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Mr White

As was noted throughout the public input meeting this past Thursday, the purpose of the meeting discussion was to focus on the transport planning processes used by OahuMPO. Therefore, your comments below concerning the mass transportation proposal is more appropriately directed to C/C DTS, OahuMPO, and HDOT for their efforts towards the processes that have been used thus far on the Leeward to Downtown/ UH corridor discussions for all transportation modes.

Thank you for your interest in transportation issues here on Oahu.

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**From:** RawcoHI@cs.com [mailto:RawcoHI@cs.com]  
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March 20, 2007

The Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project  
Department of Transportation Services  
City and County of Honolulu  
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Honolulu, HI 96813

Sir;

In response to your request for comments at the scoping meetings:

My name is Reg white. I am vice president, project development, for Paradise Cruise, Ltd. We have 463 employees who must make it to work and back each day, as well as all of the suppliers who rely on the proper flow of traffic on our streets to make our required deliveries of

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supplies and passengers each day within a reasonable time frame. Remember that with regard to deliveries, be they passengers or goods, the cost of such service must remain relative to the time required to complete the operation, and stalled traffic is therefore very expensive to all of Oahu's businesses and residents.

All statistics show that well in excess of 90% of us drive our cars to wherever we need to travel throughout the day. This means that any project undertaken with taxpayer monies must be of a worthwhile service to at least 90% of us. That doesn't mean that we all have to ride the transit to make this work, but it does mean that for whatever funds you are going to spend on transit, it must reduce traffic jams and increase traffic flow for the 90% of us who are on the roads in our cars or you have no right to spend our money for your project. This is what your EIS must resolve. Number one question to be answered is: Does this project reduce traffic congestion and provide efficient and smooth traffic flow on our adjacent roadways because of the transit system that is to be built? If the answer is not a resounding "Yes!" then you have no just cause to spend our money on the project. And please be clear, the money comes from us, whether it's C & C money, state money, or federal funds, it's all the same, the taxes are paid by we the people, and over 90% of us drive where ever we must go, when we must go there, in our cars, and we will not use transit instead, it simply does not fit our needs. The answer required here is "do whatever it takes to smooth and expedite the flow of traffic on our roads". This is the only problem to be solved. Unfortunately, neither of the three proposed alternatives will solve this problem, so you will have to look elsewhere. Remember, when the highway traffic moves efficiently, so does "The Bus", and then we all get what we paid for!

Sincerely,  
For Paradise Cruise, Ltd.  
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