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I would like Leslie to hold his letter until next week. Would like to discuss the CRC further next week as well. Thanks. -P

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Peter,

Here's one request for confirmation and updates on the following topics:

REQUEST CONFIRMATION

- 1. Columbia River Crossing** - The project sponsor's FY 2012 New Starts report submission proposes a New Starts amount of \$850 M. Due to CRC-specific provisions in law, this is allowable. The New Starts share would be 91 percent if calculated according to Ch. 53, but the New Starts share is around 23 percent when calculated as part of the overall CRC project, as prescribed by the CRC-specific provision. The \$850 M figure is more than the \$750 M used upon entry into PE.

The proposed \$850 M will appear as the New Starts amount in the Annual New Starts report. Please notify us if you would like to proceed differently.

UPDATES

- 1. Honolulu LRT letter** - As we discussed last week, Leslie will send a letter to Honolulu officials stating that the pre-cast concrete yard location must be resolved before an environmental Record of Decision can be issued for the project. If Honolulu officials opt for a location not in the FEIS as the contractor has proposed, they must do additional NEPA work – accepting the schedule impact on the ROD and the project. Selecting a yard covered by the FEIS will help maintain the schedule. The city is seeking a LONP for construction of the western part of the project once NEPA is completed.
- 2. Mpls-St. Paul Central Corridor** – TPE is following up on your question about the Met Council's "internal borrowing" procedures; specifically, what are the firewalls between different organizations under Met Council, whether there are organizational governance requirements for internal borrowing, why is the Met Council borrowing money if the funds are in hand, and would it cost FTA more if third party, rather than internal, borrowing occurred?

(There's another Central Corridor issue that we are looking into related to utility relocation, and we will communicate to you about it early next week).

- 3. Urban Circulator Federal Register Notice** – The Urban Circulator Federal Register notice is being finalized. It will state that Urban Circulator funds will be managed consistent with formula fund procedures. The funds will not be subject to New Starts “Exempt” project procedures. You will have the package for signature prior to its delivery for publication.

Also, please let Dorval or any of us if there follow up action required based on your ARC conversations. We Thanks.

Matt