From: Borinsky, Susan (FTA)
To: Day, Elizabeth (FTA); Bausch, Carl (FTA); Barr, James (FTA); Ryan, James (FTA)
Sent: 3/9/2010 1:25:40 AM
Subject: NTP Issue
Attachments: Honolulu - NTP#1A questions (jr) (3).doc

Here's the latest version of a letter from Region IX to Honolulu in response to the City's Feb. 8 letter on NTP actions. If you are available, could we please gather in my office immediately after the EMT meeting (sometime between noon to 12:15 PM) to discuss this letter with the Region and TCC? I'd like your thoughts on this letter as soon as possible this morning; I hope TPE staff can come to consensus about this letter before we meet with Region IX and TCC around noon.

Personally, I'm more comfortable with this letter than the last version. It does not focus on the FAA issue and NEPA timining issues (before FAA has met with the City or the City has decided on an alignment). The letter eliminates earlier language that the City was just notifying us about its plans to issue NTP#1A and did not see FTA approval of activities in the NTP, which seemed incongruous in the earlier version since the City was holding up issuing NTP#1A until reciept of a response from FTA. Overall, I am also more comfortable also with the overall tone of this letter.

It appears that TCC does not want to pre-approve any contractual actions taken under the DB contract/NTPs/etc., prefering instead to leave compliance with the Federal Register notice up to the City. I guess this means that FTA would step in later if we learn that any action taken is not in compliance with FTA guidance. Consequently, while this letter says the first two actions described to occur under NTP#1A "appear to be consistent" with FTA guidance, there is no FTA approval per se of NTP#1A. I think we have to defer to TCC's expertise on this matter.

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Subject: RE: 3/8/10 Draft Honolulu - NTP#1A Letter

Susan/Jim: Can we all meet on this latest attached draft to support your approach to Peter? How about tomorrow morning at 9:15 AM PST right after the EMT call. I know you thought this would work for you from our discussions earlier today. Nancy-Ellen will attempt to tie in Dorval to discuss the particulars of this version.

Let's use this meet me number
877-336-1828, 5566961#

Thank you all, for somehow we will get to the desired goal line.