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Mr. Wayne Y. Yoshioka
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Dear Mr. Yoshioka:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) acknowledges receipt of a document entitled, "Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project, Final Environmental Impact Statement/Section 4(f) Evaluation, March 2010" and a set of compact disks titled, "Final EIS, April 8, 2010 Pre-Decisional Review Copy". At this time, acceptance of these submissions would be premature, since FTA staff is still reviewing and evaluating the City and County of Honolulu's (the "City") data submitted last week regarding potential effects of the proposed alternative airport runway protection zone avoidance alignment. Following FTA's thorough evaluation of this data, we will determine the appropriate process through which the alternative should be introduced into the proceedings and notify you as to next steps for ensuring compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

FTA is expeditiously working to complete its review as soon as possible and expects to complete it shortly. We will immediately notify you of our determination and what FTA needs from the City in order to keep the NEPA process moving forward. Please do not hesitate to contact me on (415) 744-3133 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,


Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator