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**HART STATEMENT REGARDING CONTINUED FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR
HONOLULU RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT**

HART board chairwoman Carrie Okinaga and interim executive director Toru Hamayasu issued the following statement in response to comments made today by U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood regarding his continued commitment to the Honolulu rail project:

“We are grateful for the continued support of U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. His testimony today before the U.S. Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development reinforces the federal commitment to seeing the project through. This latest assurance shows that city and federal officials continue to work closely together in moving this project forward.”

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Video footage of Secretary LaHood’s testimony today on the Honolulu rail project can be found at:

http://youtu.be/Nlk3DH_YrA

A copy of Sen. Inouye’s press release can be viewed at:

<http://inouye.senate.gov/Press/031512pr01.cfm>

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