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The Honorable Barbara Marshall, Chair, and Members
City Council
City and County of Honolulu
Honolulu Hale
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

BY FACSIMILE: 527-5733

RE: Resolution No. 07-005 Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation (DOT) for the Transfer of Funds Related to the Ewa Highway Impact Fees

Dear Chair Marshall and Members:

I am Dean Uchida, testifying on behalf of the Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association (LOTMA), in support of Resolution No. 07-005.

LOTMA was incorporated in 1990, in an effort to collaboratively unite all of the major Leeward and Central Oahu region's landowners and developers to address mobility issues and accommodate the increasing transportation needs of this rapidly growing region. LOTMA's mission is to advocate, develop, and implement, in cooperation with government and the community, a coherent program aimed at improving mobility in Leeward and Central regions of Oahu; and to promote and facilitate the development and use of alternative transportation opportunities that would maximize the use of existing and proposed transportation systems in the Leeward/Central region.

This resolution allows for the transfer of funds collected by the City to the State for the construction of highway improvements in Ewa.

The original impact fee legislation was adopted in 2002 (Bill 52) and authorized the collection of impact fees to construct highway improvements in Ewa.

This agreement would allow for the transfer of funds, and construction of the necessary highway improvements in Ewa.

We believe that the improvements critical to alleviate some of the pressing transportation problems in the Ewa region. Thank you for the opportunity to express our views.

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