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201 Mission Street, Suite 1650
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Subject: Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project, Honolulu, Hawaii (CEQ #20130157)

Dear Mr. Matley:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the above-referenced document pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

We reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for this project and provided comments on February 12, 2009, and reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and provided comments on August 16, 2010. The FEIS resolved the concerns that we had identified following our review of the previous DEIS. We understand that this Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) is a limited-scope document that evaluates the Beretania Street Tunnel Alternative and reconsiders the no use determination for Mother Waldron Neighborhood Park under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act. We have rated the document as LO, *Lack of Objections*. Please see the attached *Rating Factors* for a description of our rating system. We encourage the Federal Transit Administration to include in the Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) any additional available information on traditional cultural properties that would affect project design.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the SDEIS. When the Supplemental FEIS is released for public review, please send one CD copy to the address above (mail code: CED-2). If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Mulvihill, the lead reviewer for this project, at 415-947-3554 or mulvihill.carolyn@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Summary of EPA Rating Definitions

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