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Daniel Akaka (D-HI)

What is the status of the Honolulu's High-Capacity Transit Corridor project?

- FTA is working with the project sponsor to ensure the reliability of information FTA needs to determine if the fixed guideway project can advance into preliminary engineering.
- Due to a recent change in the locally preferred alternative (LPA) to serve the airport rather than along Salt Lake Boulevard, a decision to advance the project into preliminary engineering is not expected until May.
- The change in LPA adds \$204 million dollars to the cost of the project, but increases expected annual passenger boardings by 7,700.
- The project is 20 miles of mostly elevated fixed guideway transit from the southwest corner of the island, past Pearl Harbor and through downtown, to the eastern termini at the Ala Moana Center.
- The estimated capital cost is \$5.3 billion, with \$1.2 billion being sought in New Starts funding.
- The state passed a ½ % surcharge to its general excise tax (GET) to support a major capital transportation investment project on Oahu (effective January 1, 2007).

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