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Mr. Ronald Fisher (TPE)  
Director of Project Planning  
Office of Planning and Environment  
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Attention: Mr. Jim Ryan

Dear Mr. Fisher:

We request your confirmation of our understanding that the Honolulu's Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), based on the Fixed Guideway Alternative as described in the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project *Alternatives Analysis Report*, November 1, 2006, excludes a busway alternative where a conventional bus vehicle with a driver is operating on a fixed guideway with access ramps to and from the surface streets.

We understand that FTA had communicated the busway exclusion to the delegations of the Honolulu City Council in the past. We are requesting this clarification and confirmation because there are some unfound expectations among selected community groups that FTA supports the inclusion of a busway concept in the Preliminary Engineering phase of the Honolulu project.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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MELVIN N. KAKU  
Director

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