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Subject: RE: Honolulu Rail Project - USFWS Section 7

Hello Faith,

Thank you for the update email. We would be supportive of City setting up a meeting with the USFWS. Please establish a line to allow FTA to conference in to the meeting. The USFWS mitigation proposal seemed pretty straight forward. Do you not think that you would be able to incorporate the requested mitigation? Or do you think you may not need to incorporate it after speaking with the USFWS?

Regarding concurrence, FTA would still like written concurrence either by email or in a letter form from USFWS that formal consultation is unnecessary.

Thanks,

Liz

From: Miyamoto, Faith [mailto:fmiyamoto@honolulu.gov]
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Hi Liz and Ted –

During the course of our drafting an FTA response to USFWS regarding the endangered abutilon, we surmised that the new USFWS person may not be familiar with our project; such as the location of the project in relation to the Contingency Reserve Area, what surveys have been completed, our discussions with HDOT/HDLNR regarding the COI and the City's commitment to augment the fund to implement the measures contained in the habitat conservation plan, and what we have done to avoid impacts to the plants. Therefore, we would like to meet with Loyal to discuss our project. I think a meeting will expedite the conclusion of the Section 7 consultation.

We could arrange a teleconference so that you can participate in the discussion. If USFWS can render a determination of "no effect" or is "not likely to adversely affect endangered species" at the meeting, will documentation of that meeting be sufficient to conclude Section 7 consultation? Please let me know what you think.

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