

FTA Conference Call
8:00 a.m.
October 2, 2008

Reviewing Comments & Responses

Honolulu: James Van Epps, Lawrence Spurgeon , Mark Garrity, Susan Robbins, Bill Davidson, Amy Zaref, Judy Aranda, Steve Hogan, Kristin Carlson, Faith Miyamoto, Susan Killen, Hector Herrera,

Region 9: Ray Sukys, Cathy Luu, Ed Caranza

Washington: Ron Fisher, Jim Barr

1. B-28 (Pg.3-14)

While LOS is commonly used to describe highway conditions; it is a poor description of what travelers can relate to. Please add travel time between representative origins and destinations for the corridor.

PB discussed the highway time and alternatives. The auto travel time is not correct due to bottle neck areas in Honolulu.

ACTION: FTA recommended the transit time be implemented into the executive summary from Chapter 3.

2. A-54 (Pg.4-43) Section 4.6 Environmental Justice

PB discussed the Banana Patch Community and indicated that the residence are living on Ag 2 lots and has been identified as a community concern during Public Involvement activities. The Banana Patch Community will be displaced and relocated.

ACTION: FTA recommended that a special public hearing be set up for the Banana Patch Community and a possible site could be the Church which is walking distance for the community. FTA is requiring that the FTA civil rights officer must be in attendance the meeting and DEIS should state that the community will be relocated via the Union Form Act requirements.

3. A-68 (Pg. 4-131) Section 4.15 Archeological, Cultural and Historic Resources
Staff discussed the DTS has been in contact with SHPD and SHPD has visited the alignment.

APE approved by SHPD in February. Awaiting Eligibility Letter. Will begin effect determination once eligibility is final.

ACTION: FTA recommended that DEIS include proposed effect.

4. A-81 (5-20)

PB discussed the Downtown station and FTA recommended moving the station to landing to Alakea Street which has major issues due to a parking garage and cars exiting the parking building every 15 seconds and pedestrian passageway.

ACTION: FTA recommended that all alternatives be documented for their review.

5. A-90 (Pg 6-11) Fare Policy and Ridership

Fare Policy and Ridership; there are no specifics in this piece. For example, there are some real risks given the huge increase in transfer rates.

ACTION: FTA was concern on the risk of high increase on transfer rates due to inflation. FTA recommended in placing the risk and uncertainty it for pre discussion.

6. B-94 – Chapter 07 Evaluation of Alternatives

Important: when discussing such ridership benefits, particularly in tables or graphics, note for the record that “FTA has not reviewed or approved this ridership data.” FTA indicated that this is normal procedure.

ACTION: FTA agreed on using “FTA is currently reviewing the information.”

7. B-96 (Pg.7-6)

Remove this “island wide” user benefits map. It is inaccurate and misleading. Remove discussion of benefits to “island-wide” population. FTA discussed “user benefits” in a defined transportation corridor.

PB discussed the benefit of using island wife which would benefit communities on the north shore.

ACTION: Bill Davidson indicated that he has had this discussion with Jim Ryan and he was ok the wording of island wide and very comfortable with the map.

8. X-18

“The no build alternative’s transit component would include an increase in fleet size to accommodate growth in transit demand and increased congestion, thereby allowing service levels to remain the same.

ACTION: Revised language was sent to FTA yesterday, they are to review.

9. X-19 (Pg. 2-13)

The 20% spare ratio for buses is consistent with industry practice. However the figure for rail cars is given 10%. It should be demonstrated that a 10% spare ratio is sufficient to maintain operations at an appropriate level.

ACTION: FTA recommended that the spare ratio should be increase to 20% unless PB could provide a justification for the 10% ratio.

9. B-24 (Pg2.35)

Expand the discussion of environmental impacts of the vehicle maintenance and storage facility and the traction powered substations.

ACTION: PB is reviewing the coverage of the rail facilities in Chapter 4.

**Human Remain Issues –
Hawaii Office of Affairs**

Burial Council – what are the responsibilities? Burial Council is concerned about on how the grounds will be treated.

A copy of the letter will be sent to Ray Sukys as a government to government relationship.

Faith Miyamoto will send all cooperating letters to Ray Sukys.

Schedule – DEIS Release

Lawrence Spurgeon indicated that PB is trying to get the DEIS ready for the public on Oct 24th before the election. This means that the document will need to be turned in to the State by October 10th for printing and filing purposes which appears unlikely.

FTA said they would support the release of the DEIS Document by FTA by October 31 for public review.