From:	Webb, Kate (FTA)
To:	Ryan, James (FTA)
CC:	Day, Elizabeth (FTA)
Sent:	8/13/2009 10:33:03 AM
Subject:	FW: Secretary of Transportation Correspondence - High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project
Attachments:	Formal Comments on Draft EIS.doc; LaHood Cover Letter.doc; LaHood E-mail Follow-up 4-8-09.doc; Specific Comments on Draft EIS.doc

Hi Jim,

Per the e-mail traffic below and attachments, there was a person from HI that has written to S-1 a couple of time regarding the environmental review for the HI project. The letters were referred by OST to FTA for appropriate handling...which means we don't need to send back a response unless we want to.

Apparently the Congresswoman's staff is now after us for a response.

Do we sometimes answer letters like this....maybe saying briefly that it is up to the grantee to address all comments in their final environmental review document?

I think are now going to be on the hook to send some response back to this guy was hoping that it could be as basic as possible. Your thoughts?

Thanks!

Kate

-----Original Message-----
From: Green, Joyce (OST)
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2009 4:15 PM
To: Webb, Kate (FTA)
Cc: Dillard, Vernett (FTA)
Subject: FW: Secretary of Transportation Correspondence - High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project

Hi Kate,
I spoke with Joshua, Cong. Hirono's (HI) office, 808-294-4679. He called pertaining his constituent who wrote S-1 in January and never got a response. It was staffed to FTA for appropriate handling. It doesn't appear the letter warranted a response. Nonetheless, the Congresswoman is requesting that an immediate response be sent to the constituent (copy to Joshua).

-----Original Message-----
From: Wisch, Joshua [mailto:Joshua.Wisch@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2009 3:59 PM
To: Green, Joyce (OST)
Subject: FW: Secretary of Transportation Correspondence

Dear Ms. Green:

One of Congresswoman Hirono's constituents, Mr. Frank Genadio, has asked us to inquire with you because he sent a letter to Sec. LaHood (please see attached), and sent subsequent follow up correspondence, but never received a response.

Please let me know if you can assist in getting a response for Mr. Gendadio. If you need any further information, please don't hesitate to give me a call or send me an email.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----
From: Frank Genadio [mailto:genadiof001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2009 12:31 PM
To: Wisch, Joshua
Subject: Secretary of Transportation Correspondence

Aloha Mr. Wisch:

Per your request the other night, attached are four items that comprise my correspondence to (not with) U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood.
Each attachment is formatted in MS Word 2003 (and can be sent in MS Word 2007 if you prefer). The comments apply to the city's draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which is well over 2,000 pages. If you wish to check where my comments apply, you can find the EIS at the following site:

http://www.honolulutransit.org/library/

Let me know if you need any more information-on the specific information or on the process that seems to be placing the city on a "steamroller" course that will bring us an inferior system at a higher cost. I am hopeful that Congresswoman Hirono will address the matter upon her return to Washington.
Mahalo for your help.

Frank Genadio
672-9170