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The Honorable Peter M. Rogoff
Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Rogoff:

In response to a notification by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) will participate in consultation to develop a programmatic agreement (PA) for the proposed Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project on Oahu in Hawaii. Our decision to participate in this consultation is based on the *Criteria for Council Involvement in Reviewing Individual Section 106 Cases*, contained within our regulations. The criteria are met because the proposed undertaking may result in adverse effects to important historic properties, including National Historic Landmarks located within the Area of Potential Effects, and presents issues of concern to Native Hawaiian organizations.

Section 800.6(a)(1)(iii) of our regulations requires that we notify you, as the head of the agency, of our decision to participate in consultation. By copy of this letter, we are also notifying Mr. Leslie T. Rogers of this decision.

Our participation in this consultation will be handled by Blythe Semmer, who can be reached at 202-606-8552 or bsemmer@achp.gov. We look forward to working with your agency and other consulting parties to consider alternatives to this undertaking that could avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential adverse effects on historic properties and to develop a PA.

Sincerely,

John M. Fowler
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