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TESTIMONY OF PETE G. PASCUA JR.
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Before the Senate Committee on Transportation,
International and Intergovernmental Affairs

February 17, 2010

Commission on Transportation

Chair English, members of the Senate Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs, thank you for the opportunity to present background about myself in your consideration of my confirmation to the Commission on Transportation.

I was born and raised in Hawaii and lived here for 48 years. I grew up in the sugar plantation camps of Ewa, graduated from Waipahu High School, and attended the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in engineering, with emphasis in transportation and traffic engineering.

I have served on the Commission on Transportation these past four years and have experienced and participated in meaningful dialog and discussions regarding transportation issues in the State of Hawaii. The Commission formulated positions on issues concerning the Department of Transportation, and provided recommendations to the Director of the Department on many other issues. I have had the opportunity to work with energetic and caring people on the Commission as well as a dedicated Department, and hope to do so again.

Transportation is a very important issue that affects many individuals. While growing up, I have witnessed the growth of many communities in this State. With this growth, I have seen quaint two-lane rural roadways evolve into multi-lane roadway arterials carrying traffic to support increased demand. I understand the need to provide for the movement of people and goods. However, I also recognize we have limited resources. As a Commissioner on the Commission on Transportation, I will strive to balance these factors and provide meaningful input to the Commission.

I look forward to continue serving on the Commission on Transportation, and the challenges that may lie ahead. I believe my personal experiences and technical understanding are valuable tools for me to succeed on the Commission. I ask for you to support my nomination to the Commission on Transportation. Thank you.



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Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
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The Senate, 25th Legislature, Regular Session Of 2010
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415 South Beretania Street
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Subject: GM227 - Confirmation of Mr. Pete G. Pascua to the Commission
on Transportation

Dear Senator English:

I highly recommend Mr. Pete G. Pascua for confirmation to the Commission on Transportation. As the Vice President and Director of Planning for Wilson Okamoto Corporation, I have worked for over a decade with Pete, who holds a similar position with our Traffic and Transportation Consulting Group. During that time, we have collaborated on a number of projects and have had numerous discussions of mutual interest. I have always been impressed with his knowledge, not only of traffic engineering and transportation planning as a field, but how they pertain to specific locations throughout the State of Hawaii. I have also noticed that through his work experience and, I like to believe, through our collaborations and discussions related to my planning work, that he understands and appreciates the role of planning in his field. This includes environmental documentation, land use entitlements, permitting and community outreach. I believe that this understanding is critically important for a Transportation Commissioner.

I hope you will consider my recommendation favorably. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Dear Senator English:

I recommend confirmation of Mr. Pete G. Pascua to the Commission on Transportation. I have worked with Pete for over 12 years at Wilson Okamoto Corporation since before the inception of the Traffic and Transportation Consulting Group at that company. Through his careful guidance and technical expertise, the Traffic and Transportation Consulting Group has flourished and contributed to the success of a wide variety of projects throughout the State of Hawaii. He has also shown a dedication to the betterment of transportation as a profession through his involvement with the Hawaii Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) and technical contributions to ITE meetings and publications.

I hope you will consider my recommendation. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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