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**SUBJECT:** Mayor Mufi Hannemann says he plans to visit with Peter in February.

Note that Mufi also wrote to the Secretary for whom OST requests a response written by FTA. I will notify TPE to reference both letters in the response which will be for Peter's signature.

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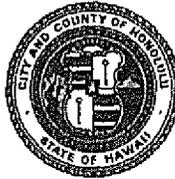
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cc: Sharon Buckner, TPE

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MUFI HANNEMANN  
MAYOR



February 4, 2010

The Honorable Peter M. Rogoff  
Administrator  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Transit Administration  
East Building  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Administrator Rogoff:

It was a pleasure meeting with Secretary Ray LaHood and yourself on my most recent visit to Washington, D. C.

I was moved by the warm reception from Secretary LaHood, and I was certainly relieved to hear directly from you as to the contents of the phone conversation with Governor Lingle. While I am certainly concerned about the Governor's statements regarding her reported reservations about the Final Environmental Impact Statement, I would like to assure you that we will continue to reach out to her and her administration as we have always done in concluding the environmental process as soon as practical.

I also would like to thank you for the timeliness of the inclusion of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project in the President's Budget for FY2011. It certainly demonstrates the level of confidence you have for our project at this phase and validates the sufficiency of the financial plan to move forward.

Additionally, we are appreciative of your telephone press conference following the release of the FY2011 budget. Your statements and responses clarified the purpose of the grant and the FTA's technical and financial assessments of the Honolulu proposal. Your precise articulation did not leave room for speculative interpretations by the Honolulu media. They could not help but report the story accurately. Mahalo!

I plan to visit you on my next trip to D. C. later this month, and I hope to welcome you here in Honolulu again for ground breaking.

See attached also

With warm regards and aloha,

Yours truly,

Mufi Hannemann  
Mayor

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*Denia / Peter Lopez  
This is pending.  
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FTA to prepare  
a response  
on behalf of S  
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February 4, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood  
Secretary  
U. S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, D. C. 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It was my honor and pleasure to meet with you on my most recent visit to Washington, D. C.

I appreciated your warm reception and the opportunity to present you with an overview of the Honolulu Rail Project. The proposed 20-mile rail project is the single largest public works program in the state, estimated to create nearly 10,000 direct and indirect jobs per year for nine years. It is the only substantive economical recovery project that is ready to break ground this year. It will also provide a much needed transit alternative for Oahu and ease the commutes for thousands of residents.

We have completed the Draft Final Environmental Impact Statement, and we expect the Federal Aviation Administration to conclude its review shortly so that FTA can approve it for circulation.

Mr. Secretary, so much of the Island economy and traffic relief depends on this project that we cannot delay further. Therefore, I sincerely appreciate your assurance that your department and agencies will continue to work with Honolulu cooperatively in order to meet each milestone toward implementation.

Finally, thank you also for your leadership in including Honolulu for New Starts Funding. We know that it is an extremely competitive process so we appreciate your faith and confidence in Honolulu's ability to leverage federal dollars to bring about our long awaited rail transit system.

With warm regards and aloha,

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mufi Hannemann".

Mufi Hannemann  
Mayor