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Subject: 2014 Oahu Planning Certification Review Report Release

Dear Senator Espero:

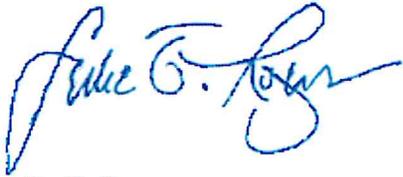
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) held a planning certification review of the Oahu metropolitan area over the summer of 2014. Combined with document review and participating agency interviews, the federal team evaluated the planning process for the Oahu metropolitan area.

The enclosed 2014 planning certification review report identifies specific actions, deadlines, and consequences for non-compliance with federal planning rules. The findings, corrective actions, and recommendations in three tiers based on what the review team felt was most important to establish a viable, fully functioning, and continuing, cooperative, comprehensive multi-modal metropolitan planning process. Each corrective action provides a list of agencies and committees responsible for addressing or resolving that corrective action. Each corrective action also has a compliance deadline – if the deadline is not met for a given corrective action, the consequence listed for that tier will take effect.

Based on the overall findings of the independent review team, FHWA and FTA jointly certify the federal planning processes of the OahuMPO as carried out by its staff and member agencies for the Island of Oahu, contingent upon the resolution of specified corrective actions within the timeframes outlined in this report. This certification will remain in effect until July 26, 2015, the first date on which several Tier 1 corrective action deadlines are identified. This certification remains in effect unless otherwise voided by FHWA and FTA due to failure to appropriately address the corrective actions.

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