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Subject: Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project- DEIS and FEIS

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References

(a) Ben Ramelb ltr dated 29 December 2008 "Comment on DEIS "Honolulu High capacity transit Corridor Project" - Issue - Project Construction Phasing will not provide early traffic relief.

(b) City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services letter RT10/09-336375 dtd 11 June 2010

Subject: Comment on Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) "Honolulu High-capacity transit corridor Project", Issue- Project Construction Phasing will not provide early traffic relief

1. Reference (a) stated that the Project Construction Phasing will not provide early traffic relief. Reference (a) further provided sites for Vehicle Maintenance and Storage facility for each construction phase to support each construction phase. For example, for the Middle Street to Ala Moana Phase, some 40 acres could be obtained along Lagoon Drive to include portions of Keehi Lagoon, Airport Vacant areas alongside Aolele Street and Lagoon Drive. Another potential site is the undeveloped peninsula between Keehi Lagoon Park and Sand Island Road.

2. The City's response, reference (b), states that the "First Phase must be connected to a maintenance and storage facility" and that "No location has been identified closer to downtown with sufficient available land to construct a maintenance and storage facility" . Reference (b) makes no mention of the

several maintenance and storage sites mentioned by reference (a): namely, Keehi Lagoon Park and vicinity, Aloha Stadium parking lot, a 443 acre vacant site near Leeward Community College and does not state any reason why the Keehi Lagoon potential sites are rejected as viable for a maintenance and storage site.

3. The city intends to condemn business property at the airport (along Aolele and Ualena Streets) and family housing sites at Pearl City, yet will not consider condemning open city and state land at Keehi Lagoon and vicinity.

4. Accordingly, the City's response is incomplete and unacceptable and the Rail project phasing should be revised to include the First Phase of the project to start at Middle Street to Ala Moana Shopping Center instead of from Kapolei to Pearl City.

Respectfully,

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