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Mr. Wayne Yoshioka, Director
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Re: Honolulu High Capacity Transit - DEIS

Dear Mr. Yoshioka:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has reviewed the project team's request, dated October 24, 2008, to remove specific language about FTA concerns from the Abstract of the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Instead, the FTA requires the following language 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 logical 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."

FTA requests that your office move expeditiously to release the document to the public. Also, we request that your office contact Region IX immediately to confirm the timeline for the printing, transmittal to FTA, and public distribution of the DEIS. Attached, please find enclosed the signed cover page for the - DEIS.

Sincerely,

Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator

Cc: Sherry Little, Deputy Administrator
Severn Miller, Chief Counsel