
From: Bausch, Carl (FTA)
To: Borinsky, Susan (FTA)
CC: Zelasko, Elizabeth (FTA)
Sent: 4/22/2010 5:42:01 AM
Subject: FW: Honolulu Letter

I guess we'll defer? If so, the Administrator can sign the letter any time.

From: Biehl, Scott (FTA)
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2010 11:37 AM
To: Borinsky, Susan (FTA); Carter, Dorval (FTA); Rogers, Leslie (FTA); Carranza, Edward (FTA)
Cc: VanWyk, Christopher (FTA); Zusman, Nancy-Ellen (FTA); Marler, Renee (FTA); Sukys, Raymond (FTA); Bausch, Carl (FTA); Zelasko, Elizabeth (FTA)
Subject: RE: Honolulu Letter

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From: Borinsky, Susan (FTA)
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2010 9:51 AM
To: Carter, Dorval (FTA); Rogers, Leslie (FTA); Carranza, Edward (FTA); Biehl, Scott (FTA)
Cc: VanWyk, Christopher (FTA); Zusman, Nancy-Ellen (FTA); Marler, Renee (FTA); Sukys, Raymond (FTA); Bausch, Carl (FTA); Zelasko, Elizabeth (FTA)
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Dorval, Scott, Leslie, and Ed—

The Honolulu letter (Rogoff to Hannemann) prepared by TCC, Region IX, and TPE staff is ready for clearance. This is the letter that Peter discussed with the Mayor and that is due today. A copy of the letter is attached and is also included in the text of this e-mail below.

Dorval and/or Scott, I can have the concurrence package walked up to you for review, or you can concur electronically by e-mail and we'll include your sign-off e-mail in the package that goes to Peter.

Leslie and/or Ed, if you are OK with this letter, please concur by e-mail, and we'll put your e-mail in the package for Peter.

The remaining piece at this moment is the memo to the file explaining FTA's decision to go directly to the FEIS. We had agreed that the memo should/would be finalized before Peter actually sends this letter. All the Team members have been working diligently to finalize the memo, which is expected to occur later today. Once that is completed, Peter can sign and send the letter.

We would like to get this letter to Peter as soon as possible this morning and then would let him know that he can sign it once the memo to the file is finalized. I doubt that he will want to actually review the memo to the file, but who knows?

If you have questions, please call Carl Bausch (202-366-1626), as I will be at a meeting on the Hill this morning. Susan

Attached are:

1. The TOA-1 Letter to Mayor Hannemann.
2. The Administrator's schedule for completion of the Honolulu review. (Added just FYI)

Text of Letter:

The Honorable Mufi Hannemann
530 South King Street
Room 300
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mayor Hannemann:

Thank you for your letter dated April 5 related to the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project (the "project"). In your letter you advise the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) of your proposal to refine the proposed alignment on the Honolulu International Airport (HNL) property to avoid impacts to HNL facilities and operations, as well as ecologically sensitive resources, and noise sensitive communities. The avoidance of these impacts will be fully documented during the preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

There is much work that still needs to be completed, including consultation pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and finalization of the programmatic agreement. In addition, the results of analyses prepared by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will be incorporated into the FEIS. FAA has pledged its full cooperation and support in expediting completion of the environmental process. I am confident that, with the cooperation of other members of your team and your environmental consultants, we will be able to swiftly advance the FEIS.

If I can provide additional information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (202) 366-4040.

Sincerely yours,

Peter Rogoff