

Abstract

This Final Environmental Impact Statement/Section 4(f) Evaluation is a joint *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) and Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 343 document. It is intended to provide decision makers and the public with information on the Project's environmental impacts and benefits. It also serves as a summary documentation of the consultation conducted in compliance with Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966*, as amended, and the Section 4(f) evaluation prepared pursuant to Section 4(f) of the *U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966*. This document identifies the current and future need to address mobility and travel reliability issues, to support transportation and land use planning policies, and to improve transportation equity in the study corridor on the Island of O'ahu in the State of Hawai'i. In compliance with NEPA, this document considers a No Build and a Build Alternative that will provide high-capacity transit service in the corridor between East Kapolei and Ala Moana Center and serving Honolulu International Airport. This Final EIS identifies the Preferred Alternative, which consists of a 20-mile elevated guideway that includes transit stations, park-and-ride facilities, a maintenance and storage facility, and other ancillary facilities to support the transit system. This Final EIS addresses agency and public comments on the Draft EIS and documents the transportation effects and potential consequences on the natural and human environment, including effects on land use and economic activity; communities and neighborhoods; visual and aesthetic conditions; air quality and energy; noise and vibration; hazardous materials; natural resources; water quality; and archaeological, cultural, and historic resources. It also includes documentation of measures to avoid and minimize effects to the natural and built environments and includes mitigation and other commitments. Financial implications of construction and operation of the transit system are also evaluated.

Comments concerning refinement of the design of the Airport Alternative subsequent to the Draft EIS may be addressed to Mr. Matley and Mr. Yoshioka at the addresses above during the 30 days following the *Federal Register* Notice of Availability. Substantive new comments received during the 30-day period will be addressed in the Record of Decision. A DVD of the Final EIS is available at no cost. The document is available on the project website at honolulutransit.org and may be reviewed at the following locations:

- City Municipal Library
- All State public libraries
- City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services, 650 South King Street, 3rd floor

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