

December 8, 2008

Mr. Wayne Yoshioka
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Dear Mr. Yoshioka:

I have several questions regarding issues I feel are not adequately addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement which was issued far too late for the voting public to review and, therefore, has become suspect of political overtones.

I am relieved that the Airport route is now being considered rather than the Salt Lake Route. I have been deeply concerned and depressed at the thought of this mammoth project running the length of our beautiful neighborhoods of Foster Village, Aliamanu and Salt Lake. I continue to be concerned about the aesthetics of this structure and its impact on the beauty of the Ewa flatlands and the overwhelming “bigness” of all that concrete running through the city areas. The stations also appear to be massive structures. I do not feel the DEIS has sufficiently addressed the issue of the visual effect of the transit system.

How will overhead structures, the noise and vibration levels and the interference during construction affect the many businesses and schools along the alignment? Will the businesses and schools be able to continue operation?

At the end of this project, the City will be forced to pay outrageous prices for property because land owners will have the upper hand. How seriously has the possibility of setting up a temporary rail yard near the airport or Aloha Stadium been considered?

I would also like to know what the future of Aloun Farms will be if they are forced to relocate.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Ted Matley, FTA Region IX
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December 10, 2008

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Dear Mr. Yoshioka:

I have some concerns regarding the DEIS.

I believe the DEIS does not adequately address the effects a hurricane would have on the operations of the proposed steel-on-steel transit system.

Is the EIS position that the steel rails will not corrode? We were told the same thing for the Stadium and then incurred major expenses for repairs of rust.

With the definite downfall of the economy, what provisions are planned to cover the deficits that will occur if the General Excise Tax surcharge is lower than budgeted?

Where will the restrooms be located at the stations? Will there be convenience stores, vending machines, seats for waiting at the platform? Will luggage, surfboards, bicycles, etc. be allowed on the train?

What provisions are planned to cover shortfalls in ridership?

Sincerely,

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December 12, 2008

Mr. Wayne Yoshioka
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Dear Mr. Yoshioka:

I have some questions regarding the Draft
Environmental Impact Statement.

The DEIS does not specify who locally will supervise
this project which was designed by mainland planners.
Does Hawaii have people skilled in this area? How
will construction workers be trained in the unique
skills required for building this rail system?

Regular, simple jobs of sewer repairs and upgrades and
other structural projects constantly cause the loss of
income and jobs to business near these projects. Have
the effects of these business interferences been
detailed?

Will there be a disruption of services for water,
sewer, gas and electric utilities during construction?

And finally, how will the rail impact the view of our
lands.

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