MEMORANDUM

TO: Peter Rogoff, Administrator
FROM: Leslie T. Rogers, Region IX Administrator
Sherry Riklin, Deputy Associate Administrator for Planning and Environment
DATE: January 11, 2011
RE: Meeting with Mayor Peter Carlisle and Staff to discuss Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project

MEETING OVERVIEW

On January 18 at 2:30 p.m. you will meet with Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle, Denis Dwyer, and Toru Hamayasu, Director of the Honolulu Rapid Transit Division to discuss the status and next steps for the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project.

- **Status of Environmental Review:**
  - FTA is finalizing the Record of Decision (ROD) for signature in mid-January.
  - FTA has concluded the consultation with the signatories and consulting parties, including the Hawaii State Historic Preservation and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and has finalized the Section 4(f) programmatic agreement. Signature by the signatories is planned to commence on January 7th to allow for the ROD to be signed by mid January, although there may be some minor delay due to complications in all the required signatories completing the formal signature process.

- **Project Development Issues**
  a. **Final Design Approval currently anticipated June 2011**
  b. **Procurement Issues**
  This summer, a Procurement Systems Review was completed on RTD. The review concluded that required Federal clauses were not included in a $49 million contract for project management support for the rail project with InfraConsult LLC. There were several other findings related to lack of supporting documentation. FTA has not yet decided how to address this issue. The typical resolution would be to require RTD to rebid the contract with the Federal clauses. FTA has determined that current project management team can stay in place and continue work while the contract is rebid. RTD has proposed to avoid complying with procurement requirements by applying their local "overmatch" to selective line items within the FFGA budget. This approach would be contrary to FTA policy.