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TO: Mr. Clayton Wong, Fiscal Officer

FROM: Council Chair Ernest Y. Martin

RE: HART Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project Washington DC Trip

Attached is my report and findings of the HART Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project Trip in Washington, D.C., April 7-9, 2014 relating to meetings with a Federal Transit Administration official and members of Congress.

If you have questions regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to call me directly.

HART Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project Meetings
April 7 - 9, 2014
Washington, DC

Monday, April 7, 2014

- ❖ Briefing by Mr. Denis Dwyer of Williams & Jensen, PLLC
 - Mr. Dwyer reviewed the schedule of meetings and the objectives of the HART Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project meetings with Federal Transit Administration Officials and Congress.

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

- ❖ Met with Homer Carlisle, Professional Staff Member of Chairman Tim Johnson, U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs and Rachel Johnson, Professional Staff Member of Ranking Member Mike Crapo, U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs
 - Provided Mr. Carlisle and Ms. Johnson with an update on the Honolulu Rail Transit Project, including that 70% of the project is locally funded, and we have entered into a \$1.55 billion Full Funding Grant Agreement with the FTA and highlighted the need for continued support of funding for the project, of which \$250 million is included in the President's FY2015 budget.
- ❖ Met with Heideh Shahmoradi, Minority Clerk, Senate Transportation and HUD Appropriations Subcommittee
 - Provided Ms. Shahmoradi with an update on the Honolulu Rail Transit Project, including that Hawaii ranks #2 in U.S. Freeway congestion in peak periods according to the Texas Transportation Institute's recent study, and we have entered into a \$1.55 billion Full Funding Grant Agreement with the FTA and highlighted the need for continued support of funding for the project, of which \$250 million is included in the President's FY2015 budget.

Meeting with various members of Congress to provide them with an update on the transit project.

- ❖ Met with the following Congressional members:
 - Congressman Tom Petri, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit
 - Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard
 - Congressman Nick J. Rahall, II
 - Congressman Tom Latham
 - Provided Congressman Petri, Congresswoman Gabbard, Congressman Rahall II, and Congressman Latham an update on the project including that 70% of the project is locally funded, and we have entered into a \$1.55 billion Full Funding Grant Agreement with the FTA and highlighted the need for continued support of funding for the project, of which \$250 million is included in the President's FY2015 budget.
 - Provided Congresswoman Gabbard an update that construction is well underway and we have reached more than 1,000 direct jobs associated with the project, and that despite the 13-month delay in construction last year, the project remains on track for full operation in March 2019.

- ❖ Meeting with Acting Deputy Secretary of Transportation Victor M. Mendez
 - Provided Acting Deputy Secretary Mendez an update on the project including that 70% of the project is locally funded, and we have entered into a \$1.55 billion Full Funding Grant Agreement with the FTA over 10 years with New Starts funding until 2017. Highlighted the need for continued support of funding for the project, of which \$250 million is included in the President's FY2015 budget.
 - Relayed that this is Oahu's single-largest public works project and that this is a true partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation to positively impact the daily lives of residents.
- ❖ Acting Administrator Therese McMillan
- ❖ Acting Under Secretary Peter Rogoff
 - Provided Acting Administrator McMillan and Acting Under Secretary Rogoff an update on the legal challenges that have been resolved for the project, that the project is on track to open in March 2019 and the contract performances with Ansaldo is making improvements to recover their design schedule and is being monitored by HART.
 - Thanked Acting Under Secretary Rogoff for his leadership and support of the project during its initial stages.

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Met with the following staff from the House and Senate Transportation and HUD subcommittees and the office of Senator Robert Menendez:

- Meeting with Kate Hallahan, Minority Staff Director, House Transportation and HUD Appropriations Subcommittee
- Fred Turner, Chief of Staff and Jackie Schmitz, Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator Robert Menendez
- Alex Keenan, Staff Director, Senate Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee
 - Provided Ms. Hallahan, Mr. Turner, Ms. Schmitz and Ms. Keenan with an update on the Honolulu Rail Transit Project, including that Hawaii ranks #2 in U.S. Freeway congestion in peak periods according to the Texas Transportation Institute's recent study, and we have entered into a \$1.55 billion Full Funding Grant Agreement with the FTA and highlighted the need for continued support of funding for the project, of which \$250 million is included in the President's FY2015 budget.
- ❖ Senator Brian Schatz
- ❖ Josh Dover, Legislative Assistant, Office of Representative Colleen Hanabusa
- ❖ Senator Mazie Hirono
 - Provided Senator Schatz, Senator Hirono and Legislative Assistant Josh Dover an update on the project including that 70% of the project is locally funded, and we have entered into a \$1.55 billion Full Funding Grant Agreement with the FTA and highlighted the need for continued support of funding for the project, of which \$250 million is included in the President's FY2015 budget.
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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

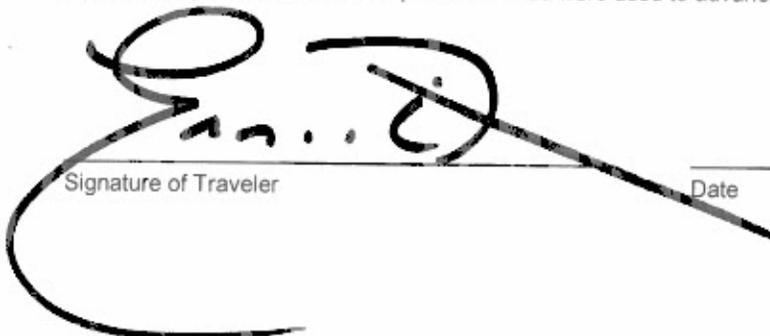
Date: April 23, 2014

Traveler: Ernest Y. Martin
 Event: HART
 Location: Washington DC
 Dates: From April 7, 2014 To April 9, 2014

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee		
2. Airfare	\$1,651.40	Leave 4/6/14 7:30pm; Return 4/10/14 2:23pm
3. Hotel	\$1,612.74	3 nights at the Hyatt (\$434.39, \$35.00 Business Pkg x3)
4. Meals	\$89.64 82.87	Receipts attached
5. Ground Transportation	\$62.38	Receipts attached
6. Tips	\$11.62 14.62	Taxi cab tips
7. Other	\$100.00	Baggage Fees
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8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	\$3,527.78 3524.01	

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This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment:


 Signature of Traveler

4/24/2014
 Date