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Toru,

As I mentioned the other day, we have some major concerns regarding the 20 mile alignment. We've been working on our campus masterplan for well over a year and have had the best minds in the country involved. David Neuman (Stanford University Chief Architect for 14 years and an expert on mass transit and TODs), Bill Johnson (considered the father of modern landscape architecture), John Hara (who recently won the Governor's Award for his lifetime contribution to art and culture), PBR Hawaii planners as well as numerous other experts (like ARUP) in building and maintaining sustainable environments. Even Jim Charlier (mass transit expert from Denver) has weighed in on our project. And finally Aldo Giurgola, considered one of the top architects in the world and a mentor of John Hara's, has recently added his input into our campus masterplan.

We welcome a TOD in the corner of our property (Farrington Hwy and North South Road junction) but have serious concerns about the line traversing our campus proper. We see no benefit in doing so and in fact our very concerned about a number of issues that alignment would pose such aesthetic degradation, noise, and safety.

I would like to show you our plan which everyone involved agrees is an outstanding one so you can better understand our concerns. We appreciate the Mayor's and your support and would like to see if we can arrive at a mutually agreeable alternative.

I'll be out of the office until Nov. 13 but will be checking my email. Thanks for your attention to this matter Toru.

Regards,
Gene

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