

Dear Mayor Hannemann:

Thank you for your letter dated April 5, 2010, related to the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project (the "project"). In your letter you advised the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) of your proposal to modify a small section of the Honolulu rail project's preferred alignment, which would have crossed Honolulu International Airport's (HNL) central portion of the runway protection zone, to avoid substantially impacting HNL, ecologically sensitive resources, and noise sensitive communities. FTA staff have also received information from your consultants that describes the potential environmental effects of the proposed alignment adjustment. The proposed alignment adjustment in the vicinity of HNL would continue primarily on Aolele Street and would move to Ualena Street approximately 2,000 feet from Lagoon Drive. FTA analysts have thoroughly reviewed these data and determined that supplemental environmental work would not be required and that the discussion of impacts associated with the alignment adjustment may be incorporated directly into the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

There is much work that still needs to be completed, including consultation pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the alignment modification and finalization of the programmatic agreement. In addition, the results of analyses prepared by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) must be incorporated into the FEIS. FTA will transfer this to you under separate copy. FAA has pledged its full cooperation and support in expediting completion of the environmental process. I am confident that with the cooperation of other members of your team and your environmental consultants, we will be able to swiftly advance the FEIS.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 366-4040 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Peter Rogoff