From: Todd Apo
To: James.Ryan@dot.gov
CC: Oliveira, Joyce A. M.; Susan.Borinsky@dot.gov
Sent: 3/8/2010 10:16:30 AM
Subject: RE: Honolulu/FTA meeting for tomorrow

Jim,

You make a good point about the questions and I appreciate FTA's willingness to split up the meeting to deal with the differing aspects. Can we do this - plan for the first half hour to go over policy, bigger picture items with Mr. Rogoff and then the second half hour with the detailed questions with staff. Let me know if that works from your perspective. I would like to "advertise" to my colleagues that we need to keep the meeting within a one hour timeframe. If staff is able to spend a little extra time (if needed) with us, that would be great. But in order to prevent us from going into some potential nonsense that some members might want to raise, keeping the meeting to an hour timeframe is important.

I am going to do my best to drive the discussion with the set of questions and will spend some time tonight splitting up the questions that are appropriate to go over with Mr. Rogoff.

Let me know if all that makes sense from your side. Just confirming that we will be there at 1:00pm tomorrow.

Aloha,
Todd

-----Original Message-----
From: James.Ryan@dot.gov [mailto:James.Ryan@dot.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 10:05 AM
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Subject: RE: Honolulu/FTA meeting for tomorrow

Mr. Apo:

Thanks very much for the opportunity to review your draft list of questions in advance of tomorrow's meeting. It will help make tomorrow's discussions more efficient and useful to you.

Our initial review of the questions suggests that many deal with detailed technical issues. FTA's customary practice is to deal with these important issues at a staff level to ensure that we have the appropriate staff experts at the table and have sufficient time for discussion. We are therefore reserving time after the meeting with the administrator to get into the details at whatever length that you and your colleagues find useful.

You might want to highlight the broader policy questions that you want the administrator to address during the initial meeting with him.

We look forward to any update to the questions that you might be able to send us later today.

FTA staff attending the meeting with the administrator will include Susan Borinsky and me. Susan is our Associate Administrator for Planning and Environment. I'm FTA's team leader for the Honolulu project.

FTA staff participating in the follow-up meeting will again include Susan and me, as well as other staff from both FTA headquarters and our Region IX office in San Francisco. We are still assembling a list of participants because we set this meeting and invited participants only this morning.

We look forward to seeing you again tomorrow.

Jim Ryan

From: Todd Apo [mailto:tka@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Mon 3/8/2010 11:26 AM
To: Ryan, James (FTA)
Cc: 'Oliveira, Joyce A. M.'
Subject: Honolulu/FTA meeting for tomorrow

Jim,

I had hoped to get this to you earlier, but it's taken a while to get this all together. Please note that what I have attached here is just a draft and incomplete, but wanted to get you something to see some of what people are looking for. I hope to have the complete list to you a little later today. I am also going to try to organize the entire list of questions a bit better, so that it isn't so disjointed.

Attending the meeting from our side will be four Council Members:

Myself - Council Chair

Ikaika Anderson - Floor leader, Chair of Planning Committee, newest councilmember (not yet a complete year in office), but was on staff of previous councilmember

Ann Kobayashi - Chair of Public Infrastructure Committee

Romy Cachola

Do you know who will be attending for FTA?

As our RTD staff may have informed you, this is a mix of pro rail project and those who continue to fight certain elements of the project. The hope in the mixed group is to provide a fair and complete presentation and information sharing for the project. Therefore, you will see some of those bias in some of the questions. I have tried to "normalize" the questions without taking away the intent of the inquiry. But because of this, please know that it is fine if the answer is that the FTA isn't a part of those considerations or that they are purely local decisions.

Please feel free to email or call me (808-781-7761) if you have any questions or would like me to provide you with anything else.

Thank you for your help in this meeting.

Aloha,

Todd Apo