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Re: Administrative Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Soon:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has reviewed the administrative Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Primary Corridor Transportation Study transmitted by your letter of May 11, 2000. We have also reviewed copies of the response letters from the agencies participating in the Memorandum of Understanding, National Environmental Policy Act and Clean Water Act Section 404 Integration Process for Surface Transportation Projects in the State of Hawaii (NEPA-404).

The City's July 6, 2000 letter states that the Bus Rapid Transit with the Sand Island Scenic Parkway (BRT/SISP) is being deleted as an alternative. The City will be reissue an administrative draft of the DEIS with appropriate revisions for FTA's further review.

We are transmitting FTA's comments regarding the original administrative DEIS with this letter. We have included the comments pertaining to the SISP since you may chose to pursue this alternative in the future.

Since you are deleting the SISP alternative, it appears that the NEPA-404 process no longer applies. We suggest you write each of the resource agencies participating in the process of your decision to eliminate the alternative.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs. Donna Turchie, Transportation Representative, at (415) 744-3115.

Sincerely,

Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator

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