From: Bausch, Carl (FTA)
To: Zelasko, Elizabeth (FTA)
Sent: 10/19/2010 7:56:04 AM
Subject: RE: Honolulu Precast Yard Write Up

Thanks, Liz.

From: Zelasko, Elizabeth (FTA)
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2010 1:52 PM
To: Bausch, Carl (FTA); Borinsky, Susan (FTA); Sinquefield, Robyn (FTA); Day, Elizabeth (FTA)
Cc: VanWyk, Christopher (FTA)
Subject: RE: Honolulu Precast Yard Write Up

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From: Bausch, Carl (FTA)
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2010 1:26 PM
To: Borinsky, Susan (FTA); Sinquefield, Robyn (FTA); Zelasko, Elizabeth (FTA)
Cc: Day, Elizabeth (FTA)
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The write-up, as edited, looks fine to me. Would you please share this with Chris after you are satisfied, Liz? Thanks. Carl

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From: Borinsky, Susan (FTA)
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2010 12:07 PM
To: Sinquefield, Robyn (FTA); Zelasko, Elizabeth (FTA); Bausch, Carl (FTA)
Cc: Day, Elizabeth (FTA)
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Please see some minor editing suggestions below.

From: Sinquefield, Robyn (FTA)
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2010 11:53 AM
To: Zelasko, Elizabeth (FTA); Bausch, Carl (FTA)
Cc: Day, Elizabeth (FTA); Borinsky, Susan (FTA)
Subject: Honolulu Precast Yard Write Up

Hi Liz and Carl,

Could you please review this write-up, add your edits, and send to TCC for their input?

Thanks!
Robyn

Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project: NEPA and Precast Yard(s) ~~Issue~~

The Honolulu project will be constructed in four contract segments. The contract documents for each of these construction segments ~~state that the City of Honolulu will not provide the contractors with precast yard locations~~ provided the contractor discretion on where the precast yard would be sited and that the City of Honolulu would not provide areas for the yard. ~~Instead, the contractors will determine precast yard requirements for their respective parts of the project.~~ A precast yard is a site where concrete posts are fabricated that are needed to support the aerial guideway structure for the project. ~~The contracts for the four construction segments state that the City of Honolulu will not provide the contractors with precast yard locations~~. In addition, according to the contract documents, the contractors are responsible for acquiring necessary agreements and permits needed for any precast yards.

To date, one of the four construction segment contracts has been awarded. The West Oahu Farrington Guideway Design Build contract, the westernmost segment of the project, was awarded in December 2009 to Kiewit. Several months ago, Kiewit initiated a review under the State (not Federal) environmental process for a 30-acre precast yard located on former military land ~~at an existing industrial facility~~ on Oahu. The proposed site had not been included as part of the project scope in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Ideally, the FEIS should include a review of the entire project scope, including precast yards, to avoid potential issues of "segmentation."

FTA has repeatedly asked the City for additional information about precast yard sites for the project, but the City has resisted providing information on the grounds that the precast yard site selection is the responsibility of the contractor. Yesterday, FTA finally received some information, albeit limited, from the City that provides a summary of potential environmental impacts associated with locating the precast yard at two potential sites: the alternative maintenance and storage facility site and the former military site proposed by Kiewit.

At some point in time, it will be necessary to prepare some type of additional Federal environmental analysis and/or documentation addressing the precast yards needed for the project. The New Starts team proposes three options for consideration, described below. The first two options could possibly delay the date that a Record of Decision (ROD) could be issued for the project, which currently could not be issued before December 6th, when the new Governor comes into office, assuming that the new Governor immediately signs off on the State FEIS.

- **Option One: Review of Two or More Potential Precast Yard Sites Prior to the ROD**
  This option would involve conducting a supplemental environmental document, likely an Environmental Assessment (EA), on two or more potential sites prior to the issuance of the ROD. Under this option, the City could select a preferred site either as part of the supplemental environmental document or after the supplemental environmental document is completed.
  Time to complete: 2-3 months

- **Option Two: Review of One Selected Site Prior to the ROD**
  This option would involve performing an environmental review of a selected site for the precast yard prior to the issuance of the ROD. If the City selects the alternative maintenance and storage facility (MSF) site as the preferred site for the precast yard, the environmental review could be conducted as an internal evaluation incorporated in the ROD. This is because the impacts of the MSF site have already been reviewed in the FEIS. If the City selects the existing industrial facility on Oahu that was advertised by Kiewit, a supplemental environmental document, likely an Environmental Assessment, would need to be completed, similar to Option 1.
  Time to complete: 30 days (if MSF site); 2-3 months (if industrial site advertised by Kiewit)

- **Option Three: Review of Selected Site After the ROD**
  This option would involve conducting a review after the ROD is issued.
  Time to complete: 2-3 months

According to TCC, Options 1 and 2 would have the lowest risk of litigation due to potential segmentation issues.