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I am aware that this visit was in the offing. I will sit in on it. -P

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Peter, Therese, Matt, Dorval and Dave--

This is another "heads up" on the Hawaii project.

Toru Hamayasu, the project manager of the Honolulu project, contacted Jim Ryan about the availability of FTA staff in DC to meet on either March 8 or 9 (Monday or Tuesday) with Honolulu Councilmembers Todd Apo and Ilikai Anderson. Both are supporters of the rail project. Councilmembers Apo and Anderson have met with FTA HQ staff on previous occasions. Toru says that they are looking for confirmation of FTA positions that they have been hearing secondhand. Some members of the Council have previously indicated that they want to hear FTA's positions directly, rather than only through the Mayor.

FTA formally communicates with the sponsor of a project, but normally is willing to talk with elected officials about projects in their area. Unless you indicate that you prefer us not to meet with the Councilmembers, I'll set up the meeting.

I'd like an FTA participant from TPM, TCC, and TRO-9 (via phone), if possible. TCA may also want to sit in, although that office has not done so in the past at these kinds of staff-level meetings. We'll develop an agenda, but I'm sure the major topics will be those covered in the New Starts Budget press event and recent press articles. After our past staff-level meetings, I don't believe there were any press statements by the Councilmembers about meeting with us. I'd like to arrange that same agreement before this meeting if TCA thinks that's appropriate. Susan