Meeting Minutes

Meeting: FHWA Meeting

Date: July 20, 2009

Purpose: Coordinate proposed Interstate access modifications with FHWA review of the Administrative Draft FEIS

Attendees:

FHWA: Paul Harker and Jodi Chew

HDOT: Ken Tatsuguchi, Patrick Tom, Jill Yamanouchi, and Rob Miyasaki

RTD: Faith Miyamoto, Harvey Berliner, and Ryan Tam

PB: Jim Van Epps, Jim Dunn, Mark Garrity, Lawrence Spurgeon, Hong Li, and Clyde Shimizu

Attachments: Aerial photo of Waiawa Interchange, Plan and Profile of H-2 ramp to Pearl Highlands garage including plan of Loop ramp from Farrington Hwy, Right of Way plan, typical sections, and architectural renderings of Pearl Highlands garage, bus transit center, and station.

Minutes:

1. Paul Harker opened the meeting explaining the importance of continued project coordination particularly regarding the H-2 ramp connection to the Pearl Highlands garage.
2. Jodi Chew indicated desire to include information in the FEIS pertinent for obtaining environmental clearance for the H-2 ramp.

3. Clyde Shimizu provided a brief project description. The ramp is proposed to exit from the system interchange ramp that connects H-2 Inbound to H-1 Outbound. The proposed ramp provides easy access for Central Oahu residents to get to the Pearl Highlands rail station. This is an important station for the entire rail project as it is tied for second highest projected ridership. The majority of riders are projected to leave their vehicles at home and get to the station via bus. Projected a.m. peak hour traffic volumes in the lane prior to the exit are estimated to be low.

4. Clyde Shimizu also provided description of a proposed Loop ramp that would connect Farrington Hwy to the Pearl Highlands garage. The ramp exits prior to an existing connection with H-2.
5. Comments from FHWA:
    a. Include projected traffic volumes on H-2 in the FEIS.
    b. An Interstate access modification application is likely to be required. The following would need to be addressed:
        i. Traffic analysis
        ii. Safety
        iii. Design exceptions
6. Comments from HDOT:
    a. In the return movement, the configuration of the existing ramp that connects Kamehameha Hwy to H-2 has a sharp merge and is on a fairly steep incline. Traffic analysis and safety review should be conducted.
    b. One of the exits from the Pearl Highlands garage connects to Farrington Hwy westbound. A traffic analysis should look at the weave condition between the Waipahu off-ramp and the Kamehameha Hwy northbound movement.