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Lori Kahikina is the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART). Ms. Kahikina is a proud graduate of Kamehameha Schools and the University of Hawaii. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and has a license in Civil Engineering.

At HART, Ms. Kahikina is responsible for the design and construction of the remaining portion of the 20-mile, 21 station Honolulu Rail Transit Project that spans from East Kapolei to Ala Moana Center. The project is currently estimated at over \$10 billion.

Nolan Tanaka is a Vehicle Integration Manager at Northrop Grumman Space Systems, overseeing electrical integration for 68 satellites valued at over \$1.5B. An Air Force veteran, he has worked on diverse space programs throughout his career.

Tanaka holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, earned through the Air Force ROTC program, and completed leadership and project management programs at USC and Caltech.

His accolades include the UH Mānoa College of Engineering's Outstanding Service Award, a NASA Group Award, and a Goddard Spaceflight Center's Teamwork Award.

A Leilehua High School alumnus born in Honolulu, Tanaka serves on UH Mānoa's College of Engineering Dean's Council and Electrical Engineering Industrial Advisory Board, and leads the Southern California UH Engineering Alumni 'Ohana. He co-chairs Northrop Grumman's veterans employee resource group, leads university engagement, and enjoys basketball, softball, golf, and attending Lakers and UH football games.

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