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February 19, 2008

Senator English  
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs  
State Capitol, Room 205  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813

Re: Confirmation of Brennon Morioka, as Director of the Department of  
Transportation.

Dear Senator English and Members of the TIA Committee:

As State Representative of Hawaii, District 46, I Michael Y. Magaoay stands in strong support of the confirmation of Brennon Morioka, as Director of Transportation.

It has been my observation that Mr. Morioka has consistently carried out his responsibilities, first as a Deputy Director and more recently as Interim Director of the Department of Transportation.

It has been my privilege and pleasure of working closely with Mr. Morioka on a number of issues. As I'm sure you know, my District around Waimea Valley are known for its rock slides. Unfortunately when these slides occur, Kamehameha Highway is often totally blocked. Mr. Morioka has always moved a crew into place immediately and kept me informed of the situation. He has displayed a keen awareness of the importance of providing a quick, yet safe access to Kamehameha Highway for our communities.

It is my belief that in the future Brennon Morioka will continue to be a valuable asset not only to my District but also to our State of Hawaii. For these and reasons and others, I strongly and without reservations recommend that Mr. Brennon Morioka be confirmed as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Malama Pono,

Representative Michael Y. Magaoay  
Chair of Legislative Management  
Majority Whip

Cc: Brennon Morioka



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Testimony of Barry Fukunaga  
Chief of Staff to the Governor

Before the

Senate Committee on Transportation & International Affairs

Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in Support of the Nomination of  
**Brennon Morioka**  
to the Position of Director of Transportation (GM 257)

Dear Chair English and Committee Members:

I strongly support the nomination of Brennon Morioka to the position of Director of the State Department of Transportation. Having served in the position, I am familiar with the duties, responsibilities and challenges that will be faced by the Director and Brennon is very capable of assuming this role. I have had the good fortune to work with Brennon when he was my Deputy Director for the Highways Division and I am very familiar with his strengths, capabilities, leadership and ability to work well with business and community members.

Brennon has led the development of significant improvements to our highways program, putting into place major projects designed to address critical highway expansion on all of our major islands. Since his interim appointment, he has led the department's effort to implement the harbors modernization plan, working closely with the Harbors User Group and the Department of Budget and Finance in the development of a financial program to support the effort and conducting informational briefings to acquaint community groups about the need and importance of our commercial harbors and the specific improvements that are being pursued to upgrade facilities under an expedited schedule.

The community outreach he has engaged in is a demonstration of the openness he has extended in dealing with communities affected by our state transportation programs. He has always stressed the importance of assuring public awareness, participation and involvement in development projects. In this respect, Brennon has fostered the implementation of the "context sensitive solutions" approach to projects, a process that emphasizes close coordination and community participation in all phases of projects.

Through such efforts, Brennon has clearly shown his ability to effectively lead the Department in undertaking planning and improvement efforts in a manner that is sensitive to community interests and concerns. As he has done with the Harbors Modernization Program, he has quickly immersed himself in the major improvement effort that is being pursued by the Airports Division. As Interim Director, Brennon has expanded his participation and leadership to direct the on-going airport modernization program and in the effort to upgrade our state commercial harbors he has taken the conceptual and initial planning stages into the coordinated development of both specific legislation and financial strategy to provide the basis for undertaking these critical improvements. His ability to quickly grasp the complexities of the various projects is due to his very impressive engineering background, in which he possesses a Ph.D. in Geotechnical Engineering and his commitment to improving the state's transportation infrastructure in a collaborative and coordinated manner.

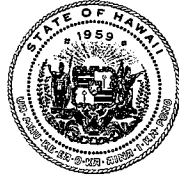
While I was the Department's Director, we sought to improve the overall capability and operational effectiveness of the Department through focused goals and objectives. This effort was aimed at improving the financial strength of our respective Divisions to enable the upgrade of our transportation infrastructure through repair of existing facilities and the development of additional improvements to increase capacity and efficiency. A third major area of focus was our effort to expedite the implementation and completion of projects. The fourth area of focus was improving customer service. Brennon committed himself to these objectives as a Deputy and now as a Department Director continues to pursue these objectives.

In his oversight of the Department Brennon has worked closely with the building and construction trades industries and with all segments of the transportation industry. Because of his sincerity and open and accessible manner he has gained trust and support from all quarters.

Brennon's leadership during times of emergency has been demonstrated on a number of occasions. He oversaw the expeditious repair of highway damage experienced in the Kiholo Bay earthquake; the Waimea Bay rockslide and more recently the emergency replacement of the Wainiha Bridge on Kauai. In each of these incidents, Brennon assumed immediate command of the situation and coordinated repair with our state crews, contractors and county and state government agencies.

It is a testament to his capability that he is highly respected by the staff of the department, state, County and federal officials and members of industry and the community. It was my pleasure and good fortune to have the opportunity to work with Brennon as a part of the DOT team during my tenure and I know he will continue to provide the type of direction and leadership that the Department needs in the years ahead.

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF HAWAII



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TESTIMONY OF MICAH A. KANE, CHAIRMAN  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

ON G.M. 257

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRENNON MORIOKA, for a term to expire 12-06-2010.

February 20, 2008

Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in strong support of Governor's Message 257 recommending Dr. Brennon Morioka as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Over the past 3 years, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) has worked closely with Dr. Morioka in his former capacity as Deputy Director of Transportation, Highways Division. Our working relationship with Dr. Morioka has allowed DHHL to better service our beneficiary group and to significantly increase homeownership opportunities for native Hawaiian families.

As DHHL shifted its development strategies from being a pocket developer to master plan community developer, it was imperative that proper coordination occur with the State Highways Division. Dr. Morioka's collaborative approach towards mitigating traffic issues and viewing development holistically has helped DHHL to build better communities. He recognized early on how a roadway system in many cases is a quality of life issue. His willingness to work alongside us has helped DHHL in being more successful in providing living, working, playing and learning opportunities in our communities.

A good example of his work is the recent legislative funding of the East-West Road in Kapolei, Oahu. Thanks to the support of the 2007 Legislature and Dr. Morioka's leadership, this long talked about roadway system will break ground in April 2008. This roadway system will complete the circulation system for the Ewa Plain and, equally as important, it will provide more than 2,400 Hawaii families an opportunity for an affordable home in Hawaii.

On behalf of the members of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, we would like to request your support for Governor's Message 257.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this matter.

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR



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February 15, 2008

(Via Facsimile: 587-7230)

Senator J. Kalani English and Committee Members  
Transportation and International Affairs Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 205  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Confirmation of Brennon Morioka as Director  
Department of Transportation, State of Hawaii

Dear Senator English and Committee Members:

I strongly support Brennon Morioka as Director of the Department of Transportation for the following reasons:

1. I have known him for a number of years and have found him to be of outstanding integrity, leadership, and result oriented advocacy skills.
2. He will lead the Department of Transportation in an efficient and orderly way.

Therefore, I strongly support his nomination. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darwin L.D. Ching". The signature is written in a cursive style.

DARWIN L.D. CHING

cc: Senator Colleen Hanabusa, Senate President  
Brennon Morioka

PRESENTATION OF  
LAWRENCE M. REIFURTH

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2008

Wednesday February 20, 2008  
1:00 p.m.  
Room 224

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 257**  
**Nomination of Brennon Morioka**

TO THE HONORABLE J. KALANI ENGLISH, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Lawrence M. Reifurth, and I am the director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA"). I am testifying **in strong support** of Brennon Morioka's nomination to the position of director of the Department of Transportation ("DOT").

Brennon Morioka currently serves as the DOT's Interim Director. He was appointed to this position in December 2007, when Barry Fukunaga was appointed as the Governor's Chief of Staff. Mr. Morioka served for three years as the Deputy Director of the DOT's Highways Division.

Mr. Morioka's substantial experience in the private sector serves him well with the DOT. He was formerly a Senior Geotechnical Engineer and Project Manager for URS Corporation, where he specialized in landfills and waste disposal technologies, earthquake engineering, and trenchless technologies such as microtunneling and directional drilling. Mr. Morioka grew up in Hawai'i and attended Iolani School. It is evident that he cares about Hawai'i's people.

In my role as Deputy Director and now as Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, I have had the opportunity to work directly with Mr. Morioka and to observe him working with others. I have experienced first-

Testimony in Support of Brennon Morioka  
Governor's Message 257  
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hand his commitment to Hawai'i's people and his willingness to spend countless hours outside the office addressing community concerns. Mr. Morioka is intelligent, easy to work with, and focused on getting the job done.

The DOT's reach is wide and its influence is great. In my observation, Mr. Morioka respects the department, its mission and those who are affected by it. I urge the committee to recommend favorably on his nomination to the full Senate.



LINDA LINGLE  
Governor



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TESTIMONY OF SANDRA LEE KUNIMOTO  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2008; 1:00 P.M.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 257  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS DIRECTOR OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
BRENNON MORIOKA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12/06/2010

Chairperson English and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for the consideration and confirmation of Dr. Brennon Morioka as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Dr. Morioka is a skilled administrator and has demonstrated effective leadership as Interim Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Deputy Director for the Highways Division. Dr. Morioka brings a wealth of specialized experience to the DOT including geotechnical engineering, expertise in landfills, waste disposal technologies, earthquake engineering, microtunneling and directional drilling. Dr. Morioka is a member of the Hawaii State Earthquake Advisory Committee and is the Co-Chair of the Geotechnical Committee, American Society of Civil Engineers.

I've had the opportunity to work with Dr. Morioka on a number of issues involving both transportation and agriculture. I've always found him to be willing to listen, inclusive in his thinking and creative in developing solutions.

Dr. Morioka's experience, expertise and leadership skills will support the DOT in fulfilling its mission to provide a safe, efficient, accessible, and inter-modal transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, and enhances the economic prosperity and the quality of life for Hawaii's citizens.

Dr. Morioka is innovative and astute in maximizing federal, state and county resources to sustain and enhance Hawaii's airports, harbors and highways. He would be an invaluable asset to the state of Hawaii as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for Dr. Brennon Morioka's confirmation as Director of the Department of Transportation.

February 19, 2008

TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL D. FORMBY

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 257

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Honorable Chair English and Members of the Committee:

It is my pleasure to recommend Brennon T. Morioka for Director to the Department of Transportation. Since my appointment seven months ago as Deputy Director for the Department of Transportation, Brennon has impressed me with his comprehensive understanding of the critical role the department has in providing an efficient transportation system, be it air, water or highways, for the state. He has the leadership skills and the willingness to work collaboratively with the community on critical transportation issues and find common ground in reaching solutions to address these issues. I look forward to working with him in more detail following his confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

February 20, 2008

TESTIMONY OF BRIAN H. SEKIGUCHI

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 257

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Chair English and members of the Committee, my name is Brian Sekiguchi and I am the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT), Airports Division.

I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Morioka since his appointment as Deputy Director of the DOT, Highways Division in January 2005. As Deputy Directors within the same department, we interacted extensively over the past three years. During this time, he has been a part of the DOT's Director weekly meetings of Airports, Harbors, and Highway Divisions. Through this and as he on occasions served as Acting Director, Mr. Morioka has been involved in Airports Division issues and decision-making matters as they relate to the Airports Modernization Program and the endless operational issues. As he served as Deputy Director of the Highways Division, he has also partnered with the Airports Division in addressing the myriad of land and property management issues as roads are a major part of Airports proper.

As a fellow engineer, I have known and worked with Mr. Morioka for several years as he was a professional engineer in the private sector for 13 years in our State. He definitely has the ability to view our operation at DOT from the perspective of the private sector while providing public service. With his involvement and leadership, we have been able to improve and streamline many processes at DOT to provide a more results oriented operation, that places a sense of urgency in moving major projects and programs forward.

As Deputy Director of the Airports Division for the past 5 years, there certainly have been challenging times. That can be expected with the responsibility of overseeing 15 airports on six islands, and serving over 95,000 passengers on a daily basis. However, as Deputy Director of the Highways Division, Mr. Morioka was faced with an even greater challenge, the responsibility of over 1,500 miles of roads throughout the state. Planning, constructing, and maintaining the State and Federal highways that are utilized by over a hundred thousand vehicles on a daily basis is a monumental challenge, and Mr. Morioka clearly excelled over the past 3 years.

Furthermore, Mr. Morioka's extensive education, work experience, and managerial style are ideal for one of the most demanding positions in the State. Since being named Interim Director, Mr. Morioka has proven that he possesses the skills necessary to serve as our next Director of Transportation. He has partnered with me to address airport matters and I have witnessed first hand, his ability to earn the respect and support of the many stakeholders we work with. He is considered an effective leader among his division staff, other departments, executive staff, other governmental agencies and consultants who play a critical role in all of his initiatives and programs. With Mr. Morioka's continued leadership, I have no doubt that the Department of Transportation will continue its exemplary performance through 2010.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment.

February 19, 2008

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs  
State Capitol, Room 224  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **GM 257**

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, BRENNON MORIOKA

Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2008  
Time: 1:00 P.M.  
Place: Conference Room 224

Dear Chair English and Vice Chair Gabbard:

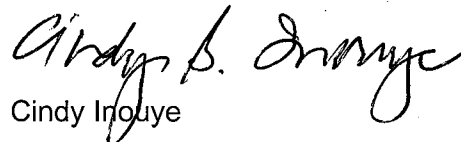
I am the Deputy Director of the Department of Human Resources Development. I am writing in strong support of Brennon Morioka's confirmation as Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

I have known Brennon for approximately two years. In my numerous interactions with him, initially when he was Deputy Director for DOT Highways Division and more recently in his capacity as Interim DOT Director, Brennon has always impressed me as a person with very strong leadership skills. He is intelligent, articulate, and decisive. He has good ideas and is an effective problem solver who clearly has the ability and vision to lead a large, challenging department like the DOT.

Brennon is a dedicated public servant who should be allowed to continue his good work for the people of this State. I respectfully urge that this Committee support his confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

  
Cindy Inouye

c: The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
Senate President

TESTIMONY OF FRANCIS PAUL KEENO  
ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 257  
(NOMINATION OF BRENNON MORIOKA AS THE  
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION)  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Wednesday, February 20, 2008  
1:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 224

Dear Chair English and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in **support** of Brennon Morioka as Director of Transportation.

Having worked with Mr. Morioka over the past two years, I feel I have a solid basis to form an opinion about his character and abilities. In my considered opinion, Mr. Morioka is a very knowledgeable and highly competent individual. He has a Bachelor's and a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He also has a Ph.D. from the University of Hawaii. On the practical side, Mr. Morioka has been a senior geotechnical engineer and a project manager for URS Corporation; and for the last three years, he has been the Deputy Director for our Highways Division. As a result of all this, Mr. Morioka has become very familiar with the problems and challenges facing the Department of Transportation. I have every confidence that Mr. Morioka has both good insights into these long-standing problems and the ability to evaluate and assess viable and practical options to resolve them.

Mr. Morioka is also very passionate about the Department of Transportation. He cares a lot about his employees. But he also wants them to succeed in meeting the public's demands and expectations. He is constantly pushing us to excel – for our own sense of accomplishment but also for the public's benefit. His enthusiasm for the Department of Transportation and his

G.M. 257, NOMINATION OF BRENNON MORIOKA AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

belief that the Department can achieve whatever goals it sets for itself, are contagious. These noted attributes are required for a good leader.

Finally, Mr. Morioka works in a very collaborative and collegial manner. This has been demonstrated in many ways. A few examples include the Investment Forum, where DOT invited legislators and private companies to come together to discuss the future of financing the State's transportation infrastructure; the many community informational meetings, where DOT went out into the communities to explain and solicit comments on proposed routes; and the negotiations with UPW to resolve numerous labor grievances and contract disputes. These are all examples of Mr. Morioka's style of resolving problems by involving all of the affected stakeholders.

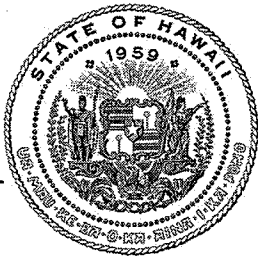
In conclusion, I believe Mr. Morioka is extremely capable of leading the Department of Transportation over the next 2-1/2 years and of leaving a solid foundation for the people of the State of Hawaii with respect to transportation solutions.

Accordingly, I strongly urge this Committee to pass G.M. 257, with the recommendation that the Senate give its advice and consent to the confirmation of Brennon Morioka as DOT Director.

Respectfully submitted,

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To: The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair  
And members of the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

Regarding: Confirmation of Brennon Morioka as Director of the  
Department of Transportation, State of Hawaii  
**Senate Hearing 2-20-08, 1:00 pm, Room 224**

Aloha,

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Brennon Morioka as Director of the Department of Transportation.

I believe Brennon's background, engineering experience, and prior service with the Department, as well as his understanding of Hawaii's challenges in transportation, whether in building new highways or repairing current ones, modernizing and upgrading our harbors and airport facilities, combined with his calm and consistent leadership skills make him an excellent choice as Director of this key department.

I ask that you recommend and support his confirmation. Mahalo

Sincerely yours,

Steve Bretschneider  
Chief Marketing Officer, DBEDT

cc: The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs  
February 20, 2008 at 1:00pm  
by  
Gene Awakuni  
Chancellor, University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu

Nomination of Brennon Morioka (GM 257)

Chair Kalani, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

I support the nomination of Brennon Morioka as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

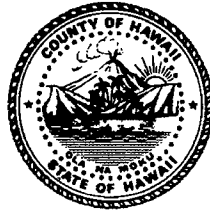
Mr. Morioka has played a pivotal role in the development of UH West O'ahu's new campus in the City of Kapolei. Mr. Morioka took great effort to collaborate and understand the needs of the West O'ahu region by meeting with the university and key community leaders and developers.

He clearly understood the economic and educational importance of the university to the region and the State of Hawai'i and therefore focused the department's attention to the expeditious opening of the North-South Road, which provides vital access to the new campus.

I strongly urge your support in appointing Mr. Morioka to Director of the Department of Transportation so that he may continue to provide his expertise and insight in helping the department prioritize projects that have great impact on the state's economy and well-being.



**Harry Kim**  
*Mayor*



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February 19, 2008

Mr. J. Kalani English  
Chair, Committee on Transportation  
and International Affairs  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair English and Committee Members:

Re: GM 257, Brennon Morioka

Please accept this testimony in support of Brennon Morioka's appointment to serve as Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Morioka in his capacity as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation and, more recently, as he held the position of Interim Director. He has shown himself to be knowledgeable, and responsive to the needs of the broad community.

I believe that Mr. Morioka deserves your support, and I hope you will act favorably by confirming him as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Aloha,

Harry Kim  
MAYOR

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TO: Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair  
Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

FROM: Gladys C. Baisa  
Council Member

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2008; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 257,  
RELATING TO DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to consider and confirm the nomination of Brennon Morioka for the position of Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have worked with Mr. Morioka on the Highway Safety Planning Committee and I am impressed by his commitment to the people of Maui County because he participates weekly in a radio call in show and not only answer all the questions asked by the people but follow up and produce results. In addition, he has a wonderful personality and is very knowledgeable.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

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**Bryan J. Baptiste**  
Mayor



**Gary K. Heu**  
Administrative Assistant

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February 19, 2008

Honorable Senator J. Kalani English  
Chair, Committee on Transportation & International Affairs  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 205  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator English  
and Comittecmembers:

May I take this opportunity to submit my letter of support for Senate confirmation of Mr. Brennon Morioka as Director, State Department of Transportation.

Over the years, Mr. Morioka has diligently worked with the County of Kauai in conjunction with the Department of Transportation on projects that included the Kūhi'ō Highway Improvements, Wailua Cane Haul Bridge, in moving forward with plans to construct two-lanes of northbound traffic and a bike lane, and the widening of Kūhi'ō Highway between the Wailua Bridges and the temporary bypass road in Kapa'a. Collaborative efforts during the structural improvements on the bridges in Wainiha and further discussions with the county on the Kaunualii Highway Widening Improvements are moving forward.

Mr. Morioka is acknowledged in the community for including public involvement in discussions pertaining to transportation and highway safety and we are confident that his leadership will continue to enlist support and consensus from state and federal officials for other major Kauai projects.

Your favorable consideration of Mr. Morioka's confirmation as Director of the State Department of Transportation will be sincerely appreciated.

Aloha pumehana,

Bryan J. Baptiste  
Mayor, County of Kauai

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February 20, 2008

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair  
& Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation & International Affairs  
State Senate, 24<sup>th</sup> State Legislature  
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Dear Chair English & Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation & International Affairs:

**SUBJECT: GM 257; SUPPORTING CONFIRMATION AS DIRECTOR OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE  
BRENNON MORIOKA**

I submit this testimony as an individual member of the Kaua'i County Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my unqualified support for the confirmation of gubernatorial nominee Mr. Brennon Morioka as the Director of the State Department of Transportation (State DoT).

In both my private and public capacities, I have continually been impressed by Mr. Morioka's responsiveness to issues affecting the County of Kaua'i, and of his desire to take part in solutions to our County's problems.

I further appreciate the fact that when State DoT transportation planning and improvement projects involving Kaua'i have been proposed, Mr. Morioka has often appeared on Kaua'i to personally listen to any concerns and input government officials and citizens alike may have to offer. Mr. Morioka has also followed through on recommendations, always remaining accessible and available.

Throughout his tenure at the DoT, Mr. Morioka has demonstrated that he cares about what is happening on Kaua'i. As a fellow government official, it is truly refreshing to see a person at the highest levels of State government as aware and attentive to the issues in the State's smallest County as Mr. Morioka has been and, hopefully, will continue to be.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Sincerely,

Ronald D. Kouchi  
Kaua'i County Councilmember

February 20, 2008

Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs  
The Senate  
State of Hawaii

Testimony of  
**Honolulu City Councilmember Nestor Garcia**  
GM 257  
Regular Session 2008

Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard and members of the Committee:

Thank for you this opportunity to offer testimony in support of Mr. Brennon Morioka for Director of the state Department of Transportation.

As the current Deputy Director of the Highways Division for the State DOT, Mr. Morioka has been very fair and reasonable to work with regarding proposed and existing transportation improvements in the Leeward and Central Oahu area.

His former experience as a private sector engineer is evident in his ability to fully understand and appreciate the need for good land use planning on behalf of the people.

As an example, after a brief discussion with Mr. Morioka about the need to continue to improve upon the Ewa Highway Master Plan, I drafted and the Honolulu City Council passed out Resolution 07-338 this past October, which requests the City departments of transportation services, and planning & permitting to expand the affected roadway system to include lateral connector roadways to improve circulation in the Ewa region. Additionally, the Council also moved out Resolution 07-339, which asks the same departments to create a similar funding mechanism for proposed roadways the Waiawa and Koa Ridge regions of Central Oahu.

Mr. Morioka exhibits a true spirit of cooperation and partnership in addressing our mutually growing transportation concerns. In my humble opinion, Mr. Morioka will serve the State well.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Nestor R. Garcia  
Councilmember  
District 9 – Makakilo, Mililani, Waipahu



February 21, 2008

TESTIMONY BY GORDON G.W. LUM  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OAHU METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL  
AFFAIRS

ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 257  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS DIRECTOR OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
BRENNON MORIOKA

Chair J. Kalani English and Honorable Members of the Committee:

I wish to express my strong support for the appointment of Brennon Morioka as the Director of the Hawaii Department of Transportation.

During the past three years, I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Morioka when he served as Deputy Director for HDOT Highways Division and, more recently, as acting HDOT Director. I have participated in numerous meetings with him involving City and State elected officials; federal highway officials; our State and MPO counterparts on the mainland; and his staff.

During these interactions, I have found Mr. Morioka to be very knowledgeable in the transportation planning and programming area and well respected in the field. Although he has strong opinions, he takes advantage of his staff resources by almost always asking "What is your recommendation?" Mr. Morioka is an honest and honorable person.

I believe that Mr. Morioka will be an invaluable asset to the State as its Director of Transportation.

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February 20, 2008  
2:45 p.m.

Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs  
Room 224

Testifier: Stephanie Ackerman

Re: CONFIRMATION OF BRENNON MORIOKA

My name is Stephanie Ackerman and I am Senior Vice President Public Relations and Government Affairs at Aloha Airlines. I am testifying in support of Brenno Morioka's nomination to serve as Director of the Department of Transportation.

We work closely with the state Department of Transportation on many issues, most of them related to the state airports system.

Mr. Morioka comes to you as the Department's interim director. Prior to holding that position, he was deputy director of the state Highways Division.

A graduate of Iolani School, he earned a degree in civil engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, and holds a doctorate from the University of Hawaii.

While we have not worked closely with him on air transportation issues, our staff members who have met him believe he can be an effective director who can work well with the Department's many and varied constituents, including the airlines that serve Hawaii.

We support confirmation of this nominee to be the next Director of Transportation.



February 20, 2008

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
ON GM 257 RELATING TO  
THE CONFIRMATION OF BRENNON MORIOKA  
AS DIRECTOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Thank you Chair English and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida, Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association which has 360 transportation related members throughout the state of Hawaii.

HTA supports the confirmation of Brennon Morioka as Director of the State Department of Transportation (DOT)

We have worked directly with Brennon on many issues the past few years. He gives you an opportunity to present different ideas and air different opinions, and evaluates them fairly.

Brennon has solid experience in the private sector as a Senior Geotechnical Engineer and Project Manager for URS Corporation in their Honolulu Office where he specialized in landfills and waste disposal technologies, earthquake engineering, and trenchless technologies such as microtunneling and directional drilling.

He also serves as an elected member of the Hawaii State Earthquake Advisory Committee and is a member of the Hawaii Section of ASCE where he is the Chair for the Geotechnical Committee.

Dr. Morioka's scholastic achievement is impressive as well with a Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley and completion of his doctoral studies at the University of Hawaii. He is also a graduate of Iolani School.

Thank you.



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### **TESTIMONY SUBMITTED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 257**

**February 20, 2008**

Chair English and Members of the Committee:

My name is Rodrick Aoki. I am with the Hawaii Airline Liaison Office and have been asked to present the following testimony on behalf of the Airlines Committee of Hawaii (ACH), which is comprised of 24 signatory airlines that underwrite Hawaii's 15-airport system.

Over the past five years, the ACH has worked diligently to develop a partnership between the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (DOT) and its air carriers. Much progress has been made, including concurrence on a \$2.3 billion airports modernization program, as well as the execution of a lease amendment that revises the airline rates and charges methodology to recover the associated costs of the program.

Although Mr. Morioka's tenure as Interim Director has been brief, his familiarity with the department while serving as Deputy Director of the Harbors Division the past three years has allowed him to step in immediately and effectively lead the DOT, earning the respect of his colleagues and in the process proving that he is well qualified for the position.

In addition, Mr. Morioka's extensive education in the engineering field and past work experiences in the private and public sectors provide him with the varying perspectives necessary to successfully lead such a diverse department.

Moreover, it is the opinion of the ACH that Mr. Morioka will provide the continuity that is critical to maintaining the partnering relationship between the DOT and the airlines, a necessary factor to successfully complete such a large and complex capital improvement program.

Accordingly, the Airlines Committee of Hawaii believes that Mr. Brennon Morioka is extremely qualified and strongly supports his appointment to become Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for considering the views of the 24 airline members of the ACH.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodrick Aoki



TESTIMONY  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

BY  
MICHAEL NAVARES  
GENERAL MANAGER, UNITED AIRLINES, STATE OF HAWAII

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2008

Good afternoon. My name is Mike Navares and I am the general manager of United Airlines here in Honolulu and the State of Hawaii. I am here today to testify before the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs in support of Brennon Morioka's appointment by the Governor as Director of the Department of Transportation for the State of Hawaii.

Currently serving as the acting director of the Department, Dr. Morioka is highly qualified for this position. His extensive engineering background together with his previous experience as Deputy Director of the Highways Division make him uniquely qualified to now lead the Department of Transportation at this critical time. Dr. Morioka is a skilled negotiator, highly accessible, and open to dialogue with his key constituents, including the airlines.

I am particularly impressed with Dr. Morioka's ability to understand complex aviation issues that directly impact the airline community. With the major airport modernization project now underway, it is critical that the Department of Transportation has a leader who can work closely with the airlines to make significant improvements to our airports throughout Hawaii. I believe that Brennon Morioka is extremely capable to serve in this capacity and wholeheartedly support his appointment to this position.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Navares".

Mike Navares

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
THE HONORABLE J. KALANI ENGLISH, CHAIR  
THE HONORABLE MIKE GABBARD, VICE CHAIR

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 257:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation as  
Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
**BRENNON MORIOKA**, for a term to expire 12-06-2010

**Testimony of Glenn Hong, President, Young Brothers, Limited**  
February 20, 2009

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 257 concerning the Governor's nomination of Brennon Morioka to the position of Director of the Department of Transportation of the State of Hawaii ("**DOT**"). **On behalf of Young Brothers, Limited, I submit this testimony in support of Mr. Morioka's nomination.**

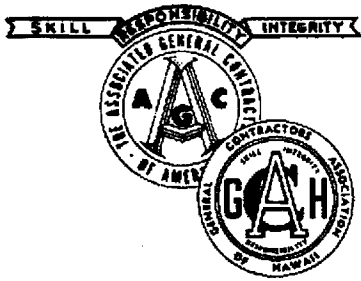
Mr. Morioka has an ideal combination of leadership, administrative and technical experience for this position. He previously headed the DOT's Highways Division as its Deputy Director and is currently the Department's Acting Director. He is a civil engineer by training and, as a professional in this field, his responsibilities have included project management, geotechnical investigation, analysis, design, and report writing for trenchless technologies (micro tunneling, directional drilling), solid waste landfills, landslide mitigation, and geotechnical foundation and infrastructure projects. He has previously served as a senior geotechnical engineer in the Honolulu Office of URS Corporation, one of the largest engineering firms in the world. He also was an engineer with Harding Lawson Associates and Metcalf & Eddy, Pacific.

Mr. Morioka is a member of the Hawai'i State Earthquake Advisory Committee, and serves as the Geotechnical Committee Chair, Hawai'i Section, of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He is also involved with the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, International Society of Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineers and Canadian Geotechnical Society.

Mr. Morioka earned a doctorate in civil engineering with a specialty in geotechnical engineering (foundations and soil engineering) from the University of Hawai'i (UH) at Manoa, College of Engineering, where he has also been a lecturer and teaching assistant. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from the University of California at Berkeley.

In short, Mr. Morioka's strong professional background and leadership skills, as well as his technical skills and training, make him an excellent choice to lead the DOT and undertake responsibility for complex and crucial airport, harbors and highways issues and challenges under the DOT's jurisdiction. I respectfully request that you recommend approval of his nomination as Director.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment of Governor's Message 257.



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TO: HONORABLE SENATOR J. KALANI ENGLISH, CHAIRMAN AND  
MEMBERS -SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND  
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF DR. BRENNON MORIOKA, DIRECTOR OF  
TRANSPORTATION

### NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 20, 2008  
TIME: 1:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 224

Dear Chair English and members of the Committee,

My name is Gerry Majkut, and I am the President of the General Contractors Association (GCA), an organization comprised of over five hundred-forty (540) general contractors, subcontractors and construction related firms, writing in support of the Senate's confirmation of Brennon Morioka as Director of Department of Transportation of the State of Hawaii.

Mr. Morioka has served as the Deputy Director for the Highways Division for the past three years and the GCA and its members have had numerous contacts with Mr. Morioka in his capacity as the Deputy Director that is responsible for public works contracts for the State of Hawaii.

We have always found Brennon responsive and helpful in resolving problems that arose regarding work by our members on Department of Transportation construction project.

The GCA strongly supports the appointment and confirmation of Mr. Brennon Morioka as the Director of the Department of Transportation.



TESTIMONY OF BLAINE MIYASATO ON BEHALF OF HAWAIIAN AIRLINES IN  
SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF BRENNON MORIOKA

February 20, 2008

To Chair English and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and  
International Affairs:

My name is Blaine Miyasato and I am vice president of customer services for Hawaiian Airlines, as well as a member of the Executive Committee of the Airlines Committee of Hawaii (ACH). I am writing to support the nomination of Brennon Morioka as Director of the Hawaii State Department of Transportation.

In our view, Mr. Morioka's extensive technical training, management experience in leading professional organizations and recent direct experience leading the DOT make him an excellent candidate for this position. We believe his collaborative style is already having a positive effect on working relationships and effectiveness at our airports and would welcome his appointment as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this nomination.

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Senator Kalani English, Chair  
Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

Wednesday, February 20; 1:00 PM  
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 224

**Re: GM 257 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRENNON MORIOKA, for a term to expire 12-06-2010.**

Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Chris Watanabe, Director of Consulting Services for CGI Technologies and Solutions Hawaii. I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Brennon Morioka for the position of Director, State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation.

I had the opportunity to work with Brennon on future IT initiatives at the Department of Transportation. Through the course of our discussions, I found him to be very informed, strategic in thinking, and realistic about the Department's current modernization challenges. Brennon is strong in people and management skills and a technically savvy engineer. The State of Hawaii has benefited from Brennon's contributions during his term as Deputy Director of the Highways Division and his expanded leadership role will undoubtedly bring about more positive changes.

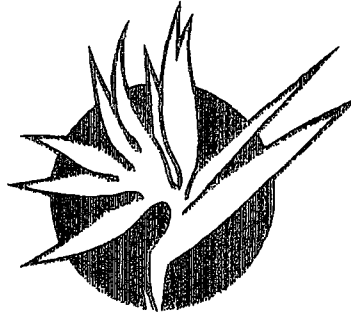
I strongly urge you to approve Brennon Morioka's nomination for the Director for the Department of Transportation. Please feel free to contact me at (808) 528-0267 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Aloha

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## AIRPORT CONCESSIONAIRES COMMITTEE

Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair  
Committee on Transportation and  
International Affairs  
State Senate  
State Capitol Building  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Hearing: February 20, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.; Conf. Room 224

Re: Gubernatorial Nominee: Brennon Morioka

Dear Chair English and Honorable Committee Members:

On behalf of the Airport Concessionaires Committee of Hawaii we support the nomination of Brennon Morioka as Director for Hawaii's Department of Transportation. Our Committee's membership consists of most of Hawaii's major concessions at public airports in Hawaii.

Mr. Morioka has distinguished himself while serving as Deputy Director of Transportation for the Highway's Division the past three (3) years. Throughout that time in our opinion he has proven himself as a capable and effective leader.

We note Mr. Morioka's background and skills are also impressive having obtained an M.S. in Civil (Geotechnical) Engineering from the University of California, at Berkeley in 1993 as well as a Ph.D. at the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 1999.

Mr. Morioka, with local roots as a graduate of Iolani High School and loving father of three (3) children, is also active in various community organizations such as the Bishop Museum, Honolulu Zoological Society and Japanese American Citizens League.

We respectfully urge you to accept the nomination of Brennon Morioka as Director for Hawaii's Department of Transportation. Thank you.

Airport Concessionaires Committee

By: Peter S. Fithian

It's: President



# Greeters of Hawaii

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Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair  
Committee on Transportation and  
International Affairs

State Senate  
State Capitol Building  
Honolulu, HI 98613

Hearing: February 20, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.  
Conference R. #224

RE: Gubernatorial Nominee: Brennon Morioka

Dear Chair English and Honorable Committee Members:

We support the candidacy of Brennon Morioka for Department of  
Transportation.

Please accept our nomination of Brennon Morioka as Director for  
Hawaii's Department of Transportation.

Greeters of Hawaii, Ltd.

By: Peter S. Fithian

It's: President





19 February 2008

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
Committee Members on Transportation and International Affairs  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Conference Room 224  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM257

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Director of The Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRENNON MORIOKA, for term to expire 12-6-2010

Dear Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard and Committee Members:

I am pleased to submit this recommendation in support of Mr. Brennon Morioka for confirmation as Director of the Department of Transportation.

On January 3, 2008, I had the privilege to meet Mr. Morioka at the Executive Committee Presentation of the Honolulu International Airport Terminal Modernization Program. During this presentation, I observed Mr. Morioka's demeanor to be highly professional. I was pleased to see how he engaged the consulting team in a positive and encouraging way.

I am confident that Mr. Morioka will distinguish himself as a capable leader in the role of Director of The Department of Transportation. We at HOK are further convinced that a good working relationship will be established if he is indeed confirmed for this position.

Regards,  
HOK

Todd S. Osborne  
Vice President

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February 19, 2008

The Honorable Kalani English, Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation  
& International Affairs  
State Capitol, Room 205  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Chair English and Members of the Senate Committee:


SUBJECT: GM 257, Brennon Morioka, Gubernatorial Nominee  
Director, Department of Transportation

I am writing to express my support of the confirmation of Brennon Morioka as the Director of the State Department of Transportation.

I have known Mr. Morioka for a number of years and have had the recent opportunity to work with him in his capacity as the Interim Director of the State Department of Transportation. In my dealings with him, he has displayed an ability to grasp the facts of a situation very quickly, to be a very reasoned, big picture thinker and a very articulate communicator—skills which will be an asset to the Director of the Department of Transportation. Given Mr. Morioka's educational background, his past work experience, most particularly his prior position as the Deputy Director for the DOT Highways Division, and the deep commitment he has shown in all of his past positions, I think he is an excellent candidate for this position. The citizens of Hawaii would be fortunate to have him leading this key department in state government.

Based on the above, I ask for your support of Mr. Morioka's confirmation as the Director of the State Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,



Meredith J. Ching  
Senior Vice President  
Government & Community Relations



February 18, 2008

Hawaii State Senate  
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs  
Senator J. Kalani English, Chair

Re: Support for Confirmation of Brennon Morioka as Director of the  
Department of Transportation (Governor's Message No. 257)

Dear Chair English and Committee Members:

I urge you to confirm the appointment of Brennon Morioka, Ph.D., P.E., as the Director of the Hawai'i Department of Transportation. In his three years as Deputy Director - Highways Division, and his subsequent service as Interim Director of the Transportation Department, Dr. Morioka has proven that he has the "right stuff" to lead this large and complex organization.

Dr. Morioka is a respected civil engineer who also has the necessary leadership qualities and communication skills to be highly effective as Transportation Director. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley and earned his doctorate at the University of Hawai'i. He was formerly a Senior Geotechnical Engineer and Project Manager for URS Corporation, specializing in landfill and waste disposal technologies, earthquake engineering, microtunneling and directional drilling.

Dr. Morioka's respect among his peers is reflected in his election as a member of the Hawaii State Earthquake Advisory Committee and as co-chair of the Geotechnical Committee of the Hawaii Section of American Society of Civil Engineers. Moreover, Dr. Morioka's ability to set priorities and empower his troops to achieve them has earned him credibility as a public manager within the Department of Transportation.

The State of Hawai'i needs leaders such as Dr. Morioka. Please confirm his appointment as state Transportation Director.

Sincerely,

Chris Parsons  
Vice President



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February 19, 2008

**Committee:**

Senate Committee on Transportation & International Affairs

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair

Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2008

Time: 1:00p.m.

Place: Conference Room 224, State Capitol

RE: Testimony for consideration and confirmation as Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Brennon Morioka, for a term to expire 12-6-2010

Dear Senators,

I offer this testimony in support of Brennon Morioka for the position of State Director of Transportation. Mr. Morioka has built a distinguished record in the department since his appointment as deputy director of DOT'S highway branch in 2004.

During his short tenure in the department he has demonstrated considerable ability and effectiveness in guiding the department's diverse planning and operational activities. His career as a professional engineer makes him an ideal candidate for this extremely important position.

We are fortunate to have someone with his talent and energy to guide one of the most important departments in state government. I strongly urge the committee to vote in favor of recommending Brennon Morioka as Hawaii's next director of transportation.

Sincerely,

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John L. Garibaldi  
President and Chief Executive Officer



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Honorable Senator J. Kalani English  
Chairman and Members -Senate Committee on Transportation and Internal Affairs  
Hawaii State Capitol Building  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Testimony in Support of the Confirmation of Dr. Brennon Morioka for  
Director of Transportation  
Hearing Wednesday February 20, 2008 1:00 p.m. Conference Room 224

I support the confirmation of Dr. Brennon Morioka as the Director for the Department of Transportation.

Over the past six years I have had the opportunity to work with Dr. Morioka while he was a Senior Geotechnical Engineer in private practice and while he was a Deputy Director and the Acting/Interim Director of the Hawaii Department of Transportation.

He has always been fair, concise, and follows through on outstanding issues. His leadership abilities, technical expertise, and communication skills make him well suited for this position. I have served on the State Commission on Transportation since 2003 and have observed firsthand Dr. Morioka's passion for public service.

Sincerely,

John J. Romanowski  
Vice President



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February 20, 2008

The Honorable Senator English, Chair, and Members  
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs  
State Senate, Room 224  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair English and Members:

**Subject: Governor's Message No. 257 Consideration and Confirmation of Dr. Brennon Morioka, PhD, as Director of the Department of Transportation**

My name is Christine H. H. Camp, Chair of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Land Use and Transportation Committee. The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii works on behalf of its members and the entire business community to:

- Improve the state's economic climate
- Help businesses thrive

**Chamber strongly supports G.M. No. 257 for consideration of Dr. Brennon Morioka as the Director of the Department of Transportation.**

Dr. Morioka served as a senior geotechnical engineer in the Honolulu Office of URS Corporation, one of the largest engineering firms in the world. He also was as an engineer with Harding Lawson Associates and Metcalf & Eddy, Pacific.

Dr. Morioka is a rare find for government service with his highly successful experience in the private sector, and impressive educational background. He earned a doctorate in civil engineering with a specialty in geotechnical engineering (foundations and soil engineering) from the University of Hawai'i (UH) at Manoa College of Engineering, where he has also been a lecturer, research assistant and teaching assistant.

During his tenure as the Deputy Director for Highways at the Department of Transportation, he brought results oriented attitude to the Department and has been instrumental in identifying the need to plan for funding infrastructure in the future as the conventional methods of financing are expected to shrink.

We believe that he will continue to plan for the future transportation infrastructure needs of the state as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our views.

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RE: GM 257  
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Director of The Department of  
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expire 12-6-2010

Dear Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard and Committee Members:

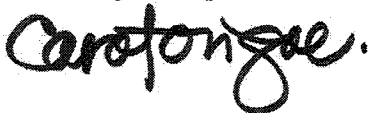
It is with great pleasure that I respectfully submit written testimony in support of Mr. Brennon Morioka for confirmation as Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have had the privilege of meeting and working with Mr. Morioka on the Modernization Project at Honolulu International Airport.

Mr. Morioka's professionalism and style is probably best exemplified by the respect and high regard for him among the airport staff and consultants. His management skills are of the highest caliber, and in this regard, my colleagues and I have only had positive experiences and have only heard positive comments about Mr. Morioka.

We look forward to Mr. Morioka's continued leadership if confirmed and strongly feel he is a distinguished gentleman with qualifications of the highest caliber and utmost character. I am honored to testify to support the confirmation of Mr. Brennon Morioka for the Directorship of the Department of Transportation.

Yours truly,  
*KYA Design Group, Inc.*



Carol M. Torigoe, AIA  
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February 19, 2008

State of Hawaii 24th Legislature  
Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs  
Senator Kalani English, Chair  
Conference Room 224, State Capitol  
415 South Beretania St.  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Confirmation Hearing GM 257 for  
Brennon Morioka as Director, Department of Transportation

Dear Senator English,

It is with great pleasure that the Cement and Concrete Products Industry (CCPI) of Hawaii supports the confirmation of BRENNON MORIOKA as Director of the Department of Transportation for the State of Hawaii. Our industry has diligently worked with Mr. Morioka for the past several years during his tenure as Deputy Director of Transportation.

Mr. Morioka has consistently displayed a high degree of integrity, intelligence, and directness. He has always demonstrated open communications with our industry. His sound judgment and long range planning will ensure a more practical and cost effective approach to the endeavors of the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Morioka has already been a great asset to the department, and we are pleased to give our endorsement to him as the Director, Department of Transportation. Mahalo!

Sincerely,

Wayne Kawano, President  
Cement and Concrete Products Industry of Hawaii

**testimony**

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**From:** Shaun Ushijima [shaun@usharch.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2008 12:02 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** FW: Support of Brennan Morioka

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**From:** J. Kalani English [mailto:kalani@kalanienglish.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2008 12:01 PM  
**To:** Shaun Ushijima  
**Subject:** Re: Support of Brennan Morioka

Thanks Shaun,

This is my private email, and you need to send this testimony to our official email address so that it makes it into our system.

The address is: [testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)

Mahalo,

Kalani

On Feb 19, 2008, at 11:54 AM, Shaun Ushijima wrote:

Honorable Kalani English,

I am writing this e-mail in support of the confirmation of Mr. Brennan Morioka to the State of Hawaii Director of the Department of Transportation. I have known Brennan for over 15 years now and our relationship not only stems from our friendship, but sharing the same values in giving back to our community. Both he and I were involved in coaching Varsity Football at Iolani School after which he moved on to obtain his doctorate in Engineering and began teaching at the University of Hawaii, soon after, pursuing positions involved with the Politics of Hawaii. Because of my family's background in politics throughout the late 60's through the early 80's, I can relate to your position in having to justify the capability of individuals involved in wanting to serve the State of Hawaii regardless of race, party, age, and gender. I have served on the State of Hawaii Engineering Architects Surveyors, and Landscape Architects (EASLA) Board, am currently on the Board for the Japanese Cultural Center, Oahu AJA Baseball Association, the Honolulu Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, Board Liaison for the State Council on Architects, and can commit that Mr. Brennan Morioka is more than qualified to take on such a position and will be an employee of the State that will uphold the valued integrity of his confirmed Director's position. The State is truly fortunate to consider such an individual.

Sincerely,  
Shaun Ushijima, AIA  
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February 18, 2008

Testimony of Eric C. H. MacDonald  
Governor's Message No. 257

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRENNON MORIOKA, for a term to expire 12-6-2010

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

I am writing to express my strong support for the confirmation of Brennon Morioka as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

In my position as Consultant Program Manager for the Terminal Modernization Program for the Honolulu International Airport, I have attended and provided briefings to Mr. Morioka since his appointment as Acting Director of the Department of Transportation. These briefings have involved either his counterpart Directors for other State of Hawaii Departments or his subordinate Deputy Directors and Division Administrators for the Department of Transportation. In every briefing, Mr. Morioka has received the respect due his position, demonstrated effective leadership as appropriate his position and in addition is clearly well liked personally by those he interacted with. Mr. Morioka is clearly extremely intelligent and a dedicated public servant. In my opinion, he has the leadership and visionary skills required to lead the Department of Transportation for the next three years. As a licensed professional engineer in the State of Hawaii with a doctorate degree in engineering, he immediately grasps the key design issues regardless of the technical discipline and as such is well qualified for the overseeing the diverse technical issues that confront our State. He is proven to be an excellent communicator and a strong team builder as demonstrated by the immediate success he has achieved in his current position as a Acting Director of the Department of Transportation. I am not aware of a more qualified person for this critical and important position.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Respectfully,



Eric C. H. MacDonald, MCILT  
Vice President, Parsons Transportation Group, Inc.



February 19, 2008

Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair  
Committee on Transportation and  
International Affairs  
Hawaii State Senate  
State Capitol Building  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Hearing: February 20, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.; Conf. Room 224

Re: Gubernatorial Nominee: Brennon Morioka

Dear Chair English and Honorable Committee Members:

On behalf of DFS Group, LP we respectfully submit this written testimony in support of the nomination of Brennon Morioka as Director for Hawaii's Department of Transportation.

Although our company primarily operates airport concessions, many of our representatives have met Mr. Morioka from time to time and have observed him while he has been serving as Deputy Director of Transportation for the Highway's Division the past three (3) years.

During his years of public service, it is our opinion that Mr. Morioka has distinguished himself as a capable, effective and caring leader. His capabilities are well establish by his M.S. in Civil (Geotechnical) Engineering from the University of California, at Berkeley in 1993 as well as the completion of his doctoral studies and Ph.D. at the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 1999 while working as a Senior Geotechnical Engineer for URS Corporation in Hawaii.

While Deputy Director for the Highway's Division, Mr. Morioka's effectiveness and leadership were demonstrated by his Division's various activities including the sudden repairs and improvements to many of Hawaii's roadways and highways caused by natural disasters and other events. As the loving father of three (3) young children, Mr. Morioka has further demonstrated his sense of caring and love for our community through his membership in various organizations such as the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, Bishop Museum and Honolulu Zoological Society.

We respectfully urge you to accept the nomination of Brennon Morioka as Director for Hawaii's Department of Transportation. Thank you for considering our testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon R. Weiner".

Sharon R. Weiner  
Vice-President

SRW:lmk

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# Hawaii Harbor Users Group

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February 19, 2008

Chair English and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation & International Affairs:

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The Gas Company

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SUBJECT: GM 257, Brennon Morioka, Gubernatorial Nominee  
Director, Department of Transportation

The purpose of this written testimony is to support the confirmation of the Gubernatorial Nomination of Brennon Morioka as the Director of the State Department of Transportation.

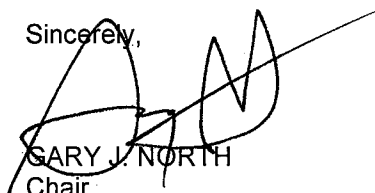
The Hawaii Harbor Users Group (HHUG) is a non-profit maritime transportation industry group comprised of the following key harbor users: Matson Navigation Company, Horizon Lines, LLC, Young Brothers/Hawaii Tug & Barge, Norwegian Cruse Line, Sause Brothers Inc., Aloha Cargo Transport (ACT), Hawaii Stevedores, McCabe Hamilton & Renny Stevedores, Hawaii Superferry, Tesoro Hawaii Corporation, The Gas Company, Ameron Hawaii, and Hawaiian Cement.

With the present shortage of port facilities at our commercial harbors along with critical capacity issues including the lack of berthing and back up area space, infrastructure improvements are needed for harbor expansion and upgrades. The continued growth in cargo transportation, the cruise industry, and in other harbor uses has significantly increased an already strong demand for harbor facilities, with reserve capacity at our harbors severely constrained.

HHUG has collaborated with the State Administration and the Legislature to develop a Harbor Modernization Plan to address Hawaii's many pressing harbor infrastructure needs. This plan, which represents a comprehensive system wide harbor improvement strategy, includes statewide harbor infrastructure enhancements to ensure that harbor facilities and capacity is in place to meet both current and future demands.

HHUG has had the opportunity to work with Mr. Morioka on the Harbor Modernization Plan since his appointment as the Interim Director of the State Department of Transportation. HHUG has been especially pleased with the high level of commitment and dedication elicited by Mr. Morioka in the implementation of this comprehensive harbor improvement plan. In light of Mr. Morioka's dedication and focus in working with HHUG on the Harbor Modernization Plan as well as on the many other pressing needs of the harbor users, HHUG supports Mr. Morioka's confirmation as the Director of the State Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,



GARY J. NORTH  
Chair

Hawaii Harbor Users Group

February 19, 2008

Chair English and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation & International Affairs:

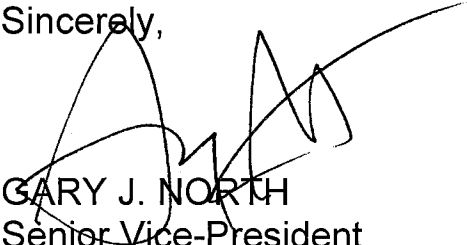
SUBJECT: GM 257, Brennon Morioka, Gubernatorial Nominee  
Director, Department of Transportation

The purpose of this written testimony is to support the confirmation of the Gubernatorial Nomination of Brennon Morioka as the Director of the State Department of Transportation.

I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Morioka over the past few months in his capacity as the Interim Director of the State Department of Transportation. Mr. Morioka has diligently focused upon addressing the critical harbor infrastructure needs along with various operational issues and concerns facing Hawaii's harbor users. I have had the opportunity to witness his commitment, experience, and professional skills in action. Mr. Morioka also has a positive track record in his prior position as the Deputy Director of the State Department of Transportation overseeing the Highways Division.

It is based on these observations that I support Mr. Morioka's confirmation as the Director of the State Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,



GARY J. NORTH  
Senior Vice-President  
Matson Navigation Company

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February 19, 2008

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The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair and  
Members of the Senate Committee on  
Transportation and International Affairs  
State Capitol, Room 224  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 257: Consideration and Confirmation as Director  
of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial  
Nominee, Brennon Morioka

Nikki T. Senter

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Dear Chair English and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation  
and International Affairs:

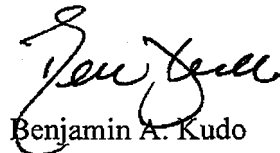
I would like the Committee to favorably consider Mr. Morioka's appointment to  
be the Director of the State Department of Transportation.

I believe that Mr. Morioka has done an excellent job at fulfilling his  
responsibilities while at the Department. I have had a chance to work with  
Mr. Morioka on several occasions involving negotiations on transportation  
improvements with my clients. Mr. Morioka has always taken very reasonable  
and fair positions in protecting the interests of the State. What I particularly  
respect is his commitment and ability to reach a definitive solution on issues  
presented. In my many years of dealing with various State regulators and  
administrators Mr. Morioka's commitment to reach a solution is a rare quality.  
Therefore, I respectfully ask that you confirm Mr. Morioka's appointment to the  
Directorship.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the  
undersigned.

Very truly yours,

IMANAKA KUDO & FUJIMOTO

  
Benjamin A. Kudo

BAK:ay

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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON  
TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
SUPPORTING NOMINATION OF BRENNON T. MORIOKA AS  
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
BY  
STEVEN GOLDEN**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2008**

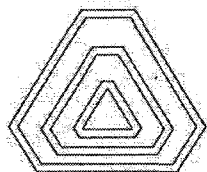
Chair English, and members of the Committee:

I am Steve Golden, Vice President of External Affairs for The Gas Company. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony supporting the nomination of Brennon T. Morioka as Director of the Department of Transportation, with a term to expire December 6, 2010.

As a public utility involved in the construction of gas mains and services and the shipment of liquefied petroleum gas through the harbors of all the major Hawaiian Islands, The Gas Company has constant interaction with the Department of Transportation's Highways and Harbors Divisions. Through both his educational background and his experience as Deputy Director for the Highways Division, we believe that Mr. Morioka is well qualified to manage the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for allowing The Gas Company to present these comments.





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The Honorable Senator J. Kalani English, Chair  
Members of Senate Transportation and International Affairs Committee  
State Capitol Room 224  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Governor's Message No. 257  
Testimony in Support of Confirmation for  
Mr. Brennon Morioka (Director of Transportation)

Dear Senator English:

I strongly support the confirmation of Mr. Brennon Morioka as the Director for the Department of Transportation.

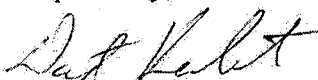
I have known Mr. Morioka for a number of years and have tremendous respect for his management and leadership capabilities. His technical expertise gained in the private sector as well as excellent communication skills blended with his public administration experience make Mr. Morioka an excellent nominee to lead our Department of Transportation.

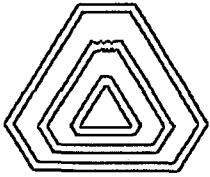
Along with his technical and leadership skills, Mr. Morioka's greatest asset is his people skills and youthful energy to create and realize a vision for an improved transportation system for our State.

Personally, I have come to know Mr. Morioka as a dedicated individual who sincerely cares about family and community. I believe he understands that this nomination is an opportunity to positively impact his children's and Hawaii's future.

As a fellow engineer and community member, I am confident that under Mr. Morioka's leadership, the many transportation challenges and concerns facing our State will be successfully met.

Respectfully,

  
Dexter Kabota, P.E.  
President



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February 18, 2008

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair  
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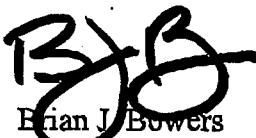
Subject: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRENNON MORIOKA, for a term to expire 12-6-2010

I am writing to express my strong support for the confirmation of Brennon Morioka as the Director of the Department of Transportation. If I were not previously scheduled for a business trip to Maui, I would definitely be providing this testimony to you in person.

I have known Mr. Morioka for over 10 years as both a public servant with the Department of Transportation and as a professional engineer working in the private sector. Mr. Morioka is extremely intelligent, a dedicated public servant, and has the leadership and visionary skills required to lead the Department of Transportation for the next three years. As a licensed professional engineer in the State of Hawaii with a doctorate degree in engineering, he is superbly qualified for the technical issues that confront our State. He is an excellent communicator, a team builder, and has the proven ability to lead large and complex organizations as demonstrated by the success he has achieved in his current position as a Deputy Director with the Department of Transportation. I cannot think of a more qualified person for this critical and important position.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Respectfully,

  
Brian J. Bowers  
President

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Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair  
Committee on Transportation and  
International Affairs

Hawaii State Senate  
State Capitol Building  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Hearing: February 20, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.; Conf. Room 224

Re: Gubernatorial Nominee: Brennon Morioka

Dear Chair English and Honorable Committee Members:

I respectfully write in support of the nomination of Brennon Morioka as Director for the Department of Transportation, State of Hawaii.

Although I have not agreed with Mr. Morioka on a number of matters I believe he is a capable leader and has distinguished himself while serving as Deputy Director of Transportation for the Highway's Division the past three (3) years.

I have opposed Mr. Morioka while testifying at the legislature. Regardless of such opposing views I've found Mr. Morioka to be forthright, sincere and honest. As an example, the past two (2) sessions on behalf of my client, Catrala-Hawaii, I have questioned Mr. Morioka as to the validity of a DOT survey supporting the argument that the national average for u-drive vehicles as to surcharge taxes is \$6 a day. Mr. Morioka has honestly admitted to us that the DOT survey was simply done and thus the DOT cannot defend the figure of \$6 a day. Still further, Mr. Morioka has told me that he has informed legislators that the DOT's survey cannot be defended if the figures cited therein are challenged. As you know, Catrala Hawaii has challenged such a figure for a variety of reasons and believes the \$2 a day figure as used in Florida is the appropriate comparison for Hawaii. In Catrala-Hawaii's views the \$6 daily figure is clearly wrong and is based on DOT misinterpreting the data as Catrala-Hawaii explained to the DOT.

From what I have observed Mr. Morioka is an honest, hard working and capable leader and thus I support his nomination. Thank you for allowing me to submit this written testimony.

Sincerely,  
s/ James J. Stone

cc: All Honorable Senators at Hawaii State Legislature, and Brennon Morioka

**Hugh Y. Ono, P.E.  
1252 Malawaina Street  
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**February 19, 2008**

**Honorable Senator J. Kalani English  
Chairman and Members -Senate Committee on Transportation and Internal Affairs  
Hawaii State Capitol Building  
Honolulu, HI 96813**

**Testimony: Confirmation of Dr. Brennon Morioka, Director of Transportation:**

**By this letter, I am requesting your support to confirm Dr. Brennon Morioka as the next State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation Director.**

**I have personally had the opportunity to work with Dr. Morioka over the past 5 years and truly appreciate the leadership that he has brought to the Department of Transportation as a Deputy Director and especially to the State Highways Division.**

**Having had been the State Highways Administrator that continues to work in certain roles with the DOT, have personally observed the leadership, direction and very sound decision making that have since been taking place.**

**I am a total believer that Dr. Morioka will elevate the Department of Transportation to a new level of public respect not to mention his impeccable past experiences and education.**

**With that, I ask that you confirm Dr. Brennon Morioka, P.E., to the position of Director of Transportation.**

**He will be one of the State's best Directors of the Department of Transportation and I would certainly welcome any phone call to discuss this further.**

**Sincerely Yours,**



**Hugh Y. Ono, P.E. - Ret. State Highways Administrator**



Steve Choo  
Regional Manager

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February 18, 2008

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

Subject: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Director of  
the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
BRENNON MORIOKA, for a term to expire 12/6/2010

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for the confirmation of Brennon Morioka as Director of the Department of Transportation.

I first met Mr. Morioka when he was the Deputy Director of the Highways Division for the Hawaii State Department of Transportation. Then again, as Acting Department of Transportation Director when he was a guest speaker at a Hawaii Highway Users Alliance board meeting. I was impressed with his in-depth knowledge of the transportation crisis and his ability to express his vision for Hawaii. Since then, I've had other opportunities to speak with Mr. Morioka on various transportation issues and he continues to demonstrate his vast knowledge and leadership skills.

Mr. Morioka's educational background, together with his practical technical knowledge and leadership skills, makes him an ideal candidate for the Director of the Department of Transportation position.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Mr. Morioka.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Choo', is written over a large, light-colored oval scribble.

Steve Choo  
Regional Manager  
Hawaii Region



February 19, 2008  
Via Email

The Honorable Senator English, Chair, and Members  
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs  
State Senate, Room 224  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Subject: Governor's Message No. 257 Consideration and Confirmation of  
Dr. Brennon Morioka, PhD, as Director of the Department of  
Transportation**

Dear Chair English and Members:

My name is Robert Wilkinson, President and CEO of Grace Pacific Corporation, Hawaii's premier contractor in asphalt paving. For more than 75 years, Grace Pacific has worked closely with various administrators at every level of government on various public works projects. Our experience indicates that there are few administrators with the aptitude, background and real world experience of Brennon Morioka.

**Grace Pacific and its 600 employees strongly support Dr. Brennon Morioka for consideration as the Director of the Hawaii State Department of Transportation.**


Dr. Morioka served as a senior geotechnical engineer in the Honolulu Office of URS Corporation, one of the largest engineering firms in the world. He also was as an engineer with Harding Lawson Associates and Metcalf & Eddy, Pacific.

Dr. Morioka is a rare find for government service with his highly successful experience in the private sector, and impressive educational background. He earned a doctorate in civil engineering with a specialty in geotechnical engineering (foundations and soil engineering) from the University of Hawai'i (UH) at Manoa College of Engineering, where he has also been a lecturer, research assistant and teaching assistant.

During his tenure as the Deputy Director for Highways at the Department of Transportation, he brought results oriented attitude to the Department and has been instrumental in identifying the need to plan for funding infrastructure in the future as the conventional methods of financing are expected to shrink.

We believe that he will continue to plan for the future transportation infrastructure needs of the state as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,  
  
Robert F. Wilkinson  
President and CEO

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February 19, 2008

Senator J. Kalani English  
Chair, Transportation & International Affairs Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Brennon Morioka Appointment as Director, state Department of Transportation

Dear Senator English,

I am writing to you on behalf of Mr. Brennon Morioka to recommend his appointment as Director of the state Department of Transportation. My name is Robert Cundiff and I am the General Manager for Weyerhaeuser in Hawaii. I also currently serve on the Board of Water Supply and as Chairman of the Board of the Hawaii Employers Council.

I have had the privilege of knowing Brennon for several years and have a tremendous amount of respect and admiration for him and his accomplishments. Brennon has shown the distinct ability to succeed in public or private business formats and his experiences have provided him with exceptional qualifications that make him an excellent candidate to lead the state Department of Transportation. Most recently, Brennon's responsibilities with the state Department of Transportation, specifically as Deputy Director, Highways Branch and interim Director, have afforded him specific insight into the complexities of the Department and his experiences gained in this capacity, combined with his training as a civil engineer make him the ideal person to succeed the position of Director. In my observation, Brennon displays high character, integrity and values that guide his decisions and how he treats people. His honesty, decisiveness and fairness have afforded him much success and have earned him respect at all levels within the Department of Transportation. As these key qualities guide his actions, he has also earned the respect from various leaders in the Business community, as well as others that have had the opportunity to interact and get to know him. His ambition and competence continue to drive his ability to genuinely make a difference in our community and his promotion to Director is a natural progression toward utilizing his skills and talent. In addition, as a current Board member with the Board of Water Supply, I look forward to the opportunity to work closely with Brennon on Board business. His energy, experience and expertise will be a great addition to the Board.

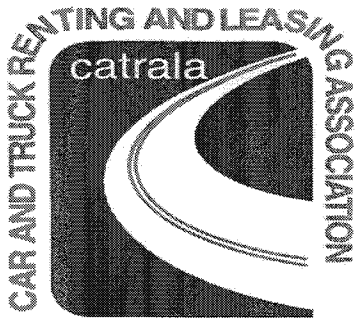
As a Hawaii citizen, I feel entirely confident in Brennon's ability to lead the Department of Transportation and welcome his Leadership. His trustworthiness, commitment and credibility make him an excellent appointee. Governor Lingle has chosen Brennon and I wholeheartedly agree with her selection. I highly recommend and support Mr. Brennon Morioka's appointment as Director of the state Department of Transportation.

Yours Truly,



Robert Cundiff  
General Manager





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Hearing: February 20, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.; Conf.

### Re: Gubernatorial Nominee: Brennon Morioka

Dear Chair English and Honorable Committee Members:

My name is Wayne Tanaka, Legislative Committee Chair, for Catrala Hawaii which represents the major u-drive/car rental companies in Hawaii and the many businesses which support our industry. Catrala-Hawaii supports the nomination of Brennon Morioka as Director for the Department of Transportation, State of Hawaii.

Although Catrala has not agreed with Mr. Morioka on a number of matters we believe he is a capable leader and has distinguished himself while serving as Deputy Director of Transportation for the Highway's Division the past three (3) years.

In particular we are pleased that Mr. Morioka has honestly clarified for legislators and others that when challenged the DOT cannot validly support the argument that the national daily average for surcharge taxes for u-drive (rental) motor vehicles is \$6 a day as assumed and reported by one or more Senators. Catrala has met with the DOT and challenged the \$6 a day figure which is not valid. Hawaii's figure should be \$2 a day like Florida.

As you know, u-drive (rental vehicles) were "singled out" about 9 years ago for a "temporary" \$1 increase in the daily surcharge tax from \$2 to \$3 per day. Last year the tax was suppose to sunset from \$3 to \$2 a day but was extended one year while matters were further explored. It is Catrala's position that if more monies are needed for the highway fund then all revenue sources need to be considered and u-drive/rental vehicles should not be unfairly singled out. If taxes, fees and charges are to be increased, then for udrive/rental vehicles

Catrala-Hawaii  
Re: Morioka Nomination  
February 18, 2008  
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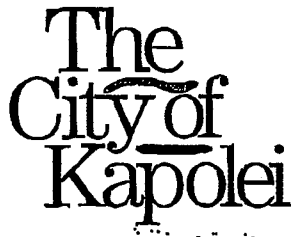
such increase should start from the base of \$2 and not \$3 since only u-drive vehicles were singled out 9 years ago and the increased was on a temporary basis.

Still further, Catrala-Hawaii supports the position of the Joint Senate and House Task Force which studied the Highway Fund this past summer and concluded that the DOT needs to report in part back to the 2009 legislature how the future needed revenues for the highway fund is to be raised from a variety of sources for various reasons including an anticipated 43% drop off in federal support and subsidies. In keeping with the Joint Task Force recommendation, Catrala supports legislation extending the \$3 one more year (not letting it sunset back to \$2) while the DOT prepares such a report and recommendation for the 2009 Legislative Session. We believe this is a fair approach and consistent with the position of the Joint Senate and House Task Force. We urge you to support this approach. Unfortunately, SB 2501 (which was not referred to your Senate Transportation Committee) in our opinion acts contrary to the Joint Senate and House Task Force and in one of its forms seeks to make the \$3 a day permanent and thus unfairly singles out the u-drive industry.

If one is to “honestly and intelligently” look at destinations competing with Hawaii for tourists and their daily surcharge taxes, Catrala believes Florida is a fair example. In Florida, the daily surcharge tax for u-drive/rental vehicles is \$2 a day. Further, many tourists travelling to Florida do not have to travel the minimum 2,500 miles required by tourists seeking to visit Hawaii.

In closing and while we may differ with the opinions of Brennon Morioka on some issues, we respectfully urge you to confirm his nomination since he is an honest, capable and hard working individual and has demonstrated his leadership qualities and abilities these past 3 years as Deputy Director of the DOT. Further, we urge you to be fair to the u-drive industry and its employees by supporting Catrala’s position regarding the daily surcharge tax as noted above.

Thank you for considering our position on these matters.



February 20, 2008

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Transportation  
State Senate  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard and Committee Members

Confirmation of Brennon T. Morioka

My name is David W. Rae and I am the Senior Vice President, Development for Kapolei Property Development LLC, an affiliate of the James Campbell Company LLC. Thank you for allowing me to testify today.

I am here to express my strong support for the confirmation of Brennon T. Morioka as the Director of the Department of Transportation ("DOT"). I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Morioka over the past three years in his capacity as the Deputy Director of DOT, Highways Division and now as the Acting Director, and am very impressed with his work ethic and command of the issues faced by DOT. In addition to his proven leadership experience, Mr. Morioka has a Ph.D. in civil engineering and has worked for over ten years in the engineering field. These skills are essential in running a department whose mission is to oversee the construction and maintenance of roads in the state.

As Kapolei continues to develop and become the truly "great" city that everyone expects, we need someone like Mr. Morioka at the head of DOT to ensure that the state plans roads with the future in mind. Necessary projects like the Kapolei Interchange Complex and the North-South Road, as well as future regional transportation improvements are important issues and require someone with the experience and background to oversee their development. I have the utmost confidence that Mr. Morioka is exactly the man to accomplish this and more.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

Sincerely,

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David W. Rae  
Senior Vice President, Development

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## Coalition of Hawaii Engineering & Architectural Professionals

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American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers (HSPE)

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Hawaii Water Environment Association (HWEA)

Hearing: Wed, February 20, 2008

Time: 1:00pm, CR 224

Subject: Confirmation for Brennon Morioka, Director of Transportation  
GM 257

Honorable Senator J. Kalani English, Chair, Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair and Members of Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

The Coalition of Hawaii Engineering and Architectural Professionals are comprised of members of Hawaii's design professional community and it is with great pleasure that we **Support** the recommendation of Mr. Brennon Morioka for the Director of the State Department of Transportation.

Mr. Morioka is highly respected by the design professional community as a knowledgeable design professional, manager, with integrity and high ethical standards and we have witnessed his dedication to the State of Hawaii in his various roles. He has the necessary leadership skills, engineering knowledge, ability to communicate both in writing and public speaking on highway, airport, harbor and engineering issues. He was the recipient of the Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers "Young Engineer" of the year several years ago.

Personally I have worked with Mr. Morioka in his former engineering capacity and well as his role in the State Department of Transportation. He is a qualified design professional that has worked for the public and private sectors and knowledgeable on issues that face our community and we **highly recommend** him for the Director's position.

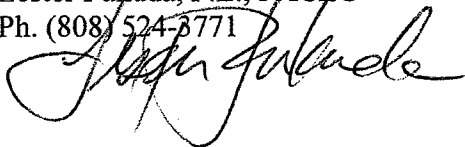
Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Coalition of Hawaii Engineering & Architectural Professionals

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Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair  
Committee on Transportation and  
International Affairs

State Senate  
State Capitol Building  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Hearing: February 20, 2008 at 1:00 PM; Conf. Room 224

Re: Gubernatorial Nominee: Brennon Morioka

Aloha Chair English and Honorable Committee Members:

My name is Alan Yamamoto, District General Manager with HMSHost Corporation; we support the nomination of Brennon Morioka as Director for Hawaii's Department of Transportation. Our company operates the food and beverage concessions at Lihue, Kahului and Honolulu airports in Hawaii.

Mr. Morioka has distinguished himself while serving as Deputy Director of Transportation for the Highway's Division for the past three (3) years. Throughout that time, in our opinion, he has proven himself as a capable and effective leader.

We note Mr. Morioka's background and skills are also impressive having obtained an M.S in Civil (Geotechnical) Engineering from the University of California, at Berkeley in 1993 as well as Ph.D. at the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 1999.

Mr. Morioka, with local roots as a graduate of Iolani High School and loving father of three (3) children, is also active in various community organizations such as the Bishop Museum, Honolulu Zoological Society and Japanese-American Citizens League.

We respectfully urge you to accept the nomination of Brennon Morioka as Director for Hawaii's Department of Transportation. Mahalo.

HMSHost Corporation  
Hawaiian Islands

By

Alan Yamamoto  
District General Manager

STANFORD CARR DEVELOPMENT, LLC

19 February 2008

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

Subject: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, **Brennon Morioka**, for a term to expire 12-6-2010

Honorable Senators;

I am writing to express my enthusiastic and heartfelt support for the confirmation of Brennon Morioka as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

I have known Mr. Morioka for a number of years, in his roles as a public servant with the Department of Transportation and as a professional engineer working in the private sector. Mr. Morioka is a dedicated and caring public servant and has demonstrated the leadership and visionary skills required to lead the Department of Transportation for the next three years. As a licensed professional engineer in the State of Hawaii with a doctorate degree in engineering, he is well qualified to deal with the myriad technical issues that confront our State.

He is an excellent communicator and team builder, and has the proven ability to lead this large and complex organization as demonstrated by the success he has achieved in his current position as a Deputy Director with the Department of Transportation. I cannot think of a more qualified or deserving person for this critical and important position.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Respectfully,



Stanford S. Carr

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February 15, 2008

Senator J. Kalani English  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 205  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Confirmation of Brennon Morioka

Dear Senator English:

I hope all is well. I am writing this letter to you in support for the confirmation of Brennon Morioka as the Director of the Department of Transportation for the State of Hawaii. I have had the opportunity to observe Brennon in his role as Deputy Director of Highways and I have found his integrity and reputation beyond reproach. In our dealings, he has always been candid and showed that he understood how to get things done within the Department and for the benefit of the State of Hawaii.

With the assistance of Senator Daniel Inouye, Brennon and I have worked together on leadership issues affecting Japanese Americans and the critical role we can play internationally on improving U.S. and Japan relations. Brennon was also selected out of a national search to be one of 13 delegates to represent the U.S. as part of the Japanese American Leadership Delegation in 2007. In my dealings with Brennon in this capacity, I have found him to exhibit leadership qualities and values that are important to head such a Department in order to have people come together to resolve differences and solve problems.

Therefore, I believe he will be an exceptional Director and that the State of Hawaii will benefit under his leadership. Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts about Brennon with you and I hope that you will support his nomination.

Very truly yours,



ROBERT K. ICHIKAWA

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February 19, 2008

Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair  
Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International  
Affairs

**I am testifying in support of Governor's Message 257, for consideration and confirmation of Brennon Morioka as Director of the Department of Transportation for a term to expire December 6, 2010.**

The American Society of Civil Engineers was established in 1852 and is the oldest professional engineering organization in the United States. The Hawaii Section of ASCE was established in 1937 and is comprised of nearly 1,000 civil engineers from both the public and private practice.

Dr. Morioka is a member of ASCE and I first met him at the meetings of the Hawaii Section during his earlier career in private practice. At the national level, the ASCE Board of Direction has adopted official Policy Statements on major technical, professional and educational issues of interest to the civil engineering community. Policy Statement 416 encourages the selection and appointment of qualified professional engineering practitioners to positions requiring professional engineering knowledge for operational or management decisions. The Hawaii Department of Transportation requires the type of leadership recommended by ASCE. A copy of the Policy Statement is attached.

Overseeing the planning, construction, and maintenance of the state's transportation facilities is crucial to the economic well being, safety and convenience of our community and requires a broad range of knowledge and engineering management skills. Hawaii is one of the few states with land, sea, and air transportation modes under a single director. In addition to the continuing concerns for the statewide problems with highway congestion, the department will be challenged with the implementation of multi-billion dollar capital improvements programs for the modernization of airports and harbors as well as maintaining the existing infrastructure.

I am confident that Dr. Morioka possesses the requisite skills to fill the demanding responsibilities of the Director of Transportation. I urge your favorable consideration for his appointment.

Sincerely yours,



Owen Miyamoto  
Local Legislative Affairs Liaison



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February 20, 2008

To: Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair  
Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

Fr: Harry A. Saunders, President  
Castle & Cooke Hawai'i

Re: GM 257 Consideration and Confirmation of Brennon Morioka as Director of the Department of Transportation for a term to end 12-06-2010  
Senate Transportation and International Affairs  
February 20, 2008, 1 PM; Conference Room 224

On behalf of Castle & Cooke Hawai'i, we would like to offer our support of GM 257 for the confirmation of Brennon Morioka as Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT), for a term to expire December 6, 2010.

Mr. Morioka is a licensed civil engineer with substantive experience working within the DOT working as deputy director of the Highways Branch since 2005. Before then he was a Senior Geotechnical Engineer and Project Manager for URS Corporation in their Honolulu Office, where he specialized in landfills and waste disposal technologies, earthquake engineering, and trenchless technologies such as micro-tunneling and directional drilling. He also was an engineer with Harding Lawson Associates and Metcalf & Eddy, Pacific.

Mr. Morioka earned his doctorate in civil engineering from the University of Hawai'i (UH) at Manoa College of Engineering. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from the University of California at Berkeley. He is also a graduate of Iolani School.

Mr. Morioka has technical skills and a proven record of leadership which qualify him to lead such a large and diverse agency.

For these reasons, Castle & Cooke Hawai'i supports the confirmation of Brennon Morioka as Director of the Department of Transportation.

TESTIMONY OF KU`UHAKU PARK  
GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER  
HORIZON LINES, LLC.  
BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL  
AFFAIRS  
HAWAII STATE SENATE  
ON FEBRUARY 20, 2008  
IN REGARDS TO GM257 – THE NOMINATION OF BRENNON MORIOKA AS  
THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Chair English, and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs. I am Ku`uhaku Park testifying on behalf of Horizon Lines, LLC, in support of GM 257; the nomination of Dr. Brennon Morioka as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

We have worked with Dr. Morioka over the past five years in his capacity as the Deputy Director of Highways, where we have always found him to be knowledgeable and thorough whenever addressing our concerns.

In responding to our requests, he has never avoided any issues, nor has he ever denied any of our requests without a detailed explanation of how his department came to its decision.

Over the last three years I have had the honor of being on the State's Commission on Transportation where we have had many briefings by Dr. Morioka. With his advanced degrees in engineering, I have always expected him to be well versed in the physical workings of highways, but what impressed me in these meetings was his proficiency in dealing with the bureaucracy of financing and funding; how state and federal monies can be used and combined, as well as noting their limitations.

In our direct dealings with Dr. Morioka he has been knowledgeable, accessible and decisive. We think that he possess all the attributes needed to be a fine Department head, and look forward to working with him in that capacity.

Thank you for your kind and serious consideration of our testimony in support of GM 257.



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19 February 2008

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

Subject: Confirmation of Dr. Brennon Morioka as the Director of the Department of Transportation for a term to expire 6 December 2010.

I am writing to make a personal testimony in strong support for the confirmation of Dr. Brennon Morioka as the Director of the Department of Transportation. If my schedule allows, I will appear in person to provide testimony on his behalf on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 @ 1:00 pm.

I have known Dr. Morioka for many, many years. He was an outstanding doctoral student in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the College of Engineering at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and he has proven himself to be more prominent as a Hawaii State professional licensed engineer in the private sector. Dr. Morioka's keen analytical intelligence coupled with his dedication to the public, and exceptional vision has transformed him into a necessary leader to effectively and efficiently run a department and/or agency. His current position as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation should be an indication of his skills in leading large and complex projects and organizations to completion and success. These communication, organization, vision, and delegation skills are absolutely essential in optimally running the Department of Transportation to its full potential. I believe, currently, Dr. Morioka is absolutely the most essential person for this important and critical position.

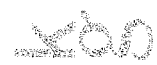
Thank you for this opportunity to testify on Dr. Brennon Morioka's behalf.

Sincerely,

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Senator Kalani English, Chair  
 Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

Wednesday, February 20; 1:00 PM  
 Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 224

**Re: GM 257 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as  
 Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
 BRENNON MORIOKA, for a term to expire 12-06-2010.**

Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to communicate my support of the nomination of Brennon Morioka for the position of Director, State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation.

I have had the opportunity to work with Brennon during his tenure as Deputy Director of the Highways Division. I found him to be a decisive, though thoughtful, decision-maker and an inclusive leader. His strong technical skills are augmented by equally well-developed people skills. I have no doubt that Brennon's transition from the Highways Division to the Director's Office will be seamless and look forward to working with him in his new capacity.

Thank you for the opportunity to support the confirmation of Brennon Morioka as Transportation Director.

Patrick Kobayashi  
 Executive Vice President  
 Kobayashi Group

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Testimony of Kyle Chock  
Executive Director  
The Pacific Resource Partnership

Before the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs  
Senator J. Kalani English, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 20, 2008  
1:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 224

Aloha Chair English and Members of the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs:


It is my pleasure to testify in full support of GM 257, submitting for consideration and confirmation as Director of the Department of Transportation, gubernatorial nominee, Brennon Morioka.

As the current Acting Director of the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation, Brennon Morioka has made a smooth transition into the directorship after serving 3 years as the Deputy Director for the Highways Division. With traffic gridlock at its worst, the Department of Transportation will best be served by Mr. Morioka, who has the work experience and education to help the state alleviate its gridlock pressures.

Being an engineer with background in landfills and waste disposal technologies, not to mention earthquake engineering, Morioka is the person who will be able to tackle, head-on, the problems we are currently facing. Be it building infrastructure for the transit system, durable enough to withstand an earthquake or deciding on how to utilize waste into energy, while protecting our land and people, Mr. Morioka has proven to have the knowledge and management skills to lead the State and resolve our current transportation issues.

A look at the publications and presentations that Brennon has written just adds to his knowledge and more than qualifies him for the position of Director of the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts on GM 257 and ask for your favorable consideration on confirming Brennon Morioka as Director of the Department of Transportation.

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February 19, 2008

TO: HONORABLE SENATOR J. KALANI ENGLISH, CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF DR. BRENNON MORIOKA, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chair English and Members of the Committee,

Ralph S. Inouye Co., Ltd. (RSI), general contractor, strongly supports the Senate's confirmation of Brennon Morioka as Director of Department of Transportation of the State of Hawaii.

Although we have not had the privilege of knowing Mr. Morioka for very long, RSI is in the process of doing several projects for Mr. Morioka at the Honolulu International Airport and at Pier 2 (Harbors Division) while he has been the Acting/Interim Director of the Department of Transportation. I can say without hesitation that it has been a pleasure being of service to his Department and his people. They are a preferred client of our company because of the way he and his Department treats contractors with respect and fairness. We have found Brennon responsive and helpful in ensuring construction projects are processed in the spirit of partnership and cooperation.

Ralph S. Inouye Co., Ltd. strongly supports the appointment and confirmation of Mr. Brennon Morioka as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,

RALPH S. INOUE CO., LTD.



Lance M. Inouye  
President

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**19 February 2008**

**Testimony of Steven L. Perliss**

**Governor's Message No. 257**

**Committee on Transportation and International Affairs**

Chair English and members of the Committee, my name is Steven L. Perliss and I am a principal and Regional Director of the Western Region for Lea+Elliott, Inc.

I have had the opportunity of working with Mr. Brennon Morioka on Honolulu International Airport's Terminal Modernization Program in his role as Interim Director of the State Department of Transportation. Mr. Morioka demonstrates an understanding of the issues facing the airport as it endeavors to modernize its facilities and provides the team guidance in a constructive manner. Based on this contact I feel confident he is an excellent choice for the position of Director of the Department of Transportation.

Additionally I have attended Neighborhood Board meetings while Mr. Morioka was Deputy Director for the Highways Division where in response to citizens questions he demonstrated a firm grasp of issues not only related to highways, but also related to the airport and the port, and sensitivity to the public's concerns.

Not only has he honed his skills as Interim Director, but as you are no doubt aware, he comes to us from the Honolulu Office of URS, and so has experience working with this Department both internally and externally. I am sure that under his continued aegis this Department cannot but continue on its excellent course.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,  
Lea + Elliott, Inc.



Steven L. Perliss  
Principal

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February 14, 2008

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair, and  
Committee Members  
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 205  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Chair and Members of the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs:

RE: Appointment of Brennon Morioka as Director of the Department of Transportation

I support the appointment of Brennon Morioka as Director of the Department of Transportation. I have known Mr. Morioka for over thirty years. His word has been a bond of trust and service. I am confident in his commitment to excellence in service, personal integrity, and responsiveness that accepts nothing short of the highest standards and superior attainments.

Mr. Morioka has my highest commendations and greatest degree of confidence and trust. I look forward to his leadership of the Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,

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Brant T. Tanaka



February 15, 2008

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair, & Committee Members  
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs  
415 South Beretania St., Room 205  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Chair and Members of the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs:

RE: Appointment of Brennon Morioka as Director of the Department of Transportation

I am writing this letter in strong support of the confirmation of Brennon Morioka as Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT). I have known Mr. Morioka since he was an engineer with a private engineering firm. I always knew him to be intelligent, dedicated, conscientious, and most importantly a person of unwavering integrity. I am confident in his abilities to provide the people of Hawaii with a safe, efficient, and accessible transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods. Mr. Morioka's educational background and work experience make him the most qualified person in Hawaii to lead us in that effort.

Hawaii's Harbors, Highways, and Airports Divisions of the DOT make it amongst the most complex, multi-faceted transportation systems in the United States. Coupled with Hawaii's location in the Pacific Ocean, there is arguably no other Department in the State that has more impact on the quality of life and economic prosperity than the DOT. I sincerely believe Mr. Morioka has the skill sets, desire, and commitment to serve as Director of the DOT. I humbly submit my highest praise and confidence in support of Mr. Morioka.

Respectfully,



Michael Yee  
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February 15, 2008

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
Conference Room 224  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

Hearing: February 20, 2008, 1:00 p.m.  
Copies: 1

Re: Brennon Morioka / Consideration as  
Director of the Department of Transportation

It is my honor to submit this letter in support of Brennon Morioka's nomination as Director of the Department of Transportation. His working knowledge of the Department's activities provides the demonstrated experience necessary to ensure a smooth and positive transition to the Department's oversight. I've known Dr. Morioka since 2006 and can personally attest to his professionalism and commitment to Hawaii.

Dr. Morioka's community and professional leadership and operational successes will be strong assets toward ensuring effective and productive management of the department's affairs.

Sincerely,



Eric K. Martinson  
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MELISSA PAVLICEK  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

February 20, 2008  
1:00 p.m.

Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs  
Room 224

Testifier: Melissa Pavlicek

Re: GM257 BRENNON MORIOKA

My name is Melissa Pavlicek. I am an attorney and have practiced law in Hawaii for more than ten years. I am a graduate of the Wm. S. Richardson School of Law and Baldwin High School in Maui. I have served as president of Hawaii Women Lawyers and as chair of the Hawaii State Bar Association business law section. I am a volunteer member of the board of directors of the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii and Olelo community television. I am also the chair of the Aloha Tower Development Corporation.

I am testifying in support of Brennon Morioka's nomination to serve as director of the Department of Transportation.

I have known Brennon for more than five years and have worked with him in a variety of professional, personal and volunteer capacities. He is thorough, intelligent and exemplifies the kind of public service that will best serve the state of Hawaii. He is dedicated, knowledgeable and keeps an open mind to diverse points of view. Please confirm his nomination.

Stephen M. Teves  
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Before the Senate Committee Transportation and  
International Affairs

DATE: Wednesday, February 20, 2008

TIME: 1 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room - 224

Testimony in Support of Brennon Morioka  
for Director, Department of Transportation

Good afternoon Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. My name is Stephen Teves and I have known Mr. Morioka in a personal and professional capacity for more than five years.

For more than two years, I served as a state employee and often had an opportunity to work closely with Mr. Morioka. Though I am now a private business owner, it is based on my personal experience and first-hand observations that I feel confident in Mr. Morioka's abilities to lead the state Department of Transportation as its director.

Mr. Morioka is a talented and highly qualified and respected engineer by training. But, perhaps even more importantly, he is a diligent and respected member of the community, a hard working volunteer and a committed public servant. Mr. Morioka's honesty and integrity and impeccable and I have personally observed his thorough and deliberative decision-making and effective communications skills. He exemplifies the work ethic of not asking others to do that which he would not do himself. He is an asset to the state and I respectfully ask that you please confirm his nomination as Director of the Department of Transportation.

TO: Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

DATE: February 18, 2008

FROM: Natalie Iwasa  
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808-395-3233

HEARING: Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 1 p.m.

SUBJECT: GM257 Confirmation as Director of the Department of Transportation, Brennon Morioka

Aloha Senators,

As a bicyclist and driver, I have experienced Brennon's willingness to understand residents' concerns, ability to educate lay people regarding traffic engineering issues and his follow through. I endorse his appointment as Director of the Department of Transportation and ask that you do so as well.

February 15, 2008

TO: Senator J. Kalani English, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
& members of the Senate Committee on  
Transportation and International Affairs

FROM: Marcy Reynolds

RE: **SUPPORT** for GM 257 Confirmation of Brennon Morioka for  
Director of the Department of Transportation

It has been a pleasure to work for Brennon Morioka. As the interim Director he has been a fair, kind, and supportive person.

February 19, 2008

TO: Senator J. Kalani English, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
And members of the Senate Committee on  
Transportation and International Affairs

FROM: Davis Ho

RE: **Support** for GM 257 Confirmation of Brennon Morioka for  
Director of the Department of Transportation

I believe Brennon Morioka will make a fine Director of Transportation. In the five years I have known him, he has demonstrated to be dedicated, hard working, decisive and a true leader.

February 19, 2008

TO: Senator J. Kalani English, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair  
And Members of the Committee on  
Transportation and International Affairs

FROM: Dale Nees

RE: **SUPPORT** for Brennon Morioka GM 257

Dr. Morioka will be an asset to the Department of Transportation. I have known him for many years and I believe that he has the leadership quality for the demands of that office. He is a very approachable and down to earth person and works very well with people.



*Karen Piltz*  
55 S. Judd St., #903  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

February 19, 2008

The Honorable J. Kalani English and  
Committee Members  
Committee on Transportation and  
International Affairs  
Hawaii State Senate, State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania St., Rm. 224  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator English and Committee Members:

Re: Consideration and Confirmation as Director of the Department of Transportation,  
Gubernatorial Nominee Brennon Morioka, for a term to expire 12-06-2010


I am writing in support of Brennon Morioka in his nomination as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

I believe that Mr. Morioka is an excellent choice to fill the position as the Director of the Department of Transportation. His educational background is exceptional. It is rare that someone with a doctoral degree in engineering is willing to spend time in the public service sector. Mr. Morioka has been very creative and flexible in finding solutions to issues at the Department. He has also been very accessible and accommodating to meet with people to solve problems that are faced when dealing with transportation matters.

I have known Brennon on both a personal and professional level for several years. Brennon is very caring and compassionate with a strong work ethic and lots of personal integrity. Brennon is passionate about the need to balance Hawaii's growth with the needs and concerns of keeping Hawaii a special place to live and work. He has a very strong commitment to sustain, cultivate and promote the culture of Hawaii.

I believe that Brennon Morioka has the passion and ability to lead the Department of Transportation into the future. I respectfully ask that you support his confirmation as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Very truly yours,



Karen Piltz