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I would like to submit this testimony for the scoping concerning the process that was used for determining the fixed guide way as the preferred alternative for the city and county of Honolulu.

I have been an Ewa Beach resident for over 60 years. Our transportation problems began in the mid 1990's as new construction in the Haseko and Gentry developments brought in thousands more people without concurrent road or transportation improvements. Still, with the preferred alternative of a fixed guide way, the city's own analysis says we will not have any traffic relief, in fact the city's analysis says traffic congestion will get worse with the fixed guide way.

Additionally, there were no meetings held in Ewa Beach to determine what our opinion was on the project. The meetings were held in Kapolei that will get a station, the city didn't hold meetings in Ewa Beach because they knew it would be negative. Holding the meetings in Kapolei is like opening a free bar for a bunch of alcoholics, you're gonna get a big crowd and they're all gonna be for whatever the city says. I and all the other residents of Ewa Beach were left out of the process conducted by the city to determine not only the preferred alternative but whether or not we wanted something that we have to drive 5 miles through heavy traffic to use that is not going to reduce traffic congestion.

It's not been a fair process.

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