From: Sukys, Raymond <FTA>
To: Turchie, Donna <FTA>; Ossi, Joseph <FTA>
Sent: 10/6/2006 6:30:41 AM
Subject: RE: Sensible Traffic Case in Honolulu

I don't think you should leave with the implication that the lawsuit was dropped because of the STIP or rescinding of the ROD. Yes, I thought it was dropped after the mayoral election and only because the new mayor was not going to push this project further. Note that even with the new corridor project they are not venturing into Waikiki until a later phase. The new mayor removed the service which was called the "E" line which incidentally was not popular and the locals called it the "empty line". The buses where moved to outer island service. Overall, the project did not make operational sense and really all it was, like so many transit projects now, a sidewalk and landscaping improvement project.

-----Original Message-----
From: Turchie, Donna <FTA>
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2006 1:00 PM
To: Ossi, Joseph <FTA>
Cc: Sukys, Ray (TRO-09)
Subject: RE: Sensible Traffic Case in Honolulu

Yes, I meant the ROD was rescinded. Also, you can add to the list that they did NOT have an LONP before starting construction either. These were the 3 official reasons that FTA gave Honolulu as to why the earmarks were ineligible.

DT

-----Original Message-----
From: Ossi, Joseph <FTA>
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2006 12:55 PM
To: Turchie, Donna <FTA>
Cc: Sukys, Raymond <FTA>
Subject: RE: Sensible Traffic Case in Honolulu

Thanks, Donna. I think that you mean that the ROD was rescinded, not the STIP.

I recall now that the City started implementation without the project being in the STIP. It was in the STIP when we signed the ROD, but then that STIP expired and the new STIP did not include the project. I think that they also started without the project having been approved into final design for New Starts purposes.

Someone is FHWA saw a summary of the case in "Westlaw" and was asking me about it.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Turchie, Donna <FTA>
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2006 3:48 PM
To: Ossi, Joseph <FTA>
Cc: Sukys, Ray (TRO-09)
Subject: RE: Sensible Traffic Case in Honolulu

Both Sensible Traffic and the City and County of Honolulu agreed to drop the lawsuit. This occurred after the STIP was rescinded, FTA told Honolulu that the BRT earmarks were ineligible for funding and Mayor Hanneman had publicly announced that he planned to discontinue the BRT project and stop the locally-funded BRT service.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Ossi, Joseph <FTA>
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2006 1:28 PM
To: Turchie, Donna <FTA>
Subject: RE: Sensible Traffic Case in Honolulu

Hi Donna:
Was this case ever decided or was it just dropped after the City indicated that it no longer sought FTA funding?
Joe

-----Original Message-----
From: Marler, Renee (TRO-09)
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2005 10:50 AM
To: Rogers, Leslie (TRO-09); Sukys, Raymond (TRO-09); Turchie, Donna (TRO-09); Ossi, Joseph (TPE)
Cc: Jones, Sigrid (TRO-09)
Subject: FW: Sensible Traffic

FYI, See the attached letter re Honolulu counsel's statement to our Judge.

Sigrid, pls put this in our litigation file.

-----Original Message-----
From: Paul.Barker@usdoj.gov [mailto:Paul.Barker@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2005 7:36 AM
To: Uyeno, Ted (TRO-10); Marler, Renee (TRO-09)
Cc: Rachel.Moriyama@usdoj.gov; Devon.Lehman@usdoj.gov; Cynthia.Huber@usdoj.gov
Subject: Sensible Traffic

To All:

Attached is a letter that the City of Honolulu's lawyer wrote to the Judge Mollway yesterday (and faxed to me) reporting that the new mayor has no intention of pursuing any phase of the BRT project. It will be interesting to see how this plays out of the next few days.

Paul

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