

Messrs. Michael Giannini &
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Dear Messrs. Giannini & Berman

Thank you for your letter of October 29, 2009 commenting on the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement, November 2008 (DEIS). The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) release of this document indicates FTA's satisfaction that the DEIS complies with the National Environmental Policy Act requirements for preparation of a detailed statement on the environmental impacts of a project proposed for Federal funding.

The public comment period on the DEIS began with publication of the DEIS on November 21, 2008. Due to the high degree of public interest in this project, FTA extended the comment period on the DEIS 30 days. Five public hearings on the DEIS were held at local venues during the public comment period. The public comment period closed on February 6, 2009.

During this time, FTA received extensive remarks on the DEIS, many of which were similar in nature to yours. Public comments received on the DEIS are currently being incorporated into the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). It is my understanding that members of your organization met with City of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services representatives on October 15, 2009 and shared these concerns. FTA's expectations are that your concerns will be addressed in the Final EIS.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project environmental studies.

Respectfully;

Cc: Leslie Rogers, FTA Regional Administrator, Region IX
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(as necessary)