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Subject: RE: Final Draft - Spot Report #2R - Preliminary Engineering (PE) Entry Readiness Report - Honolulu

Hi Nadeem:

Toru has asked me to forward our responses On the Final Draft of Spot Report #2R to you. We have very few ongoing concerns, but there are four items we are bringing to your attention.

1. In the second paragraph on Page 4, line 5 the report states that “groundbreaking (Segment I guideway utilities)” will be on April 25, 2010.” It is correct that this is the anticipated start of utility work, however we do anticipate that some contractor preparatory work will begin earlier than this. We anticipate holding a ground breaking ceremony in December, 2009 and expect that at this time the contractor may begin grading for the access road necessary in West Oahu. We will be working with the contractor during the pre-contract period to determine exactly what work can begin in 2009. We’ve made a public commitment to a December start and intend to stay with it unless our ROD, contract execution or LONP is delayed for some reason.
2. On page 15, the second bulleted paragraph notes that we must revise the ROW schedule to “reflect the amount of time required to file condemnation and receive possession through the courts, and the schedule must be revised to reflect this prior to the ROD.” We agree to revise the ROW schedule as noted, however we do not understand why this revision must be accomplished prior to the ROD. Would you advise what relationship this ROW schedule has to the ROD?
3. In the last bulleted paragraph on page 15 which carries over to page 16, a requirement is made for a substantial amount of new material be provided to the PMOC by August 1, 2009. These items include incorporating into the RAMP:
 - a. Modifications to the HDOT Relocation Manual to accommodate new rule 49 CFR Part 24 and FTA Circular 5010 1D.
 - b. Attachment A-S to the HDOT Manual including a draft Relocation Assistance Brochure
 - c. Drafts of Required notices at 49 CFR Section 24 203 (a), (b), and (c).We do intend to comply with these requirements, but at this date it is not possible to complete this work by August 1,2009.
4. The second bullet on page 22 states that the PMOC has determined that the geotechnical information we have obtained is not sufficient. We believe that the geotechnical information that we have obtained is far, far in excess of what would typically be developed in a pre-preliminary engineering program. That work includes 92 test holes drilled to date and this program is ongoing and will continue well into preliminary engineering and perhaps beyond. Additionally we have a large number of test holes from the prior work on this project.

Other than these four comments, we have no further comments on this report.

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Toru:

Attached for your review is the subject spot report prepared by our PMOC for the Honolulu Project. The PMOC concludes in this report that "it is the PMOC's professional opinion that the City has successfully addressed all the requirements necessary to demonstrate the technical capacity and capability to effectively manage the PE phase of capital project development".

Please forward your comments soon so that the report can be finalized. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. Thanks.

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