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I have not even bothered to read the EIS, primarily because I learned from my previous participation in testifying before the Honolulu City Council and it's Transportation Committee, attending, speaking at, and asking questions at numerous public "mis"information meetings and other public forums; that the complete process has been co-opted by the Mayor, certain City Councilpersons, DTS and the contractors, Parsons Brinckerhoff and InfraConsult, with apparent collusion or at least acquiescence by DTA officials and members of the Hawaii Congressional delegation.

I have consistently supported a fair and competitive bidding process for the selection of both the technology and the vendor (which is allegedly the FTA policy), but with the elimination of the HSST Maglev, we have lost the environmental war in the transportation arena since the environmental footprint of the proposed steel wheel on steel rail system, will dwarf that of the HSST Maglev, including guideway size/width, air pollution, noise pollution, aesthetics and cost.

It is a sad day for the mis-informed citizens and taxpayers of Honolulu; when their Mayor and other public officials can lie to them and cheat them, and the local print and broadcast media as well as our federal officials do not hold them accountable.

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