
From: Ryan, James (FTA)
To: Bausch, Carl (FTA); Day, Elizabeth (FTA); Borinsky, Susan (FTA); Barr, James (FTA)
Sent: 10/16/2009 2:23:58 AM
Subject: RE: FEIS Schedule

The City's hope is simply that the approval letter doesn't say that the schedule is impossible. They'd probably be happy with "doubtful" at this point.

From: Bausch, Carl (FTA)
Sent: Fri 10/16/2009 6:30 AM
To: Day, Elizabeth (FTA); Borinsky, Susan (FTA); Ryan, James (FTA); Barr, James (FTA)
Subject: RE: FEIS Schedule

Beth has correctly stated the delivery dates. There are other issues; for example, we need to ask Renee how long she will need for the legal sufficiency review. For a variety of reasons, I am doubtful that we can accommodate Toru's schedule.

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From: Day, Elizabeth (FTA)
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2009 8:41 PM
To: Borinsky, Susan (FTA); Bausch, Carl (FTA); Ryan, James (FTA); Barr, James (FTA)
Subject: RE: FEIS Schedule

To get the notice of availability published in the Fed Reg on Nov 6th, the FEIS would need to be completed (to FTA's satisfaction), with all copies ready (which usually takes the grantee a few days to print), so that FTA can get it to the Fed Reg one week in advance because of the timeframe required by the Fed Reg. I'm probably not stating this whole process right, but Jim Barr and Carl will know the process to which I am referring and can hopefully explain it better and provide guidance on true timeframes. If I'm right in my recollection about the timeframes, it would mean FTA would have to have all our issues with the FEIS document itself resolved probably by next week or so. Is this even feasible?

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From: Borinsky, Susan (FTA)
Sent: Thu 10/15/2009 8:32 PM
To: Day, Elizabeth (FTA); Bausch, Carl (FTA); Ryan, James (FTA)
Subject: FW: FEIS Schedule

Beth and Carl--Let's discuss in the morning

Jim--Go ahead to AECOM; we'll fill you in if anything happens in the morning.

From: Ryan, James (FTA)
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2009 8:27 PM
To: Borinsky, Susan (FTA)
Subject: FW: FEIS Schedule

I got a call on my cell phone on the way home (standing at the bus bay at the Vienna Metro station). Toru had met with the mayor and delivered the bad news (that he got by way of Ted Matley somehow, possibly via Honolulu staff; I didn't ask for details). Toru and the mayor have cooked up a faster schedule for City Council action on the PA. Their request is that we soften the language in the letter to leave open the possibility that the ROD would happen by the end of the year.

Now, after our conversation this evening, I called Toru and recounted the difficulties that FTA and the City would still have in getting the FR

notice published on November 6. I guess they are trying to address problems one at a time -- and the City Council action on the PA is clearly the first one to address.

I asked Toru to write the new milestones in an e-mail. It's below. I haven't studied it yet (I just got home) but will this evening. I'm still planning to go to AECOM tomorrow morning unless you think I should show up (again!) at the office. I will/would have my cell phone and my laptop with constant e-mail access at AECOM. Let me know.

From: Hamayasu, Toru [<mailto:thamayasu@honolulu.gov>]
Sent: Thu 10/15/2009 7:45 PM
To: Ryan, James (FTA)
Subject: FEIS Schedule

Jim,

Here is our Plan B:

We can expedite the City Council's authorization to sign the Programmatic Agreement (PA) in October instead of November. The Council meeting is scheduled on October 27th. We have a schedule requirement that the Council meeting agenda must be posted 6 days prior to the meeting. The Council authorization is done in a form of resolution with the draft PA as an attachment. So the proposed resolution authorizing the city administration to sign the PA must be posted by the 22nd. The PA is substantially final at this time so we can attach the current draft to the resolution. The resolution has a provision to allow some minor changes.

We are contacting the Councilmembers to inform them of the schedule and the criticalness of their action. We expect this to be successful and be able to sign the PA on or soon after the 21st so the FEIS can be issued and NOA can be on the federal register on November 6.

Toru