

August 18, 2016

Colleen Hanabusa, Board Chair
Damien Kim, Human Resources Committee Chair
Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation
1099 Alakea Street, Suite 1700
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Colleen and Damien:

I hereby tender my resignation as Executive Director and CEO of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) effective October 17, 2016.

I would like to thank the HART Board for allowing me the privilege of serving as the first executive director and CEO of this new organization. Coming from the oldest rail transit system in the United States to lead the newest system will always be one of the great honors of my career.

We have gone through a lot of change in the nearly four and a half years that I've been at HART. We didn't have federal approval of our new starts grant application when I joined HART, and we now have secured nearly all of the federal funding promised in that agreement. Back in 2012 we had barely begun our work designing and constructing the project, and today we have completed just over 50 percent of the total project, including 8 miles of the guideway, initial construction of the first 9 stations, completion of the rail operations center, and we recently awarded the contract for our next phase of construction. And the system's first train is on island undergoing initial testing.

I believe in this project and its importance to the residents of Oahu, and by stepping aside today I hope to allow HART to move forward to ultimate success with fresh leadership.

I know I speak for all of HART's professional and administrative staff in saying that they have never been more prepared to work with the community, the private sector, our union partners, and the political leadership to complete the Honolulu rail system that Oahu voters have twice said they want and need.

Finally I want to thank the people throughout the community of Honolulu who made this boy from Boston feel welcomed in these Islands. I especially want to thank the men and women of HART, highly talented professionals, who every day are shaping the future of Oahu. Their continuing involvement gives me great confidence that an operating Honolulu rail project will be a tremendous success. A hui hou.

Sincerely,



Daniel A. Grabauskas