From: Bausch, Carl (FTA)
To: Blum, Megan (FTA)
Sent: 5/18/2010 7:54:21 AM
Subject: RE: REVIEW OF RESPONSES TO COMMENTS...

Thanks, Megan—*you're* the best! Carl

From: Blum, Megan (FTA)
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 1:49 PM
To: Harr, Tricia (FTA); Grasty, Katie (FTA); Bausch, Carl (FTA); Zelasko, Elizabeth (FTA); Quagliata, Antoinette (FTA); Cole, Faith (FTA)
Subject: RE: REVIEW OF RESPONSES TO COMMENTS...

I generally agree with Tricia. The project sponsor either does not address the question directly or does not fully respond to the issue for about 40%-50% of the comments.

The two letters I have reviewed so far had 37 and 77 individual comments/questions, but the general themes are aesthetics, system capacity and ridership, the analysis of alternatives, connectivity, cost, impacts to agricultural land, and energy usage. There are specific comments about other environmental resources/issues (white tern populations, air quality, etc), but the general themes are listed above.

Thanks,
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Subject: RE: REVIEW OF RESPONSES TO COMMENTS...

I've read about four of their responses, and I would estimate 40-50% of the time they do not adequately address the comment: they either skirt the issue completely, or address the issue, but it needs more explanation (ie., cite the regs, etc.) Each response has about 5-6 issues, so they will only adequately address 2-3. Certain issues also seem to be reappearing, such as cost of project, parking, not enough time to respond to DEIS.

Tricia

From: Grasty, Katie (FTA)
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To: Bausch, Carl (FTA); Zelasko, Elizabeth (FTA); Quagliata, Antoinette (FTA); Blum, Megan (FTA); Harr, Tricia (FTA); Cole, Faith (FTA)
Subject: RE: REVIEW OF RESPONSES TO COMMENTS...

I will guess 4 issues need a good deal more explanation. I have reviewed 2 comments

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For purposes of being able to tell the Administrator how far off the mark the City is, could you all guesstimate (I'm not looking for precise numbers) how many of the City's responses to the total number of issues each of you has reviewed were basically unresponsive and have to be re-visited by the City; it will be very helpful to the pitch I'll have to make to the Administrator. Many thanks.