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To: Director of FTA Office of Civil Rights,
400 7th Street, S.W., Room 9102,
Washington, D.C. 20590.

Question: Could the City of Honolulu reduction in city bus service for the HART rail project be a Federal violation according to US Dept of Transportation Policy?

There are essentially over a thousand complaints in signed petitions which state that cuts in the Oahu Bus service are causing severe problems for the disabled, economically disadvantaged, and those of Hawaiian, Asian American and Pacific Islander communities due to service cut backs to support the still in planning stage HART rail project.

The HART rail project is projected to approximately double the transportation costs for the City while the city bus and paratransit services are being cut.

There are federal laws and policy that apparently apply which Honolulu Department of Transportation Services would need to be in compliance with:

Nondiscrimination: Title VI and Environmental Justice
http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/environmental_justice/facts/index.cfm

Environmental Justice Policy Guidance For Federal Transit Administration Recipients
http://fta.dot.gov/legislation_law/12349_14740.html

Please apprise my office of your opinion and any supporting applicable documentation.

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