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Mr. Wayne Yoshioka
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Re: Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor
Project Pre Cast Yards

Dear Mr. Yoshioka:

It has recently come to the attention of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that ~~there may be a need for pre-cast yard facilities for~~ the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project needs large yard sites where concrete guideway elements can be pre-cast. On ___, 2010, the design-build contractor for the West Oahu Farrington Guideway segment sought to initiate the State environmental review process for a pre cast yard located at the Kalaeloa Site. In subsequent conversations between FTA and the City and County of Honolulu (City), the City told FTA that in addition to a pre cast yard for the West Oahu Farrington Guideway segment, additional pre~~-~~cast [NOT SURE IF THIS SHOULD BE HYPHENATED, BUT WE SHOULD BE CONSISTENT] yards may be needed for the project.

FTA now sees no viable alternative to the use of ~~If there is a need for~~ pre cast yards for the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project. ~~, t~~The yards must be evaluated as part of the Federal environmental review process. FTA requests that the City identify a pre cast yard site or sites that would ~~be~~ have sufficient capacity for the pre casting requirements for the entire Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project. If the City selects either the Leeward Community College maintenance and storage facility location or the Ho'opili maintenance and storage facility location, there would not be a need for supplemental environmental documentation because both sites were evaluated in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (~~F~~EIS). If the City selects the Kalaeloa Site or another site not evaluated in the Final EIS, it would be necessary to prepare supplemental environmental documentation. If the Kalaeloa Site is selected, the supplemental environmental documentation would initially be ~~reviewed as~~ an Environmental Assessment (EA), though a supplemental EIS would be necessary if the EA finds significant impacts.

This issue must be resolved before an environmental Record of Decision can be issued for the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project. Within two weeks of receipt of this letter, please provide FTA with a response in writing describing the site or sites that will be sufficient for the pre casting needs for the entire Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at (415) 744-3133.

Sincerely,

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