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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