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Sent: 9/17/2008 6:03:31 AM
Subject: RE: Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project

Ted:
This issue can be complicated and sensitive. Federal lands are involved, so NAGPRA is at issue as well as 106. We will have to figure out how to involve the Army and Navy officials. I don't know how sensitive the OIBC is - my experience in New Mexico was that the tribes did not interact well with cities and towns but would only deal with the Feds.
I'm wondering if the Hawaii DOT experience can be helpful, or perhaps the local office of FHWA. They have probably had dealings with the OIBC and NAGPRA and how they all interface with local Federal lands officials and SHPD.
Maybe Faith can sus this out for us.
This definitely warrants a call and some extensive diplomacy.
Jim

From: Matley, Ted <FTA>
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2008 7:07 PM
To: Carranza, Edward <FTA>; Sukys, Raymond <FTA>; Barr, James <FTA>
Cc: Fisher, Ronald <FTA>
Subject: FW: Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project

Gentlemen,
Any comments or thoughts on Faiths request for guidance?

Ted

From: Miyamoto, Faith [mailto:fmiyamoto@honolulu.gov]
Sent: Tue 9/16/2008 3:59 PM
To: Matley, Ted <FTA>
Subject: Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project

Hi Ted –

On Wednesday, September 10, 2008, we met with the Oahu Island Burial Council (OIBC); this is a Governor appointed body whose primary responsibility is to determine preservation or relocation of previously identified Native Hawaiian burial sites. In order to expedite the OIBC's action upon our project's encountering bones, we are proposing that a Section 106 memorandum of agreement (MOA) be developed that addresses the discovery of bones or archaeological items. The OIBC is asking that they be an invited signatory party, which the City supports. We, therefore, ask that FTA fully consider their request. Also, what about some of the other consulting parties, such as the Army or Navy? Should they also be a signatory party, in the event that bones are found on their lands? I was advised that if that was the case, then NAGRA would be involved. Do you think we should have a conference call regarding this matter? The signatory party versus concurring party question needs to be resolved before the OIBC determines their participation in the MOA.

Also, just a few other items to keep you up-to-date on what we are up to:

1. Thanks for the response from Jim Barr regarding the "Environmentally Preferable Alternative". We are reworking our revision to the ADEIS.
2. On Thursday, September 18, 2008, we will be providing a briefing to the FHWA Hawaii Division (cooperating agency). HDOT will also be present.
3. Last week, I received an email message from Chris Porter of Cambridge Systematics. He reviewed our New Starts Land Use Templates last year. He requested a copy of our 2010 submission. I wrote back to him that we have not updated our templates because there were no significant changes to the project. He responded that he would check with FTA regarding the need for updates.

4. I have been coordinating with FHWA and HDOT regarding sharing the cost of bringing an FHWA person to Honolulu to provide training on the Uniform Relocation Act. He is Dave Leighow who works out of FHWA's Oregon office. I thought I should bounce this off of you before we proceed even further in our discussions. Do you think we should have someone from FTA as a trainer with Dave?

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