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Because of the EMT meeting tomorrow and Wednesday, it may be difficult to get time to talk with Matt about Honolulu, although he may want to make the call to the Mayor while Leslie's here. So I'd like to forward the talking points to Matt with this note. Any thoughts?

DRAFT
Matt, talking points for your call with the Mayor of Honolulu are attached. But here's an update that may affect that call.

1. Jim Ryan thinks, upon reflection, that dividing the 14-mile part of the 20-mile project (which will be built with NS funds) may not be possible.
2. Jim has gotten assurances from Honolulu that they have a viable financial plan for a $5 B. 20-mile project with a $1.2 B. NS amount, which they'll submit in a few weeks. (This does not resolve the issue of Honolulu wanting to get going on the 6-mile locally funded portion immediately.)
3. In light of these new considerations, we have a couple options.
    a. We can wait for the financial plan and see if it really is viable. (But the plan may be way off-base and take Honolulu a long time to re-do. If we don't give them the message now on the $1.2 being firm and that they might need to be thinking of MOSs, Honolulu may claim that FTA should have been mores specific with them.)
    b. You can call the Mayor, using the attached talking points, but emphasize that we are looking for a financial plan that assumes no more than $1.2 B NS limit on a $5 B project.
4. If you make the call, we should do a concurrent call on the staff level with the project manager. In fact, I recommend that we make the staff level call first to make sure we have all the latest information you may need for your call to the Mayor.

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Here's a revised draft of the talking points. I made all of the changes you suggested and added a sentence in the last bullet to encourage them to get us the revised financial plan.