From: Hamayasu, Toru
To: 'David.Longo@dot.gov'
CC: 'Hogan, Steven'; Miyamoto, Faith
Sent: 4/5/2010 2:01:26 PM
Subject: FW: From Cliff Slater's website

David,

I think you know who Slater is by this time. Only thing I ask is to replace the FOIA copy with the latest copy rather than that of October since we found errors in it. We'll provide you with the latest version. I don't want to need to defend the errors. Ideally, though, we have the final FEIS out on time so Slater FOIA becomes moot.

Toru

From: Brennan, Bill
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 1:52 PM
To: Yoshioka, Wayne; Hamayasu, Toru; Caldwell, Kirk; Williams, Patrick; 'ndahl@hawaii.rr.com'; Dahl, Nalani
Subject: From Cliff Slater's website

Honolulu Weekly scoops us with Draft FEIS:

Honolulu Weekly is running "Rail: The EIS, unbound." That's embarrassing. The Weekly apparently did not know that the feds NEVER accept FOIAs (Freedom of Information Act) for documents that are still in draft form, so they asked the FTA for the Draft FEIS — and got it!

That leads us to the main question: Why did the FTA release the Draft FEIS? Was it an error or some strategic move?

Rather than comment on the Weekly's story, we have made a FOIA request ourselves and will comment on it when we receive it