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Mr. Wayne Y. Yoshioka
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Re: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMMENT ON THE HONOLULU HIGH-CAPACITY TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT DRAFT EIS/SECTION 4(F) EVALUATION

Dear Messrs. Matley and Yoshioka,

Kamehameha Schools (KS) was recently notified of the availability of the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). We have started our review and analysis of the DEIS/Section 4(f) Evaluation document. Comments on the DEIS are requested to be submitted to you by January 7, 2009.

The proposed transit project is of great interest to us because of the potential partial takings of over fifteen of KS' properties and its impacts on over one hundred of KS' properties, lessees, tenants, and their business along its route. Our review efforts include retaining outside consultants to help us understand the various issues discussed in the lengthy DEIS. We are requesting an extension of the time to submit comments on the DEIS to you for the reasons outlined below:

- The proposed project is a long-term, highly complex project that will impact communities along the High-Capacity Transit Corridor, including KS' properties, its lessees, tenants, and their businesses. We believe that it is imperative that KS and other affected persons and businesses be provided with a sufficient opportunity to thoroughly review the project DEIS. In our view, the proposed 45-day review for the DEIS is inadequate for this purpose.

- We did not receive the technical appendices to the project DEIS on a CD until the week of November 17, 2008, and request the opportunity to thoroughly review all of the appendices to the DEIS.

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- The current review period overlaps three major national holidays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. This effectively reduces the time that affected persons and business can actually spend on reviewing the materials and providing meaningful input to decision-makers.

For the reasons stated above, we respectfully request a review and comment period to March 23, 2009 (for an additional 75 days). Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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