

Date: March 10, 2009

Subject: Meeting with EPA Concerning DEIS Comments – March 10, 2009

Attendees:

-Carolyn Mulvihill, EPA Faith Miyamoto, RTD Susan Robbins, InfraConsult  
Ted Matley, FTA Judy Aranda, Infraconsult Faith, Lawrence Spurgeon,  
PB, Amy Zaref, PB, Judy, SR

A meeting was held at the offices of EPA on March 10, 2009 concerning comments received from EPA on the DEIS. The main discussion items are summarized below.

Alternatives:

1. ~~For Administrative Record purposes, include more details on the Alternatives Analysis process and add more discussion concerning why light rail transit and BRT were rejected during the AA. Expand for the administrative record. Also, expand discussion on system operating requirements.~~

2. ~~Guideway Concern over Extensions~~ – EPA wants the FEIS to include an analysis and mitigation for the guideway extensions. Specifically:

- ~~Address major issues (e.g., water resources, historic resources)~~
- ~~fatal flaws of the extensions~~
- ~~Address constraints, in particular at kokohead in particular.~~

Wetlands & Waters

1. ~~Any informed EPA that Jurisdictional Delineation of wetlands analysis is currently being conducted underway and will be completed before and documented in the FEIS.~~

~~Action: Invite Tesse Robers to future wetland meetings. \*Amy: Have Tesse join you at next meeting with ACoE if I am not back yet.\*~~

2. ~~Lawrence stated that he is hoping to have zero wetland fill. CarolynM requested that tasks to include Wendy (EPA – Honolulu) be included in meetings with the ACoE.~~

~~\*Copy Carolyn on correspondence with John Ungvarsky at EPA (regarding Water Quality).~~

Water Quality

1. ~~WPB will describe include BMP<sup>2</sup>s, including green BMP<sup>2</sup>s to the extent possible in the FEIS.~~

~~Action: Copy Carolyn on correspondence with John Ungvarsky at EPA.~~

2. ~~Banana Patch – Amy summarized public outreach activities conducted with this community, including a public meeting held. The area will experience the greatest impact due to the Project, but at the same time as well as will experience area of the greatest potential improvement.~~

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3. Streams Call out two areas of impacts to streams.

Comment [B1]: Please provide more detail on this discussion items.

#### Noise Impacts

1. Lawrence described that the Design includes parapet walls and wheel skirts, to design, which will address away most noise impacts. Noise readings will now be done at Pearl Harbor, HD.

#### Environmental Justice

1. The Banana Patch area has been the focus of outreach efforts as discussed earlier. This area:
  - a. Area includes wetlands, floodways, etc.
  - b. It is located at a junction of four highways and ramps
  - c. Property owners/tenants will all be relocated.
  - d. The City will compensate more than fair market value, which. It will all be documented in the FEIS. The FEIS will also indicate that FTA has reviewed the transcripts of the public meeting at Banana Patch.

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#### Section 106 Consultation

1. Process will be completed prior to and documented in the FEIS. SHPD's major concerns of SHPO have been crossings over old bridges and effects to Chinatown Historic District. PB has been working with SHPO, who is underfunded, overworked. SHPO is hoping the Project will fund/complete their work, especially on potentially eligible Historic District of Navy Hsq.
2. Carolyn "Only a suggestion" toed that the Project document historic properties along extensions, if possible, although n. Not necessary.

#### Invasive Species

1. Invasive species will be discussed in the mitigation section of the FEIS measures as BMPs. It will also be a part of Special Provisions for design. This discussion will be included in the Construction Section of the document.

#### Visual Impacts

1. Carolyn stated that EPA is stressing that the Project reflects a commitment to context sensitive design and process, not particulars. Lawrence stated that the FEIS will include between 11 to 15 new Adding more simulations of Project's visual impacts to the vicinity. The Project has committed to working with the community, for example, adding 1% for Art at all stations.

## Climate Change

1. EPA comment on climate change is now a standard EPA comment on all EIS documents, including this Project. EPA's concern is of changes at ground level (e.g. TPSS's). Lawrence stated that design of None of the Project facilities will not be flooded due to climate change. In fact, the Project design is 2 feet above FTA's evaluation standard between 7-23".

Action: \*K\*Keep EPA in the loop on water concerns.

### Project Scale Back

1. Ted mentioned the possibility that the Project could be "cut back" due to the poor economy, which continues to decline nationally as well as in Hawaii.

### EPA Rating

1. Carolyn stated that an internal rating will be completed once the FEIS is received for review. EPA will prepare another letter on the FEIS on whether the agency's issues were addressed. Once completed, EPA will publish a summary of their findings, along with other project summaries, and post it on their website as well as the Federal Register.\*

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