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**HART STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERAL FUNDING
FOR HONOLULU RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT**

HART executive director and CEO Daniel Grabauskas issued the following statement regarding the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee approval of a transportation funding bill that includes federal funds for the Honolulu rail transit project.

“This is great news. We are pleased that the \$250 million in federal funds that President Obama had included in his FY2013 budget in February for the Honolulu rail project continues to move forward through Congress.”

“We are truly grateful to Senator Inouye, who chairs the Senate Appropriation Committee, and the rest of our Hawaii congressional delegation for their continued efforts in providing federal funding for this very important project for Oahu commuters. This shows great confidence in the project and reflects we are on the right path to receive the \$1.55 billion in federal funding.”

The Senate measure now goes before the full Senate for a vote before going to conference with the U.S. House. So far, the Honolulu rail project has already been allotted \$120 million in federal funding.

A copy of Sen. Inouye’s press release can be viewed at:

<http://www.inouye.senate.gov/news/press-releases/senate-committee-approves-thud-bill-supporting-honolulu-rail-transit>

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