From: Ryan, James (FTA)
To: Borinsky, Susan (FTA); Bausch, Carl (FTA)
Sent: 4/14/2010 11:43:19 AM
Subject: FW: Letter to Honolulu about their revised draft FEIS
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Got a FedEx box from Honolulu today with three paper copies of the AFEIS – the same version that we received on CDs on Monday. Gave two copies to TPE-30 folks and kept one for myself. The region got three copies today as well. I won't read it, of course, until the region decides that we can.

From: Borinsky, Susan (FTA)
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2010 12:44 PM
To: Rogoff, Peter (FTA)
Cc: Carter, Dorval (FTA); Bausch, Carl (FTA); Zusman, Nancy-Ellen (FTA); Ryan, James (FTA); Rogers, Leslie (FTA); Sukys, Raymond (FTA); Carranza, Edward (FTA)
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Peter--attached and in the text below is a letter from FTA to the City of Honolulu about its recent submittal of CDs containing proposed changes to the administrative draft of the FEIS about the project's re-alignment at the airport. Our response says that this submittal is premature. We are still reviewing the materials the City sent about the impacts of the proposed re-alignment and have not reached a decision on the next NEPA documentation. Region IX, TCC (including Dorval) and TPE concurred on this letter.

Review of the recently submitted re-alignment materials is moving along. Carl is drafting a memorandum for TCC review about the next NEPA steps. We are attempting to have an expeditious resolution of both matters. Should FTA decide to incorporate the re-alignment information into the FEIS, we will work with the CDs that we are holding in abeyance.

If you are ok with this letter or a revised version, Leslie can send it immediately—thus precluding the City's premature submission of hard copies of the FEIS.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. Susan (202-366-0789)

The proposed letter:

Mr. Wayne Y. Yoshioka
Director
Department of Transportation Services
City and County of Honolulu
650 south King Street, 3rd Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Yoshioka:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) acknowledges receipt of compact discs (in lieu of hard copies) of a document entitled, "Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project, Final EIS" (April 8, 2010 Pre-Decisional Review Copy). At this time, acceptance of this document would be premature, since FTA staff is still reviewing and evaluating the City and County of Honolulu's (the "City") data submitted last week regarding potential effects of the proposed alternative airport runway protection zone avoidance alignment. Following FTA's thorough evaluation of this data, we will determine the appropriate process through which the alternative should be introduced into the proceedings and notify you as to next steps for ensuring compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

FTA is expeditiously working to complete its review as soon as possible and expects to complete it shortly. We will

immediately notify you of our determination and what FTA needs from the City in order to keep the NEPA process moving forward. Please do not hesitate to contact me on (415) 744-3133 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Leslie T. Rogers

Regional Administrator