

Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project

Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, 28 February, 2006, 1:30p.m. Location: DTS Conference Room, 3rd Floor

Subject: Environmental Justice (EJ) coordination meeting with DTS Title VI contact for FTA

Attendees: Faith Miyamoto, James Burke, Phyllis Kurio, Ken Banao, DTS Lawrence Spurgeon, Nami Ohtomo, PB

- James Burke is Chief of the Public Transit Division, and also the City's designated Title VI contact for FTA.
The purpose of the meeting is to discuss how to evaluate where "disadvantaged" groups (minority and low-income populations) exist, determine potential disproportionate and adverse impacts to them, and document consideration of EJ and Title VI concerns.
James said that DTS must do an EJ evaluation when changing bus operations.
James provided a copy of a report on "Environmental Justice Evaluation" for "Proposed TheBus Service Modifications (Routes E, 303, 87)".
James noted that, if an operational change to TheBus impacts (in EJ terms) somebody, it can be changed/revised again - unlike some projects.
James said DTS evaluates both impacts and benefits, but looks at direct impacts adjacent to a bus route, even when there is also a benefit.
PB proposed the following evaluation method for the HHCTC project:
1) Analyze existing census data - using block group-level analysis results already documented in OMPO's EJ study, plus tract-level detailed race analysis, including linguistic isolation data.
2) "Refinement" of data - review of census data output by community outreach experts and knowledge gained from outreach efforts.
James said the proposed additional census data analysis was a good idea.
The project needs to consider both EJ and Title VI.
James agreed to review the EJ methodology for the Transit project.

- 1. DTS to review project's EJ methodology.
2. Need to check if the Hastings Amendment has passed. (NOTE: It appears that this "amendment", introduced in Congress as H.R.1648, is still in committee. See <http://thomas.loc.gov>)

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