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Statement of the Hawaii Carpenters Union on the
High Capacity Transit Corridor Project Final EIS (D-404)

Our union continues to support the transit project, and views the Final Environmental Impact Statement as a positive step forward. We hope that the City Council members will urge the relevant government bodies to proceed expeditiously.

The transit project, whether for transportation, economic stimulation, planning or quality of life, continues to be vitally important, while accounting for impacts and mitigation. Immediate economic recovery, and long term stimulus, will come in the form of construction industry jobs, indirect multiplier jobs, and tax income to fund government services.

Transit oriented development continues to stand as the basis for further economic stimulus in the newly viable lands, and opportunities for housing, healthcare, elder and child care, near affordable transportation. Better transportation will bring improved quality of life reining in ever-increasing commuting times, as well as sensible mixed use development.

Our members need work, and are prepared for it. Our members live in the community, and need government services, affordable housing, and quality family life. These are all difficult to achieve, and a project with major positive impacts should not be delayed or blocked.

We hope that the Final EIS will serve its intended purpose, rather than being manipulated or used as a tool for delay. Thank you for your consideration of the matter.

Submitted by Leonard Hoshijo

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