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Laura,

It now appears that only signatories are going to be able to make a final statement. Consequently, AIA is sending its final statement to all consulting parties.

AIA Honolulu supports multi-modal transportation including the concept of a fixed rail system for Oahu. However, we remain concerned over the appropriateness of the proposed all-elevated transit system particularly through the urban core of Honolulu. Mitigating negative impacts in a Section 106 process when they could be avoided is inadequate transit planning.

Additional consideration should be made to the selection of the newer, flexible light rail technologies capable of operating at-grade, elevated or below grade as the conditions warrant. These conditions include protection of the integrity of the setting and context of historic built resources and the protection of iwi kapuna in place.

Thank you for allowing AIA to be part of the consulting process.

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