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**Federal Transit
Administration**

The Administrator

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

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The Honorable Mufi Hannemann
530 South King Street
Room 300
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mayor Hannemann:

Thank you for your letter dated April 5 related to the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project (the "project"). In your letter you advise the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) of your proposal to refine the proposed alignment on the Honolulu International Airport (HNL) property to avoid impacts to HNL facilities and operations, as well as ecologically sensitive resources, and noise sensitive communities. The avoidance of these impacts will be fully documented during the preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

There is much work that still needs to be completed, including consultation pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and finalization of the programmatic agreement. In addition, the results of analyses prepared by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will be incorporated into the FEIS. FAA has pledged its full cooperation and support in expediting completion of the environmental process. I am confident that, with the cooperation of other members of your team and your environmental consultants, we will be able to swiftly advance the FEIS.

If I can provide additional information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (202) 366-4040.

Sincerely yours,

Peter Rogoff