From: Borinsky, Susan (FTA)
To: Ryan, James (FTA)
CC: Weeks, Dwayne (FTA)
Sent: 10/7/2009 4:31:39 AM
Subject: FW: Honolulu documents, versions #8
Attachments: 091005 Honolulu PE appr memo v8 0.doc

Jim, can you please call me (202-366-0789)? Are you OK with the minor tweaks on pages 3 and 4? What wording do you recommend for the "ground-breaking" paragraph that starts on page 7? Do we know if utility relocation would suffice or is this a question of notice to proceed to the contractor on real construction? If the latter, I think we should state it and indicate that an LONP is unlikely by the end of the year. Susan

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From: Borinsky, Susan (FTA)
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 3:59 PM
To: Ryan, James (FTA)
Cc: Weeks, Dwayne (FTA); Day, Elizabeth (FTA); Riklin, Sherry (FTA)
Subject: RE: Honolulu documents, versions #8

JIm--The memo and letter look good to me. I have a couple edits/questions in the attached memo. Please take a look at my changes, but revise as you think best and have this put into final.

I'd like to get this package to the front office tomorrow. I"ll be in and can sign off first thing in the morning. I understand that Aaron James has already signed for TPM. Leslie is back in the office today and can sign, I believe. (I know I'm part of the delay and apoligise for being unable to respond until this afternoon.)

Matt sent a note to Sonia asking her to set up a meeting with Peter to go over the PE approval, but it hasn't shown up on my calendar yet. We may not get a meeting with Peter unti Thursday (or even Friday)y, but should be ready to talk about this matter on Wednesday. If we have a NS update meeting tomorrow afternoon, we may cover it then.

I don't see any reason not to give the project ratings to Honolulu for their revisions to the FEIS. They should not release any information publicly, however, until they get the PE approval letter, which includes the ratings.

My inclination is just to get this package cleared internally as all find the project ready to move into PE, and to send the approval letter on the 12th or 13th, whichever is considered 10 days after the notice to the Hill. I think it is appropriate, however, to re-consider the contents of the memo and letter now that a new Administration is on-board and may have different expectations than the last Administration on this aspect of NS procedures.

Thanks for your work on the PE approval. Susan

From: Ryan, James (FTA)
Sent: Mon 10/5/2009 4:40 PM
To: Rogers, Leslie (FTA); Carranza, Edward (FTA); Tahir, Nadeem (FTA); Sukys, Raymond (FTA); Matley, Ted (FTA); Luu, Catherine (FTA); James, Aaron (FTA); Nutakor, Chris (FTA); Nguyen, Kim (FTA)
Cc: Borinsky, Susan (FTA); Day, Elizabeth (FTA); Buckner, Sharon (FTA)
Subject: Honolulu documents, versions #8

Attached are the latest versions. The large change is that the approval memo and its grid version now include copies from the approval letter of the bullets conveying FTA's comments on scope, schedule, cost, and technical capacity. I have also incorporated a few minor edits from Beth that weren't included in the minor edits made in versions #7. For folks in headquarters, these versions #8 are on the O: drive.

From: Ryan, James (FTA)
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 10:50 AM
To: Rogers, Leslie (FTA); Carranza, Edward (FTA); Tahir, Nadeem (FTA); Sukys, Raymond (FTA); Matley, Ted (FTA); Luu, Catherine (FTA); Nutakor, Chris (FTA); Nguyen, Kim (FTA)
Cc: Borinsky, Susan (FTA); Day, Elizabeth (FTA)

Subject: Honolulu

Folks:

On Friday, FTA sent to the Hill the 10-day congressional notice on advancing the Honolulu project into PE. Also on Friday, Administrator Rogoff talked by phone with Mayor Hannemann. Based on FTA conversations before the call, the mayor was interested in issuing a press release noting the movement towards PE approval – and the administrator planned to suggest that a press release might be more meaningful were it tied to a more substantive milestone that will presumably be forthcoming shortly. We did not get a report on how the call went.

This morning, we a producing a second paper copy of the approval package and delivering it to TPM so that reviews can proceed in parallel in TPM and TPE. The administrator is out until Wednesday; he has expressed an interest in looking over the package before the approval letter goes out. TPM-1 and -2 are out as well; so TPM sign-off may not occur until late in the week. Fortunately, FTA sign-offs are off the critical path, for now, given that the 10-day notice is on the Hill as of last Friday.

Attached for TRO-09 folks are electronic copies of the materials in the approval package.

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