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**From:** Marler, Renee <FTA>  
**To:** VanWyk, Christopher <FTA>  
**Sent:** 4/23/2009 8:13:43 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Updated: Cong call w/ Rep. Abercrombie's office to discuss Honolulu rail project

No problem. I may have the answer (after getting clarification on the document request).

Renee

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**From:** VanWyk, Christopher <FTA>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2009 10:44 AM  
**To:** Marler, Renee <FTA>  
**Subject:** RE: Updated: Cong call w/ Rep. Abercrombie's office to discuss Honolulu rail project

I'm on conference calls back to back for the next hour and 15 minutes. Can we chat after that? Meanwhile, I'll send you an email from Linda Sorkin that is slightly related.

Chris

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**From:** Marler, Renee <FTA>  
**Sent:** Thu 4/23/2009 1:37 PM  
**To:** VanWyk, Christopher <FTA>  
**Subject:** RE: Updated: Cong call w/ Rep. Abercrombie's office to discuss Honolulu rail project

Could you call me – I have a question re the FOIA release on comments to the HNL DEIS that are under review.

Thanks, Renee

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**From:** VanWyk, Christopher <FTA>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2009 10:36 AM  
**To:** Marler, Renee <FTA>  
**Subject:** RE: Updated: Cong call w/ Rep. Abercrombie's office to discuss Honolulu rail project

I hope you feel better!

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**From:** Marler, Renee <FTA>  
**Sent:** Thu 4/23/2009 1:33 PM  
**To:** VanWyk, Christopher <FTA>; Zusman, Nancy-Ellen <FTA>  
**Subject:** RE: Updated: Cong call w/ Rep. Abercrombie's office to discuss Honolulu rail project

Thanks, Chris. My participation will be minimal – I'm have a bad cold and cough. Voice is in and out.

Renee

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**From:** VanWyk, Christopher <FTA>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2009 10:18 AM  
**To:** Zusman, Nancy-Ellen <FTA>; Marler, Renee <FTA>  
**Subject:** RE: Updated: Cong call w/ Rep. Abercrombie's office to discuss Honolulu rail project

I'd be happy to. I'll see whether someone else naturally does (especially regional staff), and if they don't, I'll go ahead.

**From:** Zusman, Nancy-Ellen <FTA>  
**Sent:** Thu 4/23/2009 1:13 PM  
**To:** VanWyk, Christopher <FTA>; Marler, Renee <FTA>  
**Subject:** RE: Updated: Cong call w/ Rep. Abercrombie's office to discuss Honolulu rail project

Would you like to do it?

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**From:** VanWyk, Christopher <FTA>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2009 11:34 AM  
**To:** Marler, Renee <FTA>; Zusman, Nancy-Ellen <FTA>  
**Subject:** RE: Updated: Cong call w/ Rep. Abercrombie's office to discuss Honolulu rail project

It might be a good idea to have a "NEPA spokesperson" for this call. Any suggestions?

Chris

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**From:** Webb, Kate <FTA>  
**Sent:** Thu 4/23/2009 12:02 PM  
**To:** Sukys, Raymond <FTA>; Rogers, Leslie <FTA>; Marler, Renee <FTA>; Carranza, Edward <FTA>; Zusman, Nancy-Ellen <FTA>; VanWyk, Christopher <FTA>; Ryan, James <FTA>; Webb, Kate <FTA>  
**Cc:** Day, Elizabeth <FTA>; Borinsky, Susan <FTA>; Bausch, Carl <FTA>; Barr, James <FTA>; Currier, Reasa <FTA>; Longo, David <FTA>  
**Subject:** Updated: Cong call w/ Rep. Abercrombie's office to discuss Honolulu rail project

Rep. Abercrombie's staff has requested a conference call on Thursday 4/23 to discuss the status of the Honolulu rail project. Points they would like to discuss at the briefing include:

As you know, the EPA has recently submitted a letter questioning why alternatives to an elevated rail line, such as light rail at street level and bus rapid transit, weren't evaluated in the project's environmental impact study. Would EPA's questioning of the EIS process possibly impact the timeline of the project?

Does the FTA EIS process allow for amendments by the C&C of Honolulu during the consideration?

What standing does the EPA have in the EIS process? Since it's a federal agency do their views rank higher?

Is the proposed cost of an elevated rail system in Honolulu more, less, or equal to the cost per mile of other systems currently under consideration by the FTA? It has been suggested that the elevated Honolulu system is 8 times the cost of other pending rail projects. Could the DEIS be rejected outright or would it be sent back to the C&C of Honolulu for amendment? What is the time frame for the EIS process?