
From: Longo, David (FTA)
To: Griffo, Paul (FTA); Borinsky, Susan (FTA); Day, Elizabeth (FTA); Rogers, Leslie (FTA)
CC: 'carl.bausch@dot.gov'; Carranza, Edward (FTA); Barr, James (FTA)
Sent: 3/17/2010 4:03:29 AM
Subject: RE: Media inquiry

This is an acceptable response.

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From: Griffo, Paul (FTA)
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2010 9:35 AM
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How's this:

Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann says the visit is expected to end with the FTA's release of the federal environmental impact statement for the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project: is that right?

FTA is continues to work diligently with Honolulu city and county officials to help them achieve their goals for completing the environmental work necessary to move the High-Capacity Corridor project forward.

From: Borinsky, Susan (FTA)
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 9:16 PM
To: Griffo, Paul (FTA); Day, Elizabeth (FTA); Longo, David (FTA); Rogers, Leslie (FTA)
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Paul, I don't know if anyone else has attempted to answer the question about the FEIS for you yet.

The reporter is not only asking what we think will happen, but if what the Mayor is saying is correct. We should not be commenting on the Mayor's remark.

As for what we think will happen, we don't know the outcome of the meeting in advance. It's likely that local decisions that occur as a result of the meeting may impact the environmental review process, including the content and issuance date of the FEIS. But it's premature for FTA to say anything. It's all hypothetical until after the meeting occurs, the locals decide what they want to do, and FTA and FAA have a chance to decide on the NEPA consequences and next steps. Susan

From: Griffo, Paul (FTA)
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 4:08 PM

To: Day, Elizabeth (FTA); Longo, David (FTA); Rogers, Leslie (FTA)
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Thanks, Beth...others, I'll await your input.

Thanks.

From: Day, Elizabeth (FTA)
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 4:05 PM
To: Griffo, Paul (FTA); Longo, David (FTA); Rogers, Leslie (FTA)
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Hi Paul
Sorry for the delay in responding. We've been booked solid with meetings all day. The reporter should contact the project manager that works for the City and County if she wants to know the list of people in attendance at the meeting. His name is Toru Hamayasu. I do not have the agenda or the list of attendees.

The meeting with not result in release of the FEIS. I will have to leave it to others in FTA more familiar with what is going on with the NEPA document to determine the best way to respond to that question.

From: Griffo, Paul (FTA)
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 12:09 PM
To: Longo, David (FTA); Day, Elizabeth (FTA); Rogers, Leslie (FTA)
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Here is Adrienne's response after I told her we wouldn't be doing media:

Since the City of Honolulu is hosting, shouldn't she get the agenda from them?

And can we confirm her question about the FEIS, or is that still uncertain?

Thanks.

From: Adrienne LaFrance [mailto:adriennelafrance@honoluluweekly.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 11:31 AM
To: Griffo, Paul (FTA)
Subject: Re: Media inquiry

Hi Paul,

I understand. Who, specifically, will be visiting? What is on the agenda for the visit--which Honolulu City and Hawaii State officials will they meet with?

Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann says the visit is expected to end with the FTA's release of the federal environmental impact statement for the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project: is that right?

Thank you,
Adrienne

From: Longo, David (FTA)
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 7:18 AM

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We certainly aren't scheduling interviews for our people. Carl Bausch and regional folks are on site. If approached, our people should politely thank them for their interest and say they are not authorized to speak with media, but they should contact you or me.

From: Griffo, Paul (FTA)
To: Day, Elizabeth (FTA); Rogers, Leslie (FTA)
Cc: Longo, David (FTA)
Sent: Mon Mar 15 22:24:32 2010
Subject: Re: Media inquiry

Fill me in.

BTW, I plan on saying there won't be any media interviews scheduled.

From: Adrienne LaFrance <adriennelafrance@honoluluweekly.com>
To: Griffo, Paul (FTA)
Sent: Mon Mar 15 22:11:22 2010
Subject: Media inquiry

Hi Paul,

I understand that a number of representatives from FTA will be in Honolulu this week. Could you please put me in touch with the appropriate press person for scheduling interviews while they're here?

Thanks,

Adrienne

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