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December 22, 2008

Mr. Brennon T. Morioka, Director Department of Transportation Aliiaimoku Hale 869 Punchbowl Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Morioka:

Subject:

Traffic Assessment for Development of Northwest Corner

Villages of Kapolei, Ewa, Oahu, Hawaii

Tax Map Key: (1) 9-1-016:035

The Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) received a copy of the Department of Transportation's letter dated June 6, 2008 which comments on the proposed traffic access to the subject property. HHFDC, a State of Hawaii agency, is the landowner of the subject property which we refer to as the Northwest Corner. The Northwest Corner currently does not have legal access either from Fort Barrette Road or Farrington Highway due to a lack of final development plans for the property. However, the property is quite large at over 26 acres in land area and is situated at a very accessible prime location within the Kapolei region, which would benefit from multiple access driveways along the major traffic corridors. The property is currently zoned BMX-3 which allows for high density development.

In order to make reasonable development use of the property that would contribute to our mission of developing affordable housing for the State of Hawaii, we ask that your department reconsider the restrictions imposed on the vehicular access to Fort Barrette Road regarding right turn out from the property. Our consultant has concurred with your department on many of the scenarios that are of concern to the DOT, except for the restriction on right turns originating from the property, which could severely impact all other access driveways into and out of the property (see attached letter from Julian Ng, Incorporated dated August 5, 2008).

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To mitigate the added burden onto Fort Barrette Road, we concur with the recommendation of the Traffic Assessment report of providing an additional north-bound traffic lane within the property to become part of Fort Barrette Road to accommodate the increased traffic demand generated by the property. We hope that this additional traffic lane would alleviate your department's concern regarding the right-turn out from the property.

Please feel free to contact me at 587-0641 or Leo Domingo, Project Coordinator, at 587-3170, if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Karen Seddon
Executive Director

Attachment

c: David Bills - Bills Engineering, Inc.