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**Federal Transit  
Administration**

Headquarters

1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington DC 20590

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Mr. Cliff Slater  
3105 Pacific Heights Road  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Slater:

Thank you for your telephone communication regarding the proposed rail transit project in Honolulu. Matthew J. Welbes, the Acting Deputy Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration, has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Your extensive comments on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for this project are currently being considered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the City and County of Honolulu (Honolulu). FTA and Honolulu will respond to your comments in the final EIS, in accordance with the Federal environmental regulations governing this process. The public and interagency comment period for the draft EIS closed on February 6, 2009, and substantial effort is now going into addressing the comments received. Additional public comments are not being accepted at this time.

If you have any questions about the Federal process, please contact the FTA regional planner for projects in Hawaii, Mr. Ted Matley, at (415) 744-2590. Any other inquiries should be directed to the local project sponsor, the City and County of Honolulu.

Sincerely,

James Barr  
Environmental Protection Specialist

cc: Mr. Wayne Y. Yoshioka, Acting Director, Department of Transit Services/City and County of Honolulu.