

Mr. Mark A. McClardy
Manager, Airports Division

Dear Mr. McClardy:

Thank you for your letter of December 11, 2009 expressing an interest in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) becoming a cooperating agency in the development of the proposed Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP) Environmental Impact Statement.

This proposal is a significant undertaking under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321 *et. seq.*] and the locally preferred alternative will impact operations at the Honolulu International Airport (HNL). The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) agrees that under the procedural provisions of NEPA and the administration of the NEPA process, the FAA has special expertise regarding environmental matters at HNL. FTA appreciates FAA's offer of assistance as a cooperating agency under 23 CFR 1501.6, and appreciates the participation and support of FFA's staff going forward.

FTA welcomes FAA as a federal agency with jurisdiction by law, to the HHCTCP environmental process as a cooperating agency. Please contact blah, blah, blah...