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Dear Chair Martin and Councilmembers:

Subject: Status Update #5, Tree Relocation Status
Honolulu Rail Transit Project
Resolution 11-111, CD1

The following summary provides an update on tree disposition associated with the Honolulu Rail Transit Project (HRTTP) as requested in Resolution 11-111, CD1. The last status update was provided to the City Council on August 22, 2013. The current report is for the period from August 1, 2013, through January 31, 2014.

For active construction, all field changes are overseen by Mr. Steve Nimz, certified arborist for both West Oahu/Farrington Highway and Kamehameha Highway Guideway contracts. All added trees are treated according to the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Record of Decision mitigation commitments T01-T06 described in the HRTTP Mitigation Monitoring Program.

A summary of disposition plan status, key items of interest, and community group coordination for the past six months are as follows:

West Oahu/Farrington Highway Section (East Kapolei to Pearl Highlands)

- Removal of one mango tree (8/15/13) and additional tree assessment for a construction yard in the Banana Patch area
- Maintenance tree trimming along Farrington Highway in Waipahu

Kamehameha Highway Section (Pearl Highlands to Aloha Stadium)

- HART has been working with Neal S. Blaisdell Park officials regarding tree mitigation efforts. Several large monkeypod trees, currently located in State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation right-of-way fronting the park, will be removed to accommodate the guideway construction in the median of Kamehameha Highway. HART will be planting replacement trees within the park.

Airport Section (Aloha Stadium to Middle Street)

- HART staff met with Ms. Cappy Fasi and Ke'ehi Lagoon Memorial Park staff in September 2013. Several guideway columns will be in the park and will require the relocation of about 20 trees to other locations on-site. Some of these relocated trees will be planted in front of the guideway, in order to help visually screen it.
- A preliminary tree disposition plan has been submitted and is under review by HART. The final design plans indicate about 500 trees to be removed or transplanted. Utility relocation is scheduled to begin in late Spring 2014, with about 50 trees being removed or transplanted.
- A certified arborist (Steve Nimz) prepared a tree assessment for the Pearl Harbor, Airport, Lagoon Drive, and Middle Street Stations. At Pearl Harbor Station, three major trees are recommended for preservation, while others are recommended for removal and replacement. At this time, the station design accommodates the large trees, with the need to remove or relocate some rainbow shower trees along Radford Drive. At the Airport Station, about 20 trees were identified for relocation. At the Lagoon Drive Station, three trees were identified for relocation, and for Middle Street Station, no significant trees or palms will be impacted.

City Center Section (Middle Street to Ala Moana Center)

- Minor trimming during this reporting period.

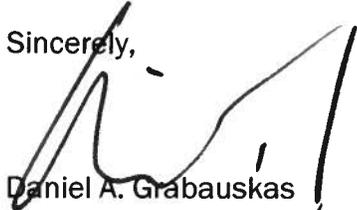
Community Group Coordination

- The Outdoor Circle (TOC) Coordination: HART met with the TOC on December 18, 2013, to discuss recent construction activities and upcoming landscape design submittals.
- Other Community Groups: No other community groups have indicated a desire for additional coordination on tree disposition at this time.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Ryan Tam, HART Systems Planning Manager, of my staff at Local 86189.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Grabauskas', written over a faint, illegible typed name.

Daniel A. Grabauskas
Executive Director and CEO

cc: HART Board of Directors
Ms. Ember Shinn, Managing Director