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TO: Mr. Daniel A. Grabauskas, Executive Director
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FROM: Council Chair Ernest Y. Martin

RE: Follow-Up Questions from the Committee on Legislative Matters

Per the committee's discussion relating to Bill 37, CD1, FD1, I request the following information to be provided to the City Council prior to the May 9th Council meeting:

- Provide a copy, in writing, of FTA's concerns regarding the language proposed in the Committee Draft 1.
- Provide a copy of the letter from the FTA received in December stating that the financial plan is sound and that the minimum operable segment can be built with the funds that have been identified in the financial plan, but FTA is now requesting that the City increase the amount of the contingency.
- Provide the timeline on when the excavation will be complete, when the final design will be complete and when the contract will be awarded for the first phase of the project.
- Provide assurances that all issues raised by this Council are included in the Memorandum of Understanding.
- Provide the amount that has been spent on the project from the contingency fund.
- Provide the cost of the fixed rail system from Kapolei to the University of Hawaii.
- Provide the number of change orders that has occurred for the rail transit project and provide the details for each change order.
 - Specifically, identify impacts of change order no. 5 and the financial impact and conditions of change order no. 6.
- Outline the range of options provided to HART and the City by FTA to meet FTA's requirement to set aside additional monies that can be accessed if there were some unforeseen event.

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- Why did the Mayor and the former HART Executive Director decide to use the issuance of commercial paper to provide funding for the additional contingency required by the FTA?

I look forward to your timely response. Please don't hesitate to contact me directly or my Executive Assistant/Chief of Staff, Kimberly Ribellia, at extension 85036, if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

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Director Mike Hansen, BFS