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**Subject:** FW: Letter from HNL City Councilmember Dela Cruz  
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Ron et al.,

Attached is a copy of Honolulu City Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz's most recent letter of April 11, 2008, to the Administrator, which I received via email late Monday night (4/14/08). This letter follows Mr. Dela Cruz's meeting with Ray Sukys, Ted Matley and me on April 10<sup>th</sup> in his office, which served in lieu of our formally responding to his earlier letter of March 17, 2008.

Consistent with the earlier internal discussions and agreements involving TPE, TPM and Region IX staffs, in our 4/10 meeting with Mr. Dela Cruz we outlined FTA's policy on any of number of New Starts and project development issues. It should be noted that while a supporter of a "fixed guideway" project in the corridor, Mr. Dela Cruz ultimately supports a "rubber tire" technology application on a dedicated aerial structure and most of his questions emanate from this orientation. This position apparently is premised on his earnest belief that the long term O & M costs for the rubber tire application will be appreciably less than the costs of the "steel wheel on steel rail" application recommended by the expert panel and supported by the Mayor.

Given that the City Council's scheduled vote in the next day or so is intended to identify a mode technology, I am uncertain if we need to scramble to develop a quick response to the Councilmember's latest letter. However, don't be surprised to receive a phone call from him. Thanks!

Best,  
Leslie

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**From:** Ribellia, Kimberly [mailto:kribellia@honolulu.gov]  
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**To:** Rogers, Leslie <FTA>  
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Mr. Rogers:

It was great seeing you last week Thursday. Please see the attached letter for your review. I have sent the hard copy to DC.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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