
From: Ryan, James (FTA)
To: Nelson, Ketrina (FTA); Bausch, Carl (FTA); Day, Elizabeth (FTA)
CC: Borinsky, Susan (FTA)
Sent: 4/26/2010 7:06:26 AM
Subject: RE: Honolulu Rail Media Inquiry (job creation)

Here's the contact.

City and County of Honolulu
Department of Transportation Services
Rapid Transit Division
Toru Hamayasu, Chief

But any reporter from Honolulu already knows this.

From: Nelson, Ketrina (FTA)
Sent: Mon 4/26/2010 1:04 PM
To: Ryan, James (FTA); Bausch, Carl (FTA); Day, Elizabeth (FTA)
Cc: Borinsky, Susan (FTA)
Subject: RE: Honolulu Rail Media Inquiry (job creation)

If you have a contact name and organization, that should suffice. Thanks

From: Ryan, James (FTA)
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2010 12:59 PM
To: Bausch, Carl (FTA); Day, Elizabeth (FTA); Nelson, Ketrina (FTA)
Cc: Borinsky, Susan (FTA)
Subject: RE: Honolulu Rail Media Inquiry (job creation)

The job-creation estimate is in the FEIS and is based on a rate of jobs per \$billion invested that is provided by some federal agency. I can track down details (by calling somebody in Honolulu) if we want to get into the debate on job creationism.

From: Bausch, Carl (FTA)
Sent: Mon 4/26/2010 12:57 PM
To: Day, Elizabeth (FTA); Nelson, Ketrina (FTA); Ryan, James (FTA)
Cc: Borinsky, Susan (FTA)
Subject: RE: Honolulu Rail Media Inquiry (job creation)

I believe those figures came out of Mayor Hannemann's office; we do not project job growth.

From: Day, Elizabeth (FTA)
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2010 12:32 PM
To: Nelson, Ketrina (FTA); Ryan, James (FTA); Bausch, Carl (FTA)
Cc: Borinsky, Susan (FTA)
Subject: RE: Honolulu Rail Media Inquiry (job creation)

Ketrina
The figures John Giorgis gave you are the estimates DOT is using for ARRA I believe. We do not typically estimate job creation for New Starts projects. I'm guessing that the figures that Honolulu has estimated are found in the environmental document. I have copied Carl Bausch and Jim Ryan on this email to see if they might be able to help respond.

From: Nelson, Ketrina (FTA)
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2010 11:51 AM

To: Day, Elizabeth (FTA); Weeks, Dwayne (FTA)
Cc: Borinsky, Susan (FTA)
Subject: Honolulu Rail Media Inquiry (job creation)
Importance: High

Good morning:

I did get some background information regarding the press inquiry below from John Giorgis (TBP) on job creation. **The reporter's question below about economic viability is what I need addressed by TPE.** Please provide a response. Thanks

I received an e-mail from a Honolulu reporter regarding job creation for their Honolulu rail line project. The reporter provided the following background information: The city estimates are 10,000 jobs a year during 8 years of construction -- including direct and indirect construction jobs, as induced jobs. Local economists and opponents say the numbers are lower -- 1,000 to 6,000 jobs.

Below are the reporter's questions:

Does the FTA have a methodology for determining job creation, or even criteria established to determine the economic viability of the project? I've seen national projections that say that each \$1 billion invested in public transportation translates to 30,000 jobs, which is lower than Honolulu's projections. Any idea on how this can be reconciled?