
From: Griffo, Paul (FTA)
To: Day, Elizabeth (FTA)
Sent: 10/5/2010 8:08:42 AM
Subject: RE: Interview request

Would you feel comfortable with what Brian describes below? I never resolved this...

Thanks.

From: Farber, Brian (FTA)
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2010 12:14 PM
To: Day, Elizabeth (FTA); Griffo, Paul (FTA)
Cc: Sinquefield, Robyn (FTA); Borinsky, Susan (FTA)
Subject: RE: Interview request

I agree. This feels like ARC in a way, doesn't it? It's a completely sensitive issue and to go into detail about the finances of the project would only help to stir up problems locally. Paul – can someone speak to the process rather than the specifics of the project? Can we get away with that? Beth – would you feel comfortable with that approach?

From: Day, Elizabeth (FTA)
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2010 12:05 PM
To: Griffo, Paul (FTA)
Cc: Farber, Brian (FTA); Sinquefield, Robyn (FTA); Borinsky, Susan (FTA)
Subject: RE: Interview request

Hi Paul and Brian

Do we really want to get into a detailed discussion with a reporter on the financial plan for the Honolulu project right now given the fact that the Governor's is performing her own independent financial review of the project as we speak? This seems to be a very sensitive political topic that we would not want to get ourselves in the middle of, but maybe Peter doesn't think so anymore now that the Mayor lost the primary to Congressman Abercrombie.

Anyhow, we have not evaluated or rated a financial plan for the project since we approved it into PE last October. We will not evaluate and rate it again until it applies for entry into final design, which is currently scheduled for next spring.

Robyn and I could do the call if you think it is still a good idea.

Thanks,
Beth

From: Griffo, Paul (FTA)
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2010 10:55 AM
To: Day, Elizabeth (FTA)
Cc: Farber, Brian (FTA)
Subject: FW: Interview request

Beth,

Can you or someone from your staff accommodate this blog writer for a background interview sometime this week (any day but Friday will work)?

I've spoken to the writer and have more details if you'd like to discuss.

Thanks.

Paul

From: Adrienne LaFrance [mailto:adrienne.lafrance@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 3:01 PM

To: Griffo, Paul (FTA)

Subject: Interview request

Hi Paul,

Thank you for your continued help as I covered the Honolulu rail project for [Honolulu Civil Beat](#). I'm hoping you can help me arrange a phone interview with someone who can speak to the way FTA assesses these kinds of projects' financial stability. I know there is basic information online, but I'm really looking for a human voice, and someone at the national level who can also speak to the Honolulu project specifically. Who do you think would be the best source? Please feel free to call me to discuss.

Thanks in advance for your help with this.

Adrienne

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