

Questions for FTA:

1. Based on experience with past projects, what is the average timeline for the completion of the preliminary engineering and EIS process?
2. Based on experience with past projects, what is the average time for a project to receive approval for FTA funding? What is involved in the FTA's process for approval for funding of the MOS that was recently approved by the Honolulu City Council?
3. Based on the FTA's experience with all start-ups, when can the City & County of Honolulu anticipate construction of the MOS at the earliest?
4. What is the total amount of money that the FTA has set aside for New Starts Projects nationwide? Of this amount, how much do you think Honolulu can get for its MOS project, which is estimated to cost \$3.5 billion?
5. Please explain FTA's review process of the City & County of Honolulu's MOS. Is there an opportunity to modify the MOS if determined portions of the project do not meet FTA's criteria or standards? In other words, will FTA advise on how to make the MOS more cost effective if they see a problem (without jeopardizing funding)?
6. Given the limited land space on the island, would a fixed guideway bus system be a sensible solution for Oahu's transportation issues?
7. Is the type of technology used for a transportation system a large factor in determining the amount of funds awarded to a municipality?