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Mr. Wayne Yoshioka, Director
Department of Transportation Services
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Honolulu High Capacity Transit
Corridor Project - DEIS

Dear Mr. Yoshioka:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has reviewed the project team's request, dated October 24, 2008, to remove certain language from the Abstract of the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). FTA has removed the language at issue on the understanding that the following language will be included in all public notices for the public hearings on the DEIS:

"FTA is interested in and requests public comment on the issues of project phasing and termini:

- FTA requests public comment on the construction phasing of the High-Capacity project, and whether project phasing best addresses transportation needs in the corridor.
- FTA requests public comment on the location of the East Kapoeli Station and whether this is a logical terminus."

In view of the public interest in the proposed project, we encourage your office to make local distribution of the document at the earliest practicable time. If Region IX can assist in this regard please contact me. Also, we request that your office contact Region IX immediately to confirm the revised timeline for the printing, local distribution and transmittal to FTA of the DEIS. Attached, please find enclosed the signed cover page for the DEIS.

Sincerely,

For Leslie I. Rogers
Regional Administrator