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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?**