

Dear Mr. Genadio:

Your letter dated January 31, 2009, addressed to Secretary LaHood was referred to this office for response ~~and appropriate handling~~. I regret that, while your comments on the proposed Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor project have been fully considered in the context of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, through inadvertence the letter acknowledging receipt of your comments was misplaced.

No decision on the proposed project has been made; for this reason it would be inappropriate for any Department of Transportation official to address your specific concerns outside of the conventional NEPA process. Please be assured, however, that your concerns will be addressed in the final environmental impact statement which will be made available in the not-too-distant future.

Again, I regret that an earlier acknowledgement of receipt of your letter was misplaced. Thank you for your continued interest in the proposed project.

Sincerely,

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