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FTA TO SIGN \$1.55 BILLION FEDERAL FUNDING GRANT FOR HONOLULU TRANSIT PROJECT



The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will sign a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) with the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation and the City and County of Honolulu by the end of the month. The total federal funding for the project will be \$1.55 billion and will be paid in installments over the next several years.

"Many people deserve a lot of credit for helping the rail project achieve this long-awaited milestone," said HART Executive Director and CEO Dan Grabauskas. "We want to

especially thank those on the federal level - the FTA, the Obama Administration and our Hawaii congressional delegation led by Senator Daniel K. Inouye - who worked tirelessly and closely with the City over the years throughout this funding approval process."

The signing of the FFGA is the final step of the FTA's New Starts federal funding process for new rail systems, and makes immediately available \$200 million to the Honolulu rail project for fiscal year 2012.

"On behalf of the HART board, we sincerely thank all of our federal, State, local and private sector partners and leaders who have helped to bring these grant monies home to Hawaii, said HART Board Chairwoman Carrie Okinaga. "We enthusiastically restate our commitment to building this project on time and within budget, and providing a more efficient and environmentally friendly transportation system for our residents."

SHIPMENTS OF RAIL TRACK ARRIVING



The Honolulu Rail Transit Project recently marked another milestone with the arrival of its first shipment of steel rails for the 20-mile system. The first 3,000 tons of steel arrived in November and is part of more than 13,000 tons of steel track and other track-related materials. The project marked the delivery with a traditional blessing at Kalaeloa Harbor.

"The signal here is that we're on track," said Dan Grabauskas, HART's executive director and CEO. "This is the actual track that the trains will be operating on. We had the opportunity to lock in the price for all of the rail for the project and we were able to get a good price, so the fluctuation of rail prices in the future will not affect us."

The steel rail for Honolulu's transit project was manufactured in Pueblo, Colorado. About 140 miles of track will be used for the project, including tracks running in each direction and a "third" rail used to power the system. A second shipment of steel track is scheduled to arrive on Oahu this month.

From Kalaeloa, the steel will be transported to project sites in Leeward and West Oahu, where it will be stored until construction resumes next year.

In addition to the steel rails, other track-related materials and accessories include concrete ties, fasteners and special trackwork, which will be installed throughout the project's elevated guideway and maintenance yard. The total cost for all the products is \$77.4 million.

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