



KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS

OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES

December 10, 2009

The Honorable Mayor Mufi Hannemann
City and County of Honolulu
530 S King Street
Honolulu Hale
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Mayor Hannemann:

There continues to be unfortunate confusion about Kamehameha Schools' position on the benefits of a rail transit system for Honolulu. We believe the statement below, which we have been delivering for several weeks, summarizes our position clearly and concisely.

“As part of the DEIS comment process we commissioned Phil Craig to conduct an analysis of how a flexible system might work and his report was the result of that. We did not intend to publicly present it as an alternative to the City’s plan, and it is a mistake to characterize it that way. The truth is, we agree with the City much more than we disagree. The City administration and Kamehameha Schools agree that a well-planned fixed guide way Mass Transit system can provide a powerful catalyst for economic development and efficient transportation from the second city in Kapolei to downtown Honolulu. We share the city’s interest in identifying the most cost-effective, efficient and safest Mass Transit system for the entire community. We feel comfortable that we’ve provided good input as part of the process for discussion.”

We will be comfortable with and will support FTA’s decision with respect to the rail system design. Best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season.

Sincerely

Diane J. Plotts
Chair, Board of Trustees

cc: Kirk Caldwell, Managing Director
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