

CHARTER COMMISSION

Department of Transportation Services



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Section 6-1701. Organization

(As of February 20, 2001)

Section 6-1701. Organization –

There shall be a department of transportation services which shall consist of a director of transportation services, transportation commission, and necessary staff. The director of transportation services shall be the administrative head of the department.

(Reso. 95-205)



Section 6-1702. Director of Transportation Services

(As of February 20, 2001)

Section 6-1702. Director of Transportation Services –

The director of transportation services shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to council confirmation, in accordance with Section 4-104.1 of this charter. The director may be removed by the mayor at will without necessity of council action. (*Reso. 95-205*)



Section 6-1703. Powers, Duties and Functions

Section 6-1703. Powers, Duties and Functions –

1. The director of transportation services shall:

(a) Plan, operate and maintain transportation systems, including bikeways, except for activities relating to the city's fixed guideway mass transit system,* to meet public transportation needs, in accordance with the general plan and development plans, and advise on the design and construction thereof.

(b) Locate, select, install and maintain traffic control facilities and devices.

(c) Provide educational programs to promote traffic safety.

(d) Establish a steel wheel on steel rail transit system, provided that nothing in this subsection shall preclude the director from utilizing technologies other than steel wheel on steel rail technology to complement or extend the rail transit system.

(e) Promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to standards established by law.

2. The director of transportation services shall have no power, duty, or function with respect to transportation systems, facilities, or programs which are under the jurisdiction of the public transit authority.

(Reso. 95-205; 1998 Reorganization; 2006 General Election Charter Amendment Question No. 8; Reso. 08-166; Reso. 09-252)

*Revision note: Text inserted based upon Resolution No. 09-252, CD1, to address citation error



Section 6-1704. Transportation Commission

(As of February 20, 2001)

Section 6-1704. Transportation Commission –

1. There shall be a transportation commission consisting of seven members appointed as follows:

- (a) Three members shall be appointed by the mayor without necessity of council confirmation;
- (b) Three members shall be appointed by the council; and
- (c) One member shall be nominated and, upon council confirmation, appointed by the mayor. The member appointed pursuant to this paragraph shall be the chair of the commission. Each member shall be a duly registered voter of the city.



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2. Each member of the transportation commission shall be appointed to a five-year term; except that:

(a) Of the initial members appointed by the mayor without council confirmation, one shall be appointed to a two-year term, one shall be appointed to a three-year term, and one shall be appointed to a four-year term; and

(b) Of the initial members appointed by the council, one shall be appointed to a two-year term, one shall be appointed to a three-year term, and one shall be appointed to a four-year term.

The term of each member shall commence on July 1 and expire on June 30 of the applicable years. A member, however, may serve beyond the expiration date until a successor is appointed and qualified. The term of the successor, no matter when appointed, shall commence on the July 1 immediately following the June 30 expiration of the predecessor's term.



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When a member leaves the commission by other than expiration of a term, a successor shall be appointed to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. The successor shall be appointed in the same manner as the predecessor.

The council may establish procedures by ordinance for the replacement of a member who cannot serve temporarily because of illness, incapacity, or absence.

No person shall serve on the commission for more than two consecutive full terms or more than ten consecutive years, whichever is greater.

3. A majority of the entire membership of the transportation commission shall constitute a quorum. The affirmative vote of a majority of the entire membership of the commission shall be necessary to take an action.

4. Section 13-103 of this charter shall not apply to the transportation commission or its members. (*Reso. 95-205*)



Section 6-1705. Powers, Duties and Functions

(As of February 20, 2001)

Section 6-1705. Powers, Duties and Functions –

1. The transportation commission shall:

(a) Adopt rules for the conduct of its business.

(b) Evaluate at least annually the performance of the director of transportation services and, if appropriate, make recommendations to address the results of the evaluation.

(c) Review and make recommendations on rules concerning the administration and operation of the department of transportation services.

(d) Review and make recommendations on the annual budget prepared by the director of transportation services.

(e) Receive, review, and make recommendations on complaints regarding the systems, programs, and facilities under the department of transportation services.



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(f) Recommend changes to the public transit fare structure when deemed necessary and appropriate.

(g) Review and make recommendations concerning the performance of public transit and other transportation system contractors under the jurisdiction of the department of transportation services.

(h) Submit an annual report to the mayor and council. The commission shall make the recommendations authorized under this subsection to the director of transportation services, mayor, and council.

2. Except for purposes of inquiry, neither the transportation commission nor its members shall interfere in any way with the administrative affairs of the department of transportation services. (*Reso. 95-205*)



Section 6-1706. Pedestrian and Bicycle Friendly City

Section 6-1706. Pedestrian and Bicycle Friendly City –

It shall be one of the priorities of the department of transportation services to make Honolulu a pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly city. (*2006 General Election Charter Amendment Question No. 8*)



Section 16-115. Transition Provisions Concerning Establishment of Transportation Commission

(As of February 20, 2001)

Section 16-115. Transition Provisions Concerning Establishment of Transportation Commission --

From January 2, 1997, the mayor and council may commence appointing the initial members of the transportation commission in the manner specified by Section 6-1704 of this charter. Initial members may be appointed before July 1, 1997, but they shall take office from that date.

Notwithstanding its later effective date, Section 6-1704 of this charter shall be deemed applicable to this section from January 2, 1997. *(Reso. 95-205; 1998 Reorganization)*

