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Ray/Ted, I wanted to make a comment about something that was said during the conference call with the FAA last week. Though a statement was made with vehemence to the contrary by an FAA representative, the FAA does not decide how the runways are used at an airport. If there is to be a restriction on certain types of operations, it is the purview of the airport owner to impose it. In this case, that is the HDOT-Airports Division, presumably through the Director of HDOT. I confirmed this with current and former FAA staff after the call. I mention this because we continue to pursue the idea of restricting operations at the mauka end of the runways to reduce the RPZ and keep the guideway from encroaching into the RPZ. Whatever other factors play into it, we will work with HDOT to arrive at a decision. While FAA can weigh in on the decision and may be consulted, they do not actually make it.

I believe this is a critical point in the way we address the RPZ issue. Thanks!

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