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**Subject:** Letters Addressing Concerns Regarding Cumulative Impacts

Dear All:

At the transit corridor consulting parties meeting on September 3, 2009 members of the transit team stated that no one has brought up the issue of the cumulative impacts of the transit project until just recently. Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF) offers the following excerpts from our previous letters and letters from other organizations in which we voiced our concerns regarding the cumulative impacts of the transit project on the landscape of O'ahu over the past year.

**September 15, 2008, Letter from HHF to Mr. Wayne Yoshioka, Director, Department of Transportation Services:**

“...the cumulative effect to the collective historic resources is greater than the sum of impacts to individual parcels. The scale of the project is such that it will irreparably change both the rural and urban landscapes through which it passes. The overall effect on the entire corridor should be acknowledged.”

**September 26, 2008, Letter from Ms. Nancy McMahon, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer to Mr. Wayne Yoshioka, Director, Department of Transportation Services:**

“...we were encouraged that at our meeting it was indicated that indirect impacts to landscape and setting, including viewsheds ma kai to ma uka, will be examined to determine the broader impact of the corridor itself. We believe that this macroscopic dimension will aid in accurately reflecting the comprehensive effect of the proposed project and in turn facilitate identification of appropriate mitigation.”

**October 6, 2008, Letter from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to Mr. Wayne Yoshioka, Director, Department of Transportation Services:**

“...given the magnitude of the undertaking, it is improper to assess effects solely on a parcel by parcel basis. Rather, it is essential that indirect, secondary, and cumulative effects be taken into account in a more holistic manner.”

**December 10, 2008, Letter from HHF to Mr. Wayne Yoshioka, Director, Department of Transportation Services:**

“The proposed Honolulu Transit Corridor project will have a dramatic impact on the landscape of the island of O‘ahu; this includes not only the direct impact to specific parcels, but primarily the visual effect on the landscape and historic resources. HHF is concerned that the draft EIS does not accurately take into account these larger impacts, but rather focuses on those adverse effects caused by the direct taking of land.”

**June 22, 2009, Letter from Mr. Wayne Yoshioka, Director, Department of Transportation Services to Ms. Nancy McMahon, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer:**

“...the project team has determined that the undertaking as a whole has an adverse effect.”

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