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Ted & Ray:

Here are my comments on the June 18 Honolulu AFEIS. My major environmental concerns with the doc are:

- They soft-pedal visual impacts. Impacts are “significant” and the doc should explicitly state this.
- The N&V section conflates project noise prediction with mitigation measures. First they must predict noise and identify resources impacted, then propose mitigation measures and describe their degree of noise attenuation.
- The discussion of project phasing in the doc continues to reflect the mayor’s wishes despite comments in opposition. Based upon P&N, Phase 1 only meets one of the four goals of the project. FTA leadership should address this issue prior to document signing.
- I maintain my position that moving the Downtown Station further south away from the Dillingham Building and the urban plaza is both feasible and prudent and represents all possible planning to minimize harm. It’s the Region’s call.
- They should be explicit in their description of individual mitigation measures for each resource area. Creating an appendix would be appropriate with specific language on each measure while maintaining general language in the doc.

I’m on A/L for two weeks beginning on Friday.

Jim