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Our administrator was pretty assertive on the media conference call today regarding the Honolulu project. He repeated for Sean Hao of the Advertiser the standard message that we wouldn't be recommending New Starts funding for FY2011 if we didn't expect to sign an FFGA by the end of FY2011 -- and that we expected the FFGA to be in the amount of \$1.55 billion.

He told another Honolulu reporter (from the Star?? I didn't catch either his name at all or much of his affiliation) that there's much confusion about FTA's assessment of the financial plan among "the leadership in Honolulu." And that our standards get tighter as the project advances. And that we will do our own independent review of the revised financial plan as part of the request to enter final design.

And he went out of his way in a response to a question from a TV report to say that lots of state agencies that report to the governor commented on the environmental documents; so he is a bit perplexed by the issues raised by the governor at this point on adequate consideration of alternatives and funding.

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