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Aloha mai Kakou

I wish to express my personal support for Mr. Marc Takamori's appointment as the Director of County of Maui's, Department of Transportation. I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Takamori these past two years in my capacity as the Planning Program Administrator for the State Department of Transportation, Statewide Transportation Planning Office that is responsible for administering the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds received by the State. I have found Mr. Takamori to be a highly qualified administrator and manager with strong technical skills. Mr. Takamori's past experience serving as the Deputy Director of the Maui County Department of Transportation gives him insights and intricate details of the existing transit system that has undergone tremendous growth, expansion, and technical efficiencies during his tenure.

Working with Mr. Takamori and transit administrators from the Hawaii County Mass Transit Agency and the Kauai County Transportation Agency, the State Department of Transportation successfully applied for and received a \$1.5 million FTA grant to conduct a pilot study to convert buses to battery electric in each of the three Counties. Mr. Takamori's is a key asset in this pilot study that is one of the first steps towards achieving our statewide goal of reducing fossil fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions in ground transportation.

Mr. Takamori is a strong public transit advocate and a consummate professional and I can think of no one better prepared and qualified to lead Maui's transit program as it's Director

Sincerely
Robert Miyasaki