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Susan,

I know Peter spoke to Mayor Hannemann within the last several days before this brief story came out. Do we expect additional confirmation from the city and county of Honolulu to confirm this rail line shift? Does this change the status of the project? Do I need to know more in case the media comes a callin?

Thanks.

Honolulu To Shift Rail Line To Avoid Interference With Airport Airspace. The [Honolulu Advertiser](#) (4/8, 130K) reported Honolulu yesterday “disclosed that it plans to shift the route of a planned rail line to avoid interfering with airspace at Honolulu International Airport. The city had planned to move an airport runway, however, that option is too expensive, the city said.”

The [Honolulu Star-Bulletin](#) (4/8) reported Mayor Mufi Hannemann announced the “new route for the proposed \$5.3 billion rail transit project that is expected to satisfy concerns raised by the Federal Aviation Administration.” The route’s proximity “has been blamed for holding up the Federal Transit Administration’s completion of a final environmental impact statement.” The FTA now “has agreed with the city’s proposed mitigation and is moving forward to complete the EIS,” according to Hannemann.

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