From: Day, Elizabeth (FTA)
To: Nelson, Ketrina (FTA)
CC: Holland, Tonya (FTA); Ryan, James (FTA); Borinsky, Susan (FTA); Eckmann, Alex (FTA)
Sent: 3/25/2010 9:25:37 AM
Subject: RE: Honolulu Contact Tool Questions #4 and 5

Hi Ketrina
Two more. Sorry they weren't all consolidated in one email.

From: Holland, Tonya (FTA)
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2010 1:56 PM
To: Day, Elizabeth (FTA)
Subject: Contact Tool Question #4

Honolulu Contact Tool Question #4:

This is really a comment rather than a question.

Requestor: gm@surfgirls.com **Date Submitted:** 03/25/2010 03:25 AM
Status: New **Category:** Planning & Environment
Question: Hono Rail Financing not meeting even lowered forecast

Tax collections needed to pay for Honolulu's planned $5.3 billion train are slipping below the level forecast for the current fiscal year.

The city expects to raise a net $164 million, or about $13.7 million a month, in the 12 months ending June 30. However, through the first eight months of the fiscal year monthly collections from the half-percentage-point tax averaged $13.1 million, according to calculations based on state Department of Taxation figures.

During the next four months the city needs to collect an average of nearly $14.9 million a month to meet its tax revenue target.

Construction of the 20-mile East-Kapolei-to-Ala-Moana train was supposed to begin last December but has been delayed by a prolonged federal review of environmental impacts.

Through the first eight months of this fiscal year, transit-tax collections are down 1.6 percent to

$104.6 million, compared with the same period a year earlier. In February the transit tax generated $13 million, which was down 2.3 percent from February 2009.

State tax collections overall have fallen amid declining visitor arrivals and rising unemployment.

The accuracy of the city's tax revenue projections and the viability of the transit project's financial plan will be the subject of an upcoming review by Gov. Linda Lingle.

Answer:

From: Holland, Tonya (FTA)
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2010 3:01 PM
To: Day, Elizabeth (FTA)
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Subject: Honolulu Contact Tool Question #5

Honolulu Contact Tool Question #5

Requestor: gm@surfgirls.com **Date Submitted:** 03/25/2010 03:50 AM

Status: New **Category:** Planning & Environment

Question: Mayor Muffy said: "We have not seen or heard any show stoppers."

Hono DTS Director Wayne Yoshioka, said the EIS is "99.5 percent done."

Muffy has Oahu Taxpayers paying $36.7M to "InfraConsult LLC of Arizona over 5 years. InfraConsult was formed in 2006 by three former Parsons Brinckerhoff executives. Two previously had worked on Honolulu transit projects. Yoshioka used to work for Parsons Brinckerhoff.

Oahu Tax-Payers pay $7.34 MILLION a YEAR to InfraConsult - and they had worked on PAST Honolulu transit projects- but can't even SEE that a four story Rail Station in the DIRECT PATH- Just 1000 feet away- would NOT cause major concern for the FAA?

Can you GUESS where Muffy gets his HUGE CAMPAIGN MONEY so he can fund his elaborate "pre-campaign" gatherings- the Oahu Tax-Payers!

There's money in Rail DELAY- so Muffy doesn't care. His friends get Oahu Tax Money EVERY MONTH- even for total EIS BUNGLES!

Just wait for all the Rail Construction BUNGLES, COST OVERRUNS And CHANGE ORDER coming!