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Subject: HOT facility

Aloha, Scott. I hope you are well. Other than the inconvenience of an island-wide power outage, Kelvin and I weren't impacted by the earthquake last week. I hope your family's homes weren't damaged.

We are finalizing the Alternatives Analysis report for submittal to the City Council. Toru wants me to double check with you to verify the assertion being made in the report: Construction of the Managed Lane facility will not be eligible for assistance under any FTA funding program. The Managed Lane Alternative would include construction of a grade-separated facility for use by buses, paratransit vehicles, vanpool vehicles, and high-occupancy vehicles (HOVs). Toll-paying single-occupant vehicles would also be allowed to use the facility provided that there is sufficient capacity to maintain free-flow speeds for transit vehicles and HOVs.

From your explanation at the New Starts Listening Session in San Francisco, we understand construction of a HOT lane facility is not eligible for New Starts funding. Please confirm my read of the following:

1. Construction of a HOT lane facility is NOT an eligible activity for assistance under S5307, S5309 Bus Capital Program, S5309 Rail & Fixed Guideway Modernization Program, or any other FTA assistance program.
2. Flexing FTA funds to FHWA does not make construction of the Managed Lane facility eligible for the transferred FTA funds. FTA funds transferred to FHWA can be used only for purposes eligible under the original FTA program that the funds are transferred from.

We would really appreciate your response tomorrow in case we're barking up the wrong tree and suffering from foot-in-mouth disease.

Mahalo nui loa,
Phyllis