

## **INFORMATION**

August 2, 2006

**SUBJECT: Briefing on the Options and Status of the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor (HHCTC) Project**

### **BACKGROUND:**

1. At the July 2006 Authority meeting, a question was raised regarding whether the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) had stated its preferences for alignments and station locations for the HHCTC project through the Kakaako Community Development District.
2. HCDA has routinely responded to inquiries on specific issues in the context of the HHCTC's Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (Exhibit A). Further, in that communication as well as a joint letter with other area stakeholders, it has stated a preference on a Kalaeloa alignment (Exhibit B). However, the Kakaako Alternatives (Exhibit C) analysis has not been fully developed and questions raised in HCDA's January 12, 2006 comment letter have yet to be answered.

### **DISCUSSION:**

1. The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) has begun a new series of public meetings to solicit input for the several alternatives for urban Honolulu. Staff understands that research and analysis is ongoing and will continue until the

November 1 deadline to present the completed alternative analysis study to the City Council for their decision making by years' end.

2. The location of the stations and the alignment will unquestionably have a significant impact on any development program for Kakaako and Kalaeloa.
3. Under these circumstances, staff felt it was an appropriate time to ask the DTS for a progress report on the project.

Attachments: Exhibit A - Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice  
Comments  
Exhibit B - Kalaeloa Preferred Alternative for HHCTC  
Exhibit C - Kakaako HHCTC Alternative Alignments