From: Borinsky, Susan (FTA)
To: Rogoff, Peter (FTA); McMillan, Therese (FTA); Welbes, Matt (FTA); Steinmann, Richard (FTA)
CC: Ryan, James (FTA); Day, Elizabeth (FTA); Bausch, Carl (FTA)
Sent: 10/13/2009 10:48:29 AM
Subject: FW: 091013 Honolulu PE appr letter v9 0
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Peter, here's the electronic version of the Honolulu approval letter. I made another slight change in the section on NEPA to indicate that FTA attempts to conduct environmental reviews that are consistent with Federal statutes and regulations, as well as able to withstand legal challenges:

While this schedule is somewhat longer than the City has hoped for, FTA believes it necessary to our mutual goal of conducting an environmental review that is consistent with Federal requirements and resistant to legal challenge.

Susan

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Please see if you are OK with my tweak about NEPA in the attachment and below:

While this schedule is somewhat longer than the City has hoped for, FTA believes it necessary to our mutual goal of producing an FEIS that is consistent with Federal requirements and resistant to legal challenge.

From: Ryan, James (FTA)
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 2:47 PM
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Here's a draft of the update that the administrator wants, in track-changes mode.

- I made the paragraph on finance more specific by adding a reference to increasing annual appropriations by the City, by enumerating the kinds of revisions that the financial plan would need during PE, and by including a warning that the plan would not get them into FD.
- I added a subsequent paragraph on the FEIS/ROD schedule to indicate that, at best, we anticipate publication of the FEIS in late November and, therefore, a ROD in the new year.

I sent an earlier draft to Ray Sukys in TRO-09 with two specific questions: what is our expectation for the earliest date we can publish the FEIS and, therefore, when would be the earliest date for the ROD. He answered those questions and then edited a bunch of other stuff -- including an additional bullet under "project schedule" provided by Jim Barr on a requirement that's being added by the ACHP. I have not included most of those additional changes because I think we're too close to the finish line to be further massaging the letter. But, I'm happy to change it if you or the administrator think otherwise.