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CC: Day, Elizabeth (FTA); Carranza, Edward (FTA); Sukys, Raymond (FTA); Welbes, Matt (FTA)
Sent: 11/1/2009 6:28:47 AM
Subject: RE: TPE Visit from Honolulu Councilmember Ikaika Anderson

Councilmember Anderson holds the seat formerly held by Councilmember (and Council chair) Barbara Marshall, who passed away this past February. Mr. Anderson was the senior legislative aide to Mrs. Marshall and earlier was a staffer on both the House and Senate sides of the state legislature. In April, he won a special election to fill the vacant seat with endorsements from a long list of local trade unions.

Mr. Anderson represents Council District 3 which lies entirely on the windward side of Oahu. A mountain range isolates the windward side from urban Honolulu and the rail corridor. Mrs. Marshall was a consistent "no" vote on the rail project. During the election, Mr. Anderson's position on the rail project was that the voters had spoken in the November 2008 referendum question on the project and that it would be "irresponsible" to reverse that outcome.

In June, Mr. Anderson voted for the \$1.1 billion local funding package for the initial 6-mile western segment of the project. The vote was 5-3 for the package. The missing vote from the 9-member council was caused by the death of Councilmember Duke Bainum, a rail opponent who passed away the previous day.

What did we do before we had the internet?

From: Rogers, Leslie (FTA)
Sent: Sat 10/31/2009 2:08 PM
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Subject: Re: TPE Visit from Honolulu Councilmember Ikaika Anderson

Councilmember's name is unfamiliar to me. I suspect this person is successor to Duke Bainum, who passed away earlier this year. I'll follow up to gain more information.

Leslie

From: Borinsky, Susan (FTA)
To: Rogers, Leslie (FTA); Ryan, James (FTA)
Cc: Day, Elizabeth (FTA)
Sent: Sat Oct 31 13:47:04 2009
Subject: Fw: TPE Visit from Honolulu Councilmember Ikaika Anderson

Do you know the answer to Matr's question?

From: Welbes, Matt (FTA)
To: Borinsky, Susan (FTA)

Sent: Sat Oct 31 13:25:04 2009

Subject: RE: TPE Visit from Honolulu Councilmember Ikaika Anderson

Has council member Anderson voted for the project to date?

From: Borinsky, Susan (FTA)

Sent: Sat 10/31/2009 11:43 AM

To: Ryan, James (FTA); Day, Elizabeth (FTA); Rogers, Leslie (FTA); Carranza, Edward (FTA); Welbes, Matt (FTA)

Subject: TPE Visit from Honolulu Councilmember Ikaika Anderson

I have a meeting with Honolulu Councilmember Ikaika Anderson at 3 pm on Monday, Nov. 2. This was set up some time ago. Here's what he wants to discuss:

From the Councilmember's office:

We would like to discuss the FTA's reporting requirements, if any, as relates to communications between an applicant's legislative and executive branches and how the relationships between these branches may impact the FTA's overall review of a proposed project. More importantly, we would like to discuss ways that communications between the FTA and applicant can or are made available to the public. Lastly, we'd like to talk about how the FTA considers an applicant's financial plans and what aspects of a financial plan are considered by the FTA in ranking a project and making subsequent New Starts awards.

I see this as a courtesy meeting about the status of the project and information about FTA procedures, like a similar one that Beth and I had with Council members last year. It turns out, however, that the timing of this visit may be sensitive in light of pending FTA correspondence with the sponsor and recent news articles. Peter will probably have made a decision on the general and SSOA letters before this meeting, but I don't think we should get into that correspondence with the sponsor. (Is the Council member pro or con the project?)

Several HI folks were at Railvolution. Perhaps the Councilman was there and extended his trip to include DC.

The Region is welcome (and requested) to join the 3 pm meeting. I realize you may be enroute to HI for the quarterly review, Leslie and Ed, but hope someone from the region can be on the line. Jim, Beth, Leslie and Ed--can we talk also earlier in the day? I suggest 11 am for a pre-meeting. Please let me know if you are available for these meetings. Susan