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Hi Ray,

Per our discussion yesterday on the HNL transit rail project, below is a list of NEPA impact categories we evaluate for an airport project from Appendix A of FAA Order 1050.1E, *Environmental Impacts, Policies and Procedures*.

I've also attached our ROD for the Oakland Airport BART Connection Project to show how we prepared the FAA ROD using FTA's Oakland BART EIS.

Here are the FAA procedural steps we'll be following before we can adopt the FTA EIS and issue an FAA ROD for the HNL rail project:

- Independently review the information contained in the FTA Rail EIS
- Determine if the information adequately addresses airport development needs and the requirements of FAA environmental orders 1050.1E and 5050.4B - *NEPA Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions*
- Request FTA to make any changes needed to address FAA requirements
- FAA can adopt in whole or part of the FTA's EIS, taking responsibility for the scope and content that addresses FAA actions
- Notify EPA by written notice that the FAA plans to adopt the FTA EIS, and EPA to publish in the Federal Register*
- If all of the required airport/FAA information is not available in the FTA EIS, then FAA would need to publish and circulate a supplement to the EIS before we can issue a ROD

* Note: FAA wouldn't need to recirculate the FTA EIS as we did for the Oakland Airport BART Connector Project, since we are a Cooperating Agency on the Honolulu Rail EIS.

Also could you send me a copy of the draft internal schedule for actions to prepare the Final EIS, so we can review and provide any needed feedback.

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