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Dear Mr. Kaku,

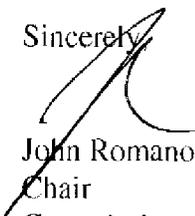
Subject: Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project

The future of Hawaii's mobility and economic sustainability is a concern to the members of the Commission on Transportation. Therefore, the Commission on Transportation recommends that the draft EIS for the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project include the entire transit corridor from West Kapolei to the University of Hawaii and Waikiki. We also recommend that the draft EIS include an alignment providing service to the Honolulu International Airport, Pearl Harbor and Hickam Airforce Base. We believe that a fixed guideway transit alignment serving the Honolulu Airport area would be advantageous due to the fact that Pearl Harbor and Hickam Airforce Base are major employment hubs.

The Commission also recommends that the draft EIS clearly and concisely disclose all costs including right-of-way acquisition for the entire transit corridor as well as the long-term operation costs to maintain a transit system. Finally, the Commission believes that the draft EIS should include an evaluation of traffic conditions and recommend measures to address traffic impact at all locations where proposed construction for the Honolulu's High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project intersects or affects the State highways system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


John Romanowski
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