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RE: Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project –Section 106 Programmatic Agreement

Dear Mr. Yoshioka:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is transmitting for your signature the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement for the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project.

This Programmatic Agreement is the result of an extensive consultation process with relevant stakeholders, and, the Hawaii State Historic Preservation Division, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), and FTA as signatories and the National Park Service (NPS) and the City and County of Honolulu (the City) as invited signatories to the agreement.

As you are aware, the area of potential effect (APE) presented in Attachment 1 of the Programmatic Agreement covers the Airport Alternative as presented in the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in November 2008. During the preparation of the Final EIS, FTA and the City became aware of numerous potential impacts at the Honolulu International Airport from the proposed Airport Alternative. In an effort to avoid the impacts to the airport, the City recently proposed a small shift in the alignment in the vicinity of the airport. FTA is still reviewing the proposed alignment shift and preliminary information on historic and cultural resources provided by the City. Our initial review indicates that no new historic properties would be affected and there would be no change to the adverse effect of the Hawaii Employers Council. FTA plans to use the process outlined in the Programmatic Agreement working closely with the SHPD and other consulting parties to develop a revised APE and ensure requirements of the agreement are met.

Please sign the attached Programmatic Agreement and return to my office as soon as possible. Once all the signatories and invited signatories have signed the agreement, FTA will begin the

process of sharing the Programmatic Agreement with the concurring parties for signature. If you have any questions, please contact [FTA Staff] at [FTA number].

Sincerely,

Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator