

HONOLULU HIGH-CAPACITY TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Purpose: To discuss Project design issues related to Federal Building/PJJK Courthouse along Halekauwila Street

Date: November 3, 2010

Location: GSA Building on Halekauwila Street

Attendees: RTD: Faith Miyamoto, Judy Aranda, and Kahlil Allen

GSA: Sam Mazzola, Director, Portfolio Management Division
Mike Larsen, Project Manager/Hawaii Field Office

Diana Schlumpf, Deputy Project Manager/Hawaii Field Office

Moonyeen Alameida, Capital Investment Branch Chief

FTA: Liz Zelasco, Ted Matley (via teleconference)

Below is a summary of the key points discussed in the meeting.

1. **GSA Noise Analysis** – the result of the noise analysis conducted by GSA’s consultant (Charles M. Salter Associates, Inc.) showed that noise levels due to the Project meets GSA’s minimum noise standards. Remaining concerns include:
 - a. Possible deterioration of noise mitigation in the future
 - b. Assurance that routine maintenance of Project will occur to ensure noise levels do not increase in the future.
 - c. Current noise standard for federal building is 45 dBA (indoors).
 - d. Parapet wall is part of guideway design and made of concrete. GSA asked whether the height of the parapet wall could be increased to deal with line of sight concerns.
2. **Project Status** – Faith gave an overview of the Project’s status:
 - a. FTA is reviewing comments received on Final EIS
 - b. Governor acceptance of Final EIS is pending; expect acceptance by December 8.
 - c. Issuance of Record of Decision by FTA. ROD will conclude NEPA and HRS 343 processes.
 - d. Construction for Segment 4 will start January 2013.
3. **Design Concerns** –
 - a. Alignment shift – GSA would like RTD to consider shifting the alignment to the other side of Halekawila Street to deal with issues concerning: noise, line of sight, plans for renovating the federal building, and avoidance of the need for an easement.
 - b. Renovation of Federal Building – GSA is planning to begin renovation of the federal building in 2013, which is the same year that the Project will begin construction. Plans for renovation include: complete window replacement, reconfiguration of front (main) entrance, relocation of security area closer to front steps, landscaping and general beautification.

Renovation will also make room for additional courtroom above current security area.

- c. Staging Area – the location of the proposed staging area is unknown at this time. Decision of its location is decided by contractor.
 - d. Line of Sight – need to determine if Judge [REDACTED] chambers could be viewed by transit patrons or whether the noise parapet wall would adequately obscure the view. Kahlil requested and was granted permission to take photos of the judge's chambers to determine if this is a valid concern. Liz asked whether adding window treatments, such as blinds, would suffice. Moonyeen stated that blinds are planned to be added as part of renovation. Mike requested that issue be considered by project team.
 - e. Track Crossover – there is no crossover of the tracks at this location.
 - f. Maintenance – GSA wanted assurance that routine maintenance of the tracks and vehicle wheels will be done to ensure noise levels will not exceed standards. Assurance was given that routine maintenance will be done.
4. Construction – Faith stated that during construction, noise will be monitored to ensure compliance with allowed noise levels.
 5. Easement – Sam stated that the easement will be negotiated at fair market value. He estimated that the process would take from six months to one year.

Action:

1. Moonyeen to provide GSA's noise standards to Faith.
2. Faith will discuss with engineers the possibility of shifting the alignment away from the federal building.
3. Kahlil will take photos of judge's chambers to determine line of sight concern. He will coordinate with Diane.

Prepared by:
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