

# Meeting Minutes

**Meeting:** US Navy

**Date:** February 20, 2009

**Purpose:** Review rail alignment in the vicinity of Pearl Harbor Naval Base, specifically the proposed alignment fronting and entering property of the US Navy.

**Attendees:**

See attached sign-in sheet

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**Minutes:**

- After introductions, Harvey Berliner stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed alignment along Kamehameha Highway at the Naval Base and the Navy concerns for the project.
- Jim Van Epps reviewed the status of the project:
  - The DEIS comment period has ended and the City will be responding to all the comments provided.
  - It is understood the Navy has requested Cooperating Agency status for the EIS, and the City is in agreement
  - The project has released its first line segment design-build (DB) construction package for solicitation.
  - HHCTCP plans to award this DB construction contract in October, 2009, with notice to proceed (NTP) with construction in November.
  - HHCTCP will be releasing two additional solicitations this year: A DB construction contract for the Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF), located at the former Navy Drum Site; and for the Core Systems works, that includes the revenue light metro vehicles. Both contracts will be given NTP early 2010.
- Jim Dunn and Gary Takahashi presented the proposed alignment and station location, using aerial photographs showing the alignment graphically.

**Comments from Navy representatives on the alignment and station location:**

- Could the station be relocated further Koko Head along the alignment, either closer to Makalapa Gate or at Valkenburgh Street (Hickam Air Field)?
  - Jim Dunn stated that both locations have geometry that would prevent a station being located at either location due to horizontal and vertical curves present. The tight corridor between the base and Nimitz Highway prohibits an alignment change that meets the operational requirement and/or would result in additional impacts to the base or state highway facilities.

- ***Navy asked for a brief description of the geometric criteria for placement of stations.***
      - The station at Makalapa Gate is best suited for connection with a potential shuttle bus running inside the secured perimeter of Pearl Harbor. The NEX Shuttle bus currently runs through the Makalapa Gate.
      - Another station alternative offered was to move the station closer to Center Drive. This location is more geometrically practical, but does not serve the base as well the original location at Makalapa Gate.
      - ***Navy staff asked that RTD develop a matrix of the pros and cons of the Makalapa Gate location. Navy also requested that the no station alternative be included in this analysis.***
- Security at the Station was discussed, and the concerns relative to the barrack locations near the station.
  - ***PB will present station design options to address the Navy's security concerns at a future meeting.***
  - In addition, RTD and the Navy will convene a separate meeting with PB's security expert to discuss security issues. Meeting scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Noise concerns: ***PB will conduct ambient noise readings within the base for further analysis in the FEIS.*** Early studies indicated that noise generated by the rail operations will not impact the base.
- Traffic concerns: Additional traffic analysis will be completed in the FEIS; including impact during construction.
  - The Navy expressed concerns for the public using their parking at the Navy Exchange to board the rail. PB could not rule out illegal parking, but at other transit systems routine policing usually is adequate in limiting this impact.
- Utilities: Naval fuel lines and other facilities are critical to base operations. PB indicated they will need to work with Navy to discover all utilities within the rail corridor. A separate meeting will be held to discuss. ***In addition, RTD will ask permission to enter base to perform both base mapping and utility survey within the base.***
- ROW: ***Harvey Berliner asked for a separate meeting to discuss right of way issues. Navy agreed and RTD to arrange with appropriate RTD staff.***

Next Steps:

- RTD to respond to action items listed above (in ***bold/italic*** font).
- Another meeting to be held in 4 to 6 weeks when RTD has better mapping and definition of the impacts along Kamehameha Highway.
- Navy will invite the Air Force (Hickam Air Field) to future meetings.

Jim Dunn  
February 24, 2009

## Attachment

## Sign-in Sheet

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