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Here's our schedule.

Mark

From: James.Ryan@dot.gov [mailto:James.Ryan@dot.gov]
Sent: Sun 3/4/2007 11:34 AM
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Mark:

If you are around today, a phone call would be very useful to discuss the groundbreaking-in-2009 "issue" in which we USDOTers are now ensnared. I do not know what inspired the DOT secretary and/or our deputy administrator to tell/imply/hint that 2009 couldn't be done. The brief conference call that we had with the deputy administrator the previous Friday didn't touch on schedule, and neither did the briefing paper prepared for the secretary.

Anyway, the mayor is having dinner with the deputy administrator on Monday and several (2 to 4) council members are visiting us in the planning office on Wednesday, with the first three questions they sent in advance all about schedule. We're having a conference call at noon EST to prepare for these meeting, so the timing won't be good for a call to you tomorrow morning. Of all the things that we might discuss, this seems pretty trivial!

Anyway, I talked to Toru late on Friday and got a rough schedule (from his memory) that led to a 2009 groundbreaking. I'm hoping that you can provide some more details and, most importantly, provide some estimate of the level of confidence that you have in the schedule. I'm hoping that somebody has actually thought carefully about the schedule, because we surely have not.

Thanks.
Jim