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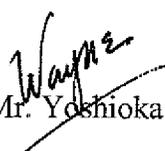
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Mr. Wayne Yoshioka  
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**OCT 30 2009**

Re: Alternate Procedure for Real Property  
Acquisitions, Honolulu High-Capacity  
Transit Corridor Project

  
Dear Mr. Yoshioka:

This is in response to your letter of September 11, 2009, requesting the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) consideration of alternate procedures for FTA's concurrence in real property acquisitions for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project (Project).

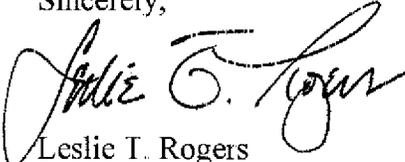
FTA Circular 5010.1 D requires FTA concurrence when the grantee's recommended offer of just compensation exceeds \$500,000, when a settlement purchase agreement is \$50,000 higher than the offer of just compensation, and when a property appraised at \$500,000 or more must be condemned. However, Chapter IV, 2 g. (1) of the Circular provides for an alternative procedure permitting higher dollar concurrence thresholds at FTA's discretion.

FTA approved the Project into Preliminary Engineering on October 16, 2009. Based on the review completed by the Program Management Oversight Consultant (PMOC), the review indicated that the City is required to implement the Real Estate Acquisition Management Plan (RAMP) and update the (RAMP) periodically. In addition, FTA has had concerns that the City is not responsive in submitting all the requested documents outlined in the C5010.1D. Chapter IV, 2 (g) (1) for an adequate review, and the provided partial list of real estate documentation was not sufficient to evaluate your request. Also, some of the information provided by the City is not in compliance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (Uniform Act).

Since the Project is still in its early stages, FTA at this time will not grant your request. The PMOC will continue to monitor the Project to ensure the City is providing evidence of complying with the Uniform Act and implementing the RAMP. As the project continues to progress, FTA may reconsider this request at a later date providing the City meets all FTA

real estate acquisition requirements. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (415) 744-3133.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leslie T. Rogers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Leslie" being the most prominent.

Leslie T. Rogers  
Regional Administrator

cc: I. Hamayasu, City and County of Honolulu