From: Ryan, James (FTA)
To: Borinsky, Susan (FTA); Day, Elizabeth (FTA)
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Subject: RE: Pls comment on note to TCA re Honolulu DTS meeting with S-1 and TOA-1 tomorrow

Ok except for item 1, as already noted.

On the Friday conference call on this topic, it sounded as though Chris Van Wyk had lots of comments that might require some time to correct in the FEIS. Maybe add a bullet that refers to finalizing the FEIS?

From: Borinsky, Susan (FTA)
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Jim and Beth: I plan to send the following note to Jacqui Bennett as soon as possible. Any thoughts/edits? Susan

Jacqui--I note that the Director of the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) for the City and County of Honolulu is meeting with the Secretary and Peter tomorrow afternoon (5:30 PM). DTS is the applicant sponsor for the proposed New Starts project in Honolulu. TPM is preparing the briefing materials for the Secretary's meeting. Does this mean that the agenda will be limited only to the creation of a State Safety Oversight Office for the proposed New Starts project? Will the other outstanding issues regarding the DTS project come up in the meeting? For example:

1. DTS is seeking FTA's approval of the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Project into Preliminary Engineering. FTA is now reviewing that application.
2. The City is interested in "breaking ground" on the project before the end of the calendar year. FTA estimates that the environmental review of the proposed project (which is necessary before certain "ground breaking" activities, e.g., utility relocation, construction, etc. can occur) is unlikely to be completed in time to allow such activity.
   - Ongoing consultation with local historic preservation groups, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation must be completed before FTA can issue a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and an environmental Record of Decision (ROD).
   - Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration on the range of proposed mitigations at the Honolulu International Airport is necessary before issuance of the FEIS and ROD.
3. The City has already executed and/or plans to execute design-build contracts for the project in the immediate future. Such contracts must be consistent with FTA requirements for issuance of such contracts before the completion of the environmental review. FTA is preparing a letter to the City providing guidance to ensure that these contracts are consistent with FTA requirements.

Susan