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**Subject:** Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project - Environmental Justice

Hi James –

We are currently in the process of developing our methodology to address environmental justice impacts of the proposed alternatives and need some guidance. I spoke with Donna Turchie about this last week and she suggested that I contact you.

We are seeking guidance on the following:

- Federal definition of “minority” and Hawaii as a special case
- Focus on other socio-economic factors (such as low-income and limited English proficiency) vs. “minority”
- Determining appropriate “threshold” for defining minority populations in Hawaii
- Comparisons with the Oahu MPO method for environmental justice analysis
- Definition of the study area – Corridor-wide vs. island-wide

We would like to propose a conference call on either Thursday (3/9) or Friday (3/10) afternoon your time to discuss these topics. Our consultant, Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade and Douglas has offered to set up the call using their conference calling system. If this is ok with you, let me know when it would be convenient for us to talk and who should be involved in this discussion.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

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