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I understand that the project team differs but FTA seeks comments on these questions.

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Ray –

I beg to differ on your characterization that the Kapolei terminus may not make sense. As stated in Chapter 2, Kapolei has been designated as Oahu's "Second City" and both population and employment are forecasted to grow by approximately 400%. Major development in the vicinity of the Kapolei terminus, such as UHWO, Salvation Army Kroc Center, are all planned to open between 2009 and 2012; prior to the planned completion of Phase 1 in 2013. Therefore, your project phasing and logical termini discussion are incorrect.

Faith

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Toru,

Jim Barr has discussed this with your Project Team beginning in August. FTA has concerns that the project phasing may not make sense since the first phase is in an uninhabited area with negligible user benefits and ridership. Other reasons are relatively low amounts of employment in the vicinity. Also, FTA has concerns that terminus may not make sense. FTA guidance for Environmental Impact and Related Procedures, 23 CFR 771.111(f)(1), the action evaluated in each EIS shall "connect logical termini and be of sufficient length to address environmental matters on a broad scope." Some of the reasoning is that East Kapolei terminus is one mile short of two population centers and it is entirely unclear from the document how East Kapolei is a logical terminus inasmuch as there is no population or employment there now and it appears that there will be little in the way of population or employment there when Phase 1 is completed in 2014.

Seeking comments on these issues does no harm and will provide the benefit of more information to FTA on these issues.

FTA accepts revisions to Chapters 4,5, 7 and the Executive Summary.

Ray

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Hi Ray –

Please explain in writing why it is necessary to add the requested language to the abstract.

Also, we have not received FTA acceptance of the revisions to Chapters 4, 5 and 7 and the Executive Summary.

Faith

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Hi Faith,

Please add the following language to the abstract:

FTA is interested in and requests public comment on the issues of project phasing and logical termini:

- **FTA requests public comment on the construction phasing of the High-Capacity project, and whether project phasing best addresses transportation needs in the corridor.**
- **FTA requests public comment on the location of the East Kapoeli Station and whether this is a logical terminus.**

This language has been reviewed by multiple individuals in HQs and I suggest that you move forward and end the back and forth otherwise we will not have an October release.

Also, the FTA will accept charges for the paper copy however, $50 is excessive. I think you will get the same effect with a nominal fee of $5 or $10. We understand the issue of wastage and a nominal fee should curtail it.

I am leaving the office at 4pm pst and I will need confirmation by 3:30pm that FTA's comments have been fully accepted before I e-mail you the signed cover page. I will back Tuesday, October 28.

Thank you,

Ray

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