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Daniel A. Grabauskas
Executive Director and CEO
Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation
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Dear Mr. Grabauskas,

Pursuant to comments made on Bill 37 (2012), FD1, during the Legislative Matters Committee Meeting of May 23, 2012, I would like to take this opportunity to clarify on a question that I raised during the discussion with HART Board Member, Ivan Lui Kwan. It has been eluded to that Honolulu is at the top of a line of a list of projects to receive funding for its rail transit project. That if Honolulu does not approve Bill 37, the line of credit, Honolulu will fall to the back of the line. So where are we in line right now? And if Bill 37 does not pass, where will we fall to in line? Please list all cities ahead of us right now, and all cities behind as is- currently. See link below for reference to assist in clarifying my question.

<http://reconnectingamerica.org/news-center/reconnecting-america-news/2011/reconnecting-america-analysis-of-fy-12-new-starts-report/>

Regarding direct and indirect consultants and/or sub-consultants, please provide a list by their names, salaries, and job description of each individual employed by HART.

Lastly, with regard to area office space(s), has HART looked at possible office location(s) in the second City of Kapolei? If so, please list all properties, location, and cost per square footage.

I appreciate your willingness to work together and make sure the HART has a responsible budget to address essential services. Should you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further you may contact me at 768-5001.

Aloha,

TOM BERG

TOM BERG
Councilmember – District 1
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Daniel A. Grabauskas
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June 5, 2012

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The Honorable Tom Berg
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
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Dear Councilmember Berg:

In response to your letter dated May 31, 2012, the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) responds as follows:

The website you provided, on the Reconnecting America, uses FY2012 information. We are using FY2013 budget information in responding to your requests.

Where are we in line right now?

Based on the President's executive budget for the Fiscal Year 2013 as a guideline, five (5) cities are listed in the category of "Pending FFGA" for funding; Sacramento, San Francisco, Honolulu, San Jose, and Portland. Honolulu has the highest amount (\$250 million) on the list.

Where will we fall to in line?

Honolulu is likely to fall out of the line if we are not able to proceed with the FFGA.

List all cities ahead of us right now.

Here are the statuses of the projects on the "Pending FFGA" list that are ahead of Honolulu; San Jose (BART extension) has received the FFGA in March 2012. Portland's Portland-Milwaukee Light Rail Project has obtained the FFGA in May 2012.

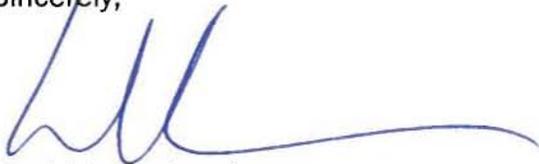
List all cities behind as is currently.

Statuses of the projects on the "Pending FFGA" list those are equal or behind us: Sacramento BART extension completed an Environmental Assessment in September 2011 and it was accepted by FTA on October 2011. San Francisco's Third Street Light Rail Central Subway is waiting for the FFGA and initiated construction with a letter of no prejudice in February 2012.

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Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Grabauskas', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel A. Grabauskas
Executive Director and CEO

cc: All Councilmembers
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