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**To:** Leslie.Rogers@dot.gov  
**BCC:** Miyamoto, Faith  
**Sent:** 4/19/2006 11:52:38 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project - Clarification to April 6 Scoping Report Comments

Aloha Leslie,

As we spoke earlier, we have concerns about Ray's comments. His latest seems to take care of one of his earlier comments but the other issues remain. The first comment is not addressable since FHWA and HDOT did not comment. Both agencies were invited to the meeting and they were present. They will receive a letter from FTA (drafted by DTS) inviting them to be cooperating agency for the NEPA process.

The last two are not relevant to the scoping report, and as we spoke, the LPA schedule is set by the Council, not by DTS. The Council set the schedule because of the public concern. There seems to be stronger public desire for finishing the AA and the LPA decision before the collection of excise tax than delaying it. We are not aware of any overwhelming "local concern over the timeline" contrary to it. Can we proceed with finalizing the scoping meeting report by addressing the latest comment only?

Toru

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**Subject:** Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project - Clarification to April 6 Scoping Report Comments

Hi Faith,

I would like to clarify the second bullet to avoid a possible misunderstanding. Rather than saying that the Slater alternative is reasonable (for inclusion into the AA), I meant to say that the Slater alternative has not been proven to be unreasonable and, therefore, it should be a fully evaluated alternative during the AA. The AA will assess the reasonability of each alternative to determine which may be carried forward into the EIS.

Thank you,

Ray

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**From:** Sukys, Raymond <FTA>  
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**Subject:** RE: Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project - Scoping Report Comments

Hi Faith,

Here are the FTA comments:

- FHWA and the HDOT comments are missing from the scoping report. Both of these agencies are critical to the success of this effort and both will need to become cooperating agencies.
- The letter from Honolulutraffic.com by Cliff Slater proposes a reasonable alternative, a two-lane reversible, elevated HOT lane highway between the H1/H2 merge near Waikele and Pier 16 near Hilo Hatties. Please confirm that this will be a fully

evaluated alternative during the AA using the scope described by the Slater' letter and also indicate that alternative may be carried forward into the EIS.

- There is local concern over the timeline and whether the LPA decision has sufficient time for a proper evaluation. Please adjust the schedule to assure that there is sufficient time for public deliberation prior to the LPA decision.
- As we discussed during the EJ conference call, please schedule another scoping meeting at the start of NEPA. Also, please update your schedule and submit it to Region IX.

Thank you,

Ray

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**From:** Miyamoto, Faith [mailto:fmiyamoto@honolulu.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2006 5:15 PM

**To:** Ryan, James <FTA>; Barr, James <FTA>; Turchie, Donna <FTA>; Sukys, Raymond <FTA>

**Subject:** Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project - Scoping Report

Hi Everyone –

It will be almost a month since I last checked on the status of your review of the Scoping Report that we sent you in February. Since our submittal of the report, we have distributed two newsletters that have stated that the Scoping Report will be at the project website. After discussing this matter internally, we have decided to post the Scoping Report on the website next week. If you have any comments, please transmit them to me ASAP.

Thanks.

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