Facility):** Rt Kuala, onto Moanalua Rd, rt on-ramp to H-1 EAST, take EXIT 18A "NIMITZ HWY/WAIKIKI," Nimitz, Ala Moana, lf South, rt King, lf Alapai Transit Center.

**Leoku/Leolua (from Kalihi Facility):** Lf Middle, rt on-ramp to H-1 WEST upper viaduct, take EXIT 5A "EWA", rt Kunia, take EXIT 5 "WAIPAHU off-ramp, onto Farrington Hwy, lf Leoku.

**Leoku/Leolua (from Pearl City Facility):** Lf Kuala, lf Acacia, rt Kamehameha, take on-ramp to H-1 WEST, take EXIT 5A "EWA," rt Kunia, take EXIT 5 "WAIPAHU off-ramp, onto Farrington EAST, lf Leoku.

#### *Finish Points to Car House*

**Beretania/Punchbowl (to Kalihi Facility):** Beretania, rt Queen Emma, lf Kukui, rt Pali, lf Vineyard, onto H-1 WEST, take "AIRPORT / PEARL HARBOR" EXIT, take EXIT 19A "MIDDLE ST", Kaua, lf Middle.

**Beretania/Punchbowl (to Pearl City Facility):** Beretania, rt Queen Emma, lf Kukui, rt Pali, lf Vineyard, onto H-1 WEST, Moanalua Fwy, H-1 WEST, take EXIT 10 "PEARL CITY/WAIMALU," rt Moanalua Rd, onto Kuala, lf into Facility.

**Leoku/Leolua (to Kalihi Facility):** Leoku, rt Farrington, rt Kunia, on-ramp to H-1 EAST, take EXIT 18B "DILLINGHAM BLVD/MIDDLE ST", lf Middle.

**Leoku/Leolua (to Pearl City Facility):** Leoku, rt Farrington, rt Kunia, take on-ramp to H-1 EAST, take EXIT 8A "WAIPAHU/PEARL CITY," cautiously merge left, take "PEARL CITY" off-ramp, onto Farrington, onto Kamehameha, lf Acacia, rt Kuala, rt into Facility.

#### *Destination Signs*

##### **A.M.:**

To Beretania/Punchbowl

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##### **P.M.:**

To Leoku/Leolua  
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### Restroom Facilities:

#### **Eastbound:**

Pouhala-Waipahu TC Station (EB)	4:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.	See the Station Operator or call Central for code
Honowai Neighborhood Park	6:00 a.m.- 10:00 p.m. (Daily)	
Waipahu Transit Center	6:00 a.m. -10:00 p.m. (Daily)	
Alapai Transit Center	24 hours	Call Central prior to area and ask for code

#### **Westbound:**

Alapai Transit Center	24 hours	Call Central prior to area and ask for code
Waipahu Transit Center	6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. (Daily)	< Emergency use only >
Honowai Neighborhood Park	6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. (Daily)	< Emergency use only >
Waipahu McDonalds (Leoku/Farrington)	7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Daily)	Please see Cashier or Clerk
Pouhala-Waipahu TC Station	4:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.	See the Station Operator or call Central for code