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Mr. Wayne Yoshioka
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Dear Mr. Yoshioka:

I have numerous concerns about the DEIS for the Honolulu City and County's proposed **heavy** rail transit system. A few of them are:

1. I do not feel the issue of property acquisition and adequate reimbursement has been fully addressed. What about loss of business during relocation and construction and decreased value already occurring due to anticipation of acquisition and/or lengthy disruption ?
2. The immense adverse visual impact to Honolulu has been minimized and not adequately described. We need to have good, easily understood descriptions of the many stations planned as they will impact a large area that includes schools, homes and businesses. The size of these stations needs to be explained in detail.....the footprint of the station, height and amount of land surrounding each one needed for parking, bus accommodation, etc. How are they to be protected from vandalism, graffiti, and criminal activity?
3. What happens when we have a power outage like the one during a recent storm. This is not something speculative. **This will happen.** How do you propose getting people off of the trains and out of the stations?
4. What accommodation is there for luggage (assuming an airport route) and other large items people will need to be able to carry on a train, either to a place of work or back to their cars after shopping.

There simply has not been an **honest** presentation of the impact of the proposed rail system on businesses and residences on the route, nor the disruption of traffic during a very lengthy construction period. What recourse does a resident of an apartment have when he finds he has a noisy train running in front of his lanai every few minutes, blocking his view, ruining his life and making his apartment worth zero? Is the city prepared to deal with the many law suits that are inevitable?

Yours truly,

cc: Mr. Ted Matley
cc: Gov. Linda Lingle
cc: Honolulu City Council

