

Dear Mayor Hannemann:

Thank you for your letter of April 5, 2010, advising me of your decision to shift a small section of the Honolulu rail project's preferred alignment, which would have crossed Honolulu International Airport's ~~extended-central~~ portion of the runway protection zone, to avoid substantially impacting the airport, ~~ecologically sensitive resources, and noise sensitive communities~~. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) staff also received from your consultants data describing potential environmental effects of the alignment shift. FTA analysts have thoroughly reviewed that data and determined that discussion of impacts associated with the avoidance alternative may be incorporated directly into the final environmental impact statement.

Comment [eaz1]: Proposal?

There is much work still to do, including finalizing the § 106 National Historic Preservation Act process and programmatic agreement and incorporating the results of analyses prepared by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) into the final environmental impact statement. FAA has pledged its full cooperation and support in expediting completion of the environmental process. I am confident that, with the cooperation of your consultants and other members of your team, we will be able to swiftly complete the environmental process and move on to the next phase of project development.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 366-4040 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Peter Rogoff

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Enclosure.

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