# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Peter Rogoff, Administrator
**FROM:** Leslie T. Rogers, Region IX Administrator
Elizabeth S. Riklin, Deputy Associate Administrator for Planning and Environment
**DATE:** January 11, 2011
**RE:** Meeting with Mayor Peter Carlisle and Staff to discuss Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project

## MEETING OVERVIEW

On January 18 at 2:30 p.m. you will meet with Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle, Denis Dwyer, and Toru Hamayasu, Director of the Honolulu Rapid Transit Division to discuss the status and next steps for the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project.

- **Status of Environmental Review:**
  - FTA is finalizing the Record of Decision (ROD) for signature in mid-January.
  - FTA has concluded the consultation with the signatories and consulting parties, including the Hawaii State Historic Preservation, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Navy, and the National Park Service, and has finalized the Section 4(f) programmatic agreement. Signature by the signatories started on January 10th to allow for the ROD to be signed by mid January, although there may be some minor delay due to complications in all the required signatories completing the formal signature process.

- **Project Development Issues**
  a. **Final Design Approval currently anticipated August 2011**
  b. **Procurement Issues**
  This summer, a Procurement Systems Review was completed on RTD. The review concluded that required Federal clauses, including DBE, were not included in the $49 million contract with InfraConsult LLC for project management support for the rail project. The recommended resolution would be to require RTD to rebid the contract with the Federal clauses. FTA has determined that the current project management team can stay in place and continue work while the contract is rebid. RTD has proposed to avoid complying with procurement requirements such as DBE for selective contracts such as InfaConsult by funding the contracts with their local "overmatch." This approach is contrary to FTA policy. Staff recommends that RTD be advised that compliance with FTA conditions for all contracts supporting the rail project will be required to achieve entry into final design.